

## 2022 Van Diemen's Land Circumnavigation Cruise

### Refund Policy

#### The Policy

The following applies with respect to the refund of entry fees paid for vessels participating in the 2022 Van Diemen's Land Circumnavigation Cruise that are subsequently withdrawn or whose entry is rejected by the Organizing Committee, or if the cruise has to be cancelled at short notice for COVID-related reasons.

1. Should the cruise be over-subscribed and an entry be rejected due to this over-subscription, any fees paid will be refunded in full.
2. Should an entry be withdrawn before 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021, any fees paid will be refunded in full.
3. Should an entry be withdrawn after 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 and no later than 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021, any fees paid will be refunded less the deposit.
4. Should an entry be withdrawn, or an entry to the cruise be rejected after 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 and before 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022 (4 weeks before the commencement of the cruise), any fees paid will be refunded, less the deposit and a \$100 administration fee.
5. Should an entry be withdrawn, or an entry be rejected after 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022 (4 weeks before the commencement of the cruise) no fees will be refunded.
6. Notwithstanding the above, in exceptional circumstances, some or all fees paid may be refunded. Each case will be considered by the VDL-C Organizing Committee upon receipt of a written application.
7. Notwithstanding the above, should the cruise be cancelled after 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 due to an external *force majeure* (such as a Tasmanian Government-imposed COVID-related ban), any fees already paid will be refunded less any expenses incurred by the VDL-C Organizing Committee (pro-rated over all active entries where necessary).

#### Explanatory Notes:

- a) *The purpose of this refund policy is to encourage owners or skippers to make their decision to withdraw their vessel sooner rather than later – so as not to inconvenience others waiting in the queue to join the cruise.*
- b) *Previous reasons for rejection of a provisionally accepted entry have included the following:*
  - *failure to pay the full entry fee within the time limit specified on the invoice;*
  - *failure to demonstrate a working HF radio installation;*
  - *inadequate crew experience;*
  - *failure to comply with various administrative requirements such as supply of an acceptable photograph of the vessel or a signed safety equipment declaration.*