



# **Tidetech 2024 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paid for vessels participating in the *Tidetech 2024 Van Diemen's Land Circumnavigation Cruise* that are subsequently withdrawn or whose entry is rejected by the Organizing Committee.

1. Should the cruise be oversubscribed, and an entry be rejected due to oversubscription, any fees paid will be refunded in full.
2. Should an entry be withdrawn before 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023, any fees paid will be refunded less a \$50 administration fee.
3. Should an entry be withdrawn after 1st November 2023 and no later than 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023, 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 Should an entry be withdrawn, or an entry to the cruise be rejected after 1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 2023 and before 13<sup>th</sup> January 2024 (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 Should an entry be withdrawn, or an entry be rejected after 13<sup>th</sup> January 2024 (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.

### **Explanatory Notes:**

- a) *One 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 who may be 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.*