

Port Stephens Yacht Club

Spring and Summer 2009 – 2010



**NOR
NOC
Programme
Sailing Instructions
Procedures**

Port Stephens Yacht Club Ltd
SERIES ENTRY FORM
Season 2009/2010¹

YACHT

Yacht Name:							
Yacht Class:				Sail No:			
Hull Colour:				Trim Colour:			
Length:		Waterways Reg. No.:		Mooring Location:			
Third Party Insurance Company:				Policy Number		Third Party Amount	

OWNER

Owner Name:							
Co-Owner Name:							
Address:							
Suburb/Town/State:					Postcode:		
Crew Name:				Crew Name:			
Crew Name:				Crew Name:			
Crew Name:				Crew Name:			

ENTRY

I WISH TO ENTER THE FOLLOWING SERIES IN 2009/2010.

Tick (click) the box for YES.

Ocean Races:	<input type="checkbox"/>		Sternchaser:	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Inshore :	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Spring Pointscore:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Summer Pointscore:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Marathon Series:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sprint Series:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Long Wednesday Series	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Short Wednesday Twilight Series	<input type="checkbox"/>		

DECLARATION

I agree to be bound by the YA Racing Rules of Sailing, as amended by Sailing Instructions. I acknowledge that Fundamental Rule 4 – Decision to Race places the sole responsibility for deciding whether or not to start, or to continue racing, on the yacht.

I declare that my yacht will at all times whilst racing be adequately covered by Third Party Liability Insurance. I also declare that my yacht will at all times, whilst racing, comply with YA Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008, Special Regulations, Addendum A, Category 3 , Category 4 , Category 6 , or Category 7 (Mark categories applicable).

A copy of insurance form is attached.

NAME: (print)

SIGNATURE:

PORT STEPHENS YACHT CLUB
NOR Wednesday Afternoon Racing
Spring and Summer 2009 – 2010

Issued September 2009-09-23

1. RULES

- 1.1. Racing shall be conducted under the 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing, and the prescriptions and safety regulations of Yachting Australia as modified by the PSYC Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may be altered, varied, deleted or added to by displaying a written notice in the form of an addendum on the PSYC Notice Board prior to 1200 hours on any Race day, or orally on the water.
- 1.2. If there is a conflict between this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions then the Notice of race shall take precedence.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 This race is opened to keel boats, trailer sailers and multihull classes that are racing members of the PSYC and have a current equipment audit of a least Cat 7.
- 2.2 No spinnakers or similar sails are allowed.
- 2.3 Single crews MUST wear an appropriate PFD at all times whilst racing.

3. STARTING

- 3.1 The Start Line for both Long and Short Courses will be the normal Soldiers Point Start line.
- 3.2 Wednesday afternoon races will be handicap races.
- 3.3 Starting times will be allocated by the Race Officer and displayed on the Club Notice Board.
- 3.4 Long Course nominal start time will be 1400 hrs.
- 3.5 Short Course nominal start time will be 1530hrs.

4. COURSES

- 4.1 The Long Course will be as follows: **START – WC – SAL –WC – WB – FINISH**
- 4.2 The Short Course will be as follows **START – WC – SAL – FINISH.**

5. FINISHING

- 5.1 Yachts shall record their elapsed times on the race sheet in the club.

6. DISCLAIMER

- 6.1 All those taking part in PSYC races do so at their own risk and responsibility. The PSYC is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht, the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment or the competency of its crew.
- 6.2 The PSYC reserves the right to refuse entry to any yacht at any time.
- 6.3 Attention is drawn to the Fundamental Rule 4 which states "A boat is solely responsible for deciding whether or not to start or to continue racing."

7. INSURANCE

- 7.1 All yachts participating in PSYC events, including cruises, are required to have valid and current third party liability insurance which includes indemnity for the PSYC.

8. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

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SPRING AND SUMMER PROGRAMME FOR 2009 - 2010 SEASON

MONTH	DATE	EVENT		
2009				
October	3	Spring Pointscore + Club Championship		1/6 1/13
	4	Daylight Saving Begins NSW		
	4	Spring Cruise	Free BBQ	
	7	Wednesday Afternoon Sailing Begins		
	10	Spring Pointscore + Club Championship		2/6 2/13
	17	Spring Pointscore + Club Championship		3/6 3/13
	24	Offshore + Inshore + Hood trophy		1/4 1/4 1/6
	31	Sprints		1/5
November	7	Jack Hollman + Spring Pointscore + Club Ch	Free BBQ	4/6 4/13
	14	Sprints		2/5
	21	Spring Pointscore + Club Championship		5/6 5/13
	28	Marathon		1/2
December	5	Spring Pointscore + Club Championship		6/6 6/13
	12	Max & Edna Berman + Summer Pts + CC	Free BBQ	1/7 7/13
	19	Christmas Series		1/3
	26	Christmas Series		2/3
2010				
January	2	Christmas Series		3/3
	9	Sprints		3/5
	16	Summer Pointscore + Club Championships		2/7 8/13
	23	Offshore + Inshore + Hood trophy		2/4 2/4 2/6
	26	Australia Day Cruise	Free BBQ	
	30	Summer Pointscore + Club Championships		3/7 9/13
February	6	Marathon		2/2
	13	Sprints		4/5
	20	Summer Pointscore + Club Championships		4/7 10/13
	27	Offshore + Inshore + Hood Trophy		3/4 3/4 3/6
March	6	Sternchaser	Free BBQ	1/2
	13	Sprints		5/5
	20	Summer Pointscore + Club Championships		5/7 11/13
	27	Offshore + Inshore + Hood Trophy		4/4 4/4 4/6
April	3	Easter Cruise	Free BBQ	
	10	Summer Pts + Club Champs+ Hood trophy		6/7 12/13 5/6
	17	Sail Port Stephens		
	24	Sternchaser		2/2
May	1	Summer Pts + Club Champs+ Hood trophy		7/7 13/13 6/6

Offshore start 1100hrs: Marathon Start 1200 Rest
1300hrs

Starts Long Wednesday twilights 2.00pm Short Wednesday 3.30pm

Port Stephens Yacht Club
Summer Racing Season 2009-2010
 3 October 2009 to 1 May 2010
 Issued September 2009

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1.** Racing shall be conducted under the 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing, and the prescriptions and safety regulations of Yachting Australia as modified by the PSYC Sailing Instructions. The sailing instructions may be altered, varied, deleted or added to by displaying a written notice in the form of an addendum on the PSYC Notice Board prior to 1100 hours on any race day, or orally on the water (AYF Rule 89.2c).
- 1.2.** If there is a conflict between this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions then the Notice of Race shall take precedence.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1.** PSYC Summer Racing Season 2009 - 2010 is open to keel boat, trailer sailer and multihull classes of yacht that are racing members of the PSYC and have a current safety certificate for at least Category 7.
- 2.2.** Eligible boats may enter by completing the Series Entry Form Season 2009/2010 and sending it to the Vice Commodore, PSYC, PO Box 319, Nelson Bay NSW 2315, OR emailing to vicecommodore@psys.com.au OR delivering it to the club before their first race.
- 2.3.** Visiting yachts – see the Entries clause of the Sailing Instructions.

3. FEES

- 3.1.** Racing Membership of the PSYC is required for all or part of the season. See Eligibility and Entry above for visiting yachts.

4. SUMMER RACING SEASON

- 4.1.** The summer racing season will include:

Wednesday Afternoons	Long and Short	32 races – 28 to count
Christmas Series	Inshore	3 races – all to count
Short Ocean Race	Short Offshore	4 races - 3 to count incorporating ocean series
Sternchaser	Inshore	2 races - all to count
Spring Pointscore	Inshore	6 races - 5 to count
Summer Pointscore	Inshore	7 races - 6 to count
Sprint Series	Inshore	5 races – 3 worst to drop
Club Championship	Inshore	Combination of Spring and Summer Pointscore results
Hood 23 Class Racing Series	Inshore	6 races – all to count
Marathon series	Inshore	2 races – all to count
Max and Edna Berman Trophy	Inshore	1 event
Jack Hollman Trophy	Inshore	1 event

5. RACE SCHEDULE AND START TIMES

- 5.1.** Racing is scheduled as per the published PSYC Summer Racing/Cruising Program 2009/10.
- 5.2.** Notices will be issued for the Max and Edna Berman and Jack Hollman Trophies.
- 5.3.** Pointscore races start at Soldiers Point at 1300.
- 5.4.** Sprint Series races start at Soldiers Point at 1300.
- 5.5.** Sternchaser races start at Soldiers Point at a nominal time of 1300.
- 5.6.** Marathon races start at Soldiers Point at 1200.
- 5.7.** Offshore Races start at Soldiers Point at 1100.
- 5.8.** Long Wednesday starts at Soldiers Point at 1400 hrs
- 5.9.** Short Wednesday starts at Soldiers Point at 15.30hrs

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available from the Vice Commodore PSYC or the PSYC web site – www.psync.com.au.

7. THE COURSES

7.1. The courses to be sailed are shown in the PSYC Inshore and Offshore Course sheets in the PSYC Yacht Racing Handbook.

8. PRIZES

8.1. Prizes will be given at the discretion of the PSYC.

9. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

9.1. All those taking part in PSYC races do so at their own risk and responsibility. The PSYC is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht, the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment or the competency of its crew.

9.2. The PSYC reserves the right to refuse entry to any yacht at any time.

9.3. Attention is drawn to the Fundamental Rule 4.

10. INSURANCE

10.1. All yacht participating in PSYC events, including cruises, are required to have valid and current third party liability insurance which includes indemnity for the PSYC.

11. FURTHER INFORMATION

11.1. For further information please contact:
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NOTICE OF CRUISE

Spring Cruise

4 October 2009

The Port Stephens Yacht Club, the organising authority for this event, invites all yacht owners to participate in the 2009 Spring Cruise. This event is not restricted to PSYC members.

12. RULES

12.1. The cruise is governed by the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea and this Notice of Cruise. This notice of cruise may be altered, varied, deleted or added to by displaying a written notice in the form of an addendum on the PSYC Notice Board prior to 1100 hours on the cruise day, or orally on the water.

12.2. This is a **club social event and NO Spinnakers** or similar sails **are permitted**.

12.3. The cruise will be cancelled if a Gale Warning, issued by the Bureau of Meteorology, is current at 11:00 am on the day of the cruise.

12.4. **All participants and friends are invited to the presentation of barrel draw prizes that will take place in the club bar after the cruise. A free BBQ will also be available**
A copy of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea is available on the web at :

http://experts.about.com/e/i/in/international_regulations_for_preventing_collisions_at_sea.htm

13. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

13.1. This cruise is open to keel boat, trailer sailer and multihull classes.

13.2. Eligible boats may enter the cruise by ranking as a starter in accordance with paragraph 5 of this NOC.

13.2.1. It is recommended that yachts leave their radios on during the course of the cruise.

14. FEES

14.1. No fees are imposed for this event.

15. STARTING

15.1

The club start/finish line is a transit line through the PSYC signal mast and the white pole at the water's edge in the vicinity of the mast.

15.1. The northern limit to the start/finish line is the Middle Island isolated danger pole (marking Fly Rock) but not including the pole.

15.2. The nominated start time is 1300 hrs. The Start will be Radio start from Club Starter.

15.3. A yacht ranks as a starter when any part of her hull or equipment first crosses the start line in the direction of the first mark after the starting signal.

16. THE COURSE

17. The course **START – WEDDING CAKE – MANTON BANK(P) – SHOAL BAY (P) - FINISH**

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

18.1. All those taking part in PSYC events do so at their own risk and responsibility. The PSYC is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht, the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment or the competency of its crew.

18.2. The PSYC reserves the right to refuse entry to any yacht at any time.

18.3. Attention is drawn to the Rule 2 – Responsibility.

19. INSURANCE

19.1. All yachts participating in PSYC events, including cruises, are required to have valid and current third party liability insurance which includes indemnity for the PSYC.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

20.1. For further information please contact:

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PORT STEPHENS YACHT CLUB

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

In effect from 1 October 2009

1. RULES

1.1. Port Stephens Yacht Club races will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012, Yachting Australia Prescriptions and Yachting Australia Special Regulations, as modified by these sailing instructions.

1.2. These sailing instructions may be altered, varied, deleted or added to by displaying a written notice in the form of an addendum on the PSYC Notice Board prior to 1100 hours on any race day, or orally on the water (RRS Rule 89.2(c))

1.3. These Sailing Instructions incorporate the following documents in the PSYC Yacht Racing Handbook:

- 1.3.1. PSYC Summer and Winter Racing Programs
- 1.3.2. PSYC Courses
- 1.3.3. Pointscore Race Procedures
- 1.3.4. Sternchaser Race Procedures
- 1.3.5. Marathon Race Procedures
- 1.3.6. Ocean Race Procedures
- 1.3.7. Wednesday Twilight Procedures
- 1.3.8. Sprint Race Procedures
- 1.3.9. **** Handicap Start Procedures
- 1.3.10. Race Handicapping and Scoring System
- 1.3.11. Gate Start Procedures

1.4. SPECIAL YACHT PROVISIONS

- 1.4.1.1. All yachts must carry a serviceable motor in an accessible position.
- 1.4.1.2. Category 6 yachts may be fitted with a bilge pump of 25 mm diameter in lieu of a self draining cockpit.
- 1.4.1.3. The PSYC burgee may be flown during racing and is encouraged.
- 1.4.1.4. All yachts are to carry a radio, capable of transmitting and receiving on at least 27 MHz Ch 88 and Ch 94 OR VHF Ch 77, in accordance with YA Special Regulation Part 1 3.24. VHF Ch 77 is preferred.
- 1.4.1.5. All yachts are required to have a number on their mainsail (either class or registered number of the PSYC or another club).
- 1.4.1.6. Declared non-swimmers must wear a personal flotation device type 1 or 2 whilst racing.

1.5. SPECIAL EVENT PROVISIONS

- 1.5.1.1. Events will be cancelled when a Gale Warning is issued by the Bureau of Meteorology that is current two hours before the race.
- 1.5.1.2. Ladies and Junior races will not be held in winds averaging 25+ knots.

1.6. OCEAN RACES

- 1.6.1.1. Ocean race entrants must have a valid safety certificate, at least Category 4 as prescribed by YA Special Regulations, if race is sailed in daylight hours. If a night race, then Category 3 is required.
- 1.6.1.2. The procedures for ocean races contain additional clauses for the conduct of those races. Those procedures have priority over these instructions where clauses conflict. In particular the start line, start and finish procedures, and courses are specifically covered.

1.7. ENTRIES

1.7.1.1. Eligibility

- 1.7.1.2. PSYC events are open to keel boat, trailer sailer and multihull classes that are racing members of the PSYC and have a current safety certificate for at least

Category 6 for yachts with accommodation or Category 7 for yachts with NO accommodation; OR eligibility as defined in the relevant Notice of Race.

1.7.1.3. Eligible boats may enter by completing the Series Entry Form and sending it to the Vice Commodore, PSYC, PO Box 319, Nelson Bay NSW 2315, OR delivering it to the club before their first race.

1.7.1.4. Visiting keel boats, trailer sailers and multihulls may sail three (3) races without becoming racing members of the PSYC provided that they:

1.7.1.4.1. Are at least a Silver member of the YA.

1.7.1.4.2. Have insurance cover in accord with the insurance clause of these instructions.

1.7.1.4.3. Have a current safety certificate of at least Category 6 for inshore races and comply with the ocean races clause for offshore races.

1.7.1.5. It is required that regular crew (ie. Persons sailing more than three races in a racing year) must be full members of the PSYC in the appropriate racing membership category or junior members. Loss of points will apply if a yacht is found to be in breach of this requirement at the discretion of the Race Committee.

1.7.2. Ranking as a Starter

1.7.2.1. To be accepted as a race entry a yacht must:

1.7.2.1.1. Have a valid Equipment Audit Certificate lodged with PSYC,

1.7.2.1.2. Comply with **safety regulations-log on/log off** clause of these instructions,

1.7.2.1.3. Have insurance coverage in accordance with the insurance clause of these instructions,

1.7.2.1.4. Have paid the appropriate membership fees, or

1.7.2.1.5. Be a visiting yacht and comply with the eligibility clause above.

1.7.2.2. A yacht that has been accepted as an entry and sails in the vicinity of the start line at the preparatory signal ranks as a competitor.

1.7.2.3. A yacht that is a competitor ranks as a starter when any part of her hull or equipment first crosses the start line in the direction of the first mark after her starting signal.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1. Notices regarding amendments to Sailing Instructions and Race Program, and results of races will be posted on the official notice board located in the PSYC Clubhouse.

3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1. Any changes to the sailing instructions and/or schedule of races will be posted on the club notice board at least two hours before the start of the first race affected on the day it will take effect, or, on the water, communicated to each yacht before her warning signal (RRS Rule 89.2(c)).

3.2. All changes to the Sailing Instructions will be deemed to be permanent changes, unless otherwise stated in the Notice.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the PSYC signal mast near the Soldiers Point boat ramp.

4.2. When flag Y is displayed ashore, RRS Rule 40 applies while the flag is displayed.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1. The race schedule is published in the PSYC Summer Sailing Program and PSYC Winter Sailing Program.

5.2. To be official races there must be a minimum of three starters.

5.3. Abandoned races may be rescheduled.

5.4. Races will not be started more than 1 hour after the scheduled starting time.

6. CLASS FLAGS

6.1. All yachts will race in the one Division.

7. RACING AREAS

7.1. Racing areas are as per the PSYC Courses sheet.

8. THE COURSES AND MARKS

- 8.1. Courses and rounding marks are detailed in the published PSYC Course sheet.
- 8.2. The course to be sailed will be notified by the code flag/s designated for each course and flown from the PSYC signal mast located on the shore at the start/finish line for races starting at Soldiers Point, or from a Committee boat for gate starts or other start line locations.
- 8.3. Pass SOUTH of all starboard channel markers between Manton Bank and Shoal Bay.
- 8.4. Marks detailed in the courses are to be left to STARBOARD unless denoted by (P), in which case they should be left to PORT.

9. START and FINISH LINES

- 9.1. The club start/finish Line is a transit line through the PSYC signal mast and the yellow pole at the water's edge in the vicinity of the mast.
- 9.2. The northern limit to the start/finish line is the Middle Island isolated danger pole (marking Fly Rock) but not including the pole.
- 9.3. A yacht which touches the Middle Island isolated danger pole whilst racing may exonerate itself by performing a 360 degree turn as soon as possible after starting (RRS Part 3 Rules 31.2).
- 9.4. When yachts sail through the finish line from west to east, all yachts must keep Middle Island and the isolated danger pole to port. When finishing from east to west, Middle Island and the isolated danger pole must be kept to starboard.
- 9.5. The start/finish line is only a start line at the start of the race and a finish line at the end of the race. Course sheets for PSYC races prescribe which side of Middle Island and pole is to be used during a race.
- 9.6. In races where the club's start/finish line is being used, when a yacht is on the course side of the start line during the minute before its starting signal, it shall sail to the pre-start side of the line in such a manner as to keep clear of all other starting yachts and may start. An alternate time penalty of ten minutes may be incurred.

10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1. The following areas are designated as obstructions:
- 10.2. Yachts entering or crossing prohibited areas will be disqualified.

11. THE START

11.1. Signals

- 11.1.1. In races where the club's start line is being used, signals made ashore will be displayed on the PSYC signal mast the Soldiers Point boat ramp.

- 11.2. PSYC start procedures will be in accordance with the RRS system, Part 3, Rule 26, as follows:

SIGNAL	FLAG and SOUND	MINUTES to START
WARNING	White Flag, One Sound	5
PREPARATORY	Preparatory (P) Flag, One Sound	4
ONE MINUTE	Preparatory Flag Removed, One Long Sound	1
STARTING	White Flag Removed, One Sound	0

11.3. Recalls

11.3.1. Individual Recall (RRS Part 3 Rule 29.2)

11.3.1.1. When at the starting signal the hull, crew and/or equipment of one or more yachts are on the course side of the start line, the starter may signal an Individual Recall by displaying Code Flag 'X' until all infringing yachts are wholly on the pre-start side of the start line or four minutes after the start signal, whichever is the earlier. A single sound signal and/or a radio call on 27MHz Ch94 and VHF Ch77 may accompany the display of Code Flag 'X'.

11.3.1.2. Premature starters failing to return and start correctly will be scored as DNS.

11.3.2. General Recall (RRS Part 3 Rule 29.3)

11.3.2.1. When there is either a number of unidentified premature starters or an error in starting procedure, the starter may signal a General Recall by displaying the First Substitute Pennant and may draw attention to this signal by two short consecutive sound signals and/or a radio call on 27MHz Ch94/VHF Ch77.

11.3.2.2. The Warning Signal (5 min) for the restart will be made one minute after the First Substitute Pennant is lowered. One sound signal may be made on such lowering, and/or a radio call on 27MHz Ch94/VHF Ch77.

11.4. Postponement

11.4.1. The starter may elect to postpone the start for any reason by flying the Answering Pennant in accordance with RRS Part 3 Rule 27.3.

11.4.2. The Warning Signal (5 min) for the start of the race will be made one minute after the Answering Pennant is lowered. One sound signal may be made on such lowering, together with a radio call on 27MHz Ch94/VHF Ch77.

11.5. Start Time Limit

12. A boat starting later than 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.

13. CHANGE OF THE POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK

13.1. If a mark is missing the race will be abandoned.

14. THE FINISH

14.1. The finish line is as per start and finish lines of these instructions.

14.2. Shortening and Abandoning

14.3. The course may be shortened by the starter displaying the Code Flag 'S' at the PSYC signal mast at any time prior to any yacht crossing the finish line after starting.

14.4. The flag signal may be accompanied by a sound signal and/or radio call. Yachts will then finish when they next cross the finish line.

13.5. If a Code Flag Numeral '1' is displayed below the Code Flag 'S', all yachts shall sail to the next designated mark for the nominated course, pass it on the required side and then proceed directly to the finish.

13.5.1. If the Code Flag 'S' is displayed from a Committee boat at a rounding mark, yachts will finish between the mark and the Committee boat.

13.5.2. The race may be abandoned by displaying Code Flag 'N'.

14.5. Finish Times

14.5.1. For races finishing at Soldiers Point, if the club burgee is not flying from the PSYC signal mast, a yacht shall take its own finish time, and notify the Vice Commodore, Starter or a sailing committee member before 2130 hours on the day of the race.

14.5.2. Failure to notify a finish time by 2130 hours on the day of the race will result in a DNF being recorded by the yacht.

14.5.3. For ocean races not finishing at Soldiers Point, a yacht shall take its own finish time and notify the finish time in accordance with the Ocean Race Procedures.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1.** The 720 degree penalty turn prescribed in RRS Rule 44 applies for breaking rules of Part 2 of the racing rules and the 360 degree penalty turn prescribed in RRS Rule 31.2 applies for touching a mark.
- 15.2.** Exoneration for hitting the above water part of the islands or marks, in the case of Middle Island and isolated danger pole, Snapper Island or oyster racks and One Tree Island and oyster racks, shall be a 360 degree penalty turn, as prescribed by RRS Rule 31.2 for touching a mark.

16. TIME LIMITS

16.1. Inshore

- 16.1.1.** If the leading monohull yacht (or leading yacht if no monohull is racing) fails to finish by 1800 hours for summer program races, 1700 hours for winter program races and 2000 hours for marathon races, official sunset for twilight races, the result for all yachts ranking as starters in this race shall be DNF.
- 16.1.2.** Due to safety implications, failure to notify a finish time by 2130 hours on the day of the race may result in a DNF being recorded for the yacht.
- 16.1.3.** All racing shall cease at official sunset except for programmed night races.

16.2. Offshore

- 16.2.1.** There is no time limit for ocean races.

17. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1.** Protests shall be in accordance with RRS Part 5.
- 17.2.** Protests shall be written on forms available at the clubhouse and shall be delivered back to the Race Officer within 2 hours of the yacht finishing.
- 17.3.** A protest may not necessarily be heard on the day that it is lodged.
- 17.4.** A protest fee of \$10.00 will be paid by the protesting yacht and be refunded if the protest is successful.
- 17.5.** Decisions of the jury will be final as provided in rule 70.4.

18. SCORING

- 18.1.** See Race Handicapping and Scoring System.
- 18.2. HANDICAPPING**
 - 18.2.1.** A yacht without a handicap will be allocated one by the handicapper or race officer.
 - 18.2.2.** See Race Handicapping and Scoring System.

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

19.1. LOG-ON/LOG-OFF BY RADIO

- 19.1.1.** Prior to the race preparatory signal, all racing yachts are to log on with the Starter and advise the number of persons on board. Logging on may be done by radio to the "Club Starter", using 27MHz Ch94 or VHF Ch77 (unless otherwise advised).
- 19.1.2.** It is mandatory that yachts leave their radios on during the course of a race.
- 19.1.3.** Logging off after the finish is mandatory.
- 19.1.4.** A DNF yacht MUST log off. If radio contact with the Starter is not possible, then a member of the sailing committee must be advised by 2130 hours of the safe return of the vessel. A yacht failing to report will be awarded DNS points for the race.
- 19.1.5.** All communication is on 27MHz Ch94 or alternatively VHF Ch77 to the "Club Starter" unless advised otherwise.

- 19.2.** All yachts taking part must have a valid and current Equipment Audit certificate (signed by an accredited Equipment Auditor) to qualify as a starter in any race or participate in any PSYC event.

19.3. YA Special Regulations (Addendum A Part 1) Category 3 is the minimum requirement for yachts entering PSYC ocean races if sailed during the night, Category 4 for ocean races and Category 6 for all other race categories. Cat 7 is available for yachts without accommodation.

19.4. Yachts taking part in PSYC cruises must comply with NSW Waterways safety requirements and the International Rules for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea.

19.5. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Vice Commodore, Starter or a sailing committee member as soon as possible.

20. CHANGE TO SAILS AND/OR EQUIPMENT

20.1. Alterations or additions to a competitor's sail wardrobe, or alterations or removal of equipment must be notified to a member of the sailing committee prior to use in club races. Failure to do so may result in a percentage penalty or disqualification.

21. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

21.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, sailing instructions and Equipment Audit regulations. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee member to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

22. SUPPORT BOATS

22.1. No support boats will be provided.

23. ADVERTISING

23.1. All races shall be sailed under the prescriptions provided in Yachting Australia Rule Book Appendix 1 - ISAF Advertising Code. However, the PSYC board and race committee reserve the right to prohibit offensive or inappropriate advertising on yachts entered in PSYC races.

24. NOTICE OF WARNING TO SKIPPERS

24.1. Strong tidal influence may be expected at Dutchies Buoy.

24.2. Middle Island isolated danger pole is attached to Fly Rock, with less than two metres of water at low tide.

24.3. West Bank (starboard pole) is shallow (2m) for approximately 50m all round the mark and further to the north.

24.4. Manton Bank is shallow to the east and less than 2m to the west and North West.

25. NIGHT LIGHTING

25.1. Navigation lights are compulsory after sunset in accordance with the International Rules for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea and the NSW Waterways Regulations.

26. ASSISTANCE TO VESSEL/PERSON IN DISTRESS

26.1. Fundamental Rule 1.1 makes it the responsibility of skippers sailing PSYC races to respond to calls for assistance by another yacht or person in distress.

26.2. A skipper responding to a call for assistance may take a record of the time he leaves the race to provide the assistance and the time he resumes the race after providing assistance.

26.3. A Request for Redress must be lodged with the starter or a member of the sailing committee as soon as possible after the yacht finishes. An adjustment to the yacht's elapsed time for the race will be made in the calculation of results.

27. RADIO COMMUNICATION

27.1. A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

28. PRIZES

28.1. Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the PSYC.

29. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

29.1. All those taking part in PSYC races do so at their own risk and responsibility. The PSYC is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht, the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment or the competency of its crew.

29.2. The PSYC reserves the right to refuse entry to any yacht at any time.

29.3. Attention is drawn to the Fundamental Rule 4 – Decision to Race.

30. INSURANCE

30.1. All yachts participating in PSYC events, including cruises, are required to have valid and current third party liability insurance which includes indemnity for the PSYC.

31. MARITIME SERVICES ACT No.471935

31.1. Under the Maritime Services Act a skipper/owner must:

- 31.1.1. stop his vessel following an accident,
- 31.1.2. if the accident results in injury or damage effecting seaworthiness, provide any assistance necessary,
- 31.1.3. provide details of his boat licence, registration, address and any distinguishing numbers of his vessel,
- 31.1.4. provide the above details to any NSW Waterways Officer,
- 31.1.5. if the accident involves death, injury or damage exceeding \$100, report the accident to the NSW Waterways or Water Police within 24 hours.
- 31.1.6. Penalties for failure to comply are up to \$400. The International Rules for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea apply when a yacht is not racing and between sunset and sunrise. They also apply between a racing and non racing yacht.

32. FURTHER INFORMATION

32.1. For further information please contact:

Vice Commodore
Port Stephens Yacht Club
Phone 02 49886280
Email – jim.quinn@hunterlink.net.au

Summer Racing Season 2009-2010

NOTICE OF RACE
Jack Hollman Memorial Trophy Race
1:00 pm, 7 November 2009

Issued 19 September 2009

21. RULES

21.1. Racing shall be conducted under the 2005-2008 Racing Rules of Sailing, and the prescriptions and safety regulations of Yachting Australia as modified by the PSYC Sailing Instructions. The sailing instructions may be altered, varied, deleted or added to by displaying a written notice in the form of an addendum on the PSYC Notice Board prior to 1100 hours on any race day, or orally on the water (RRS Rule 89.2c).

21.2. If there is a conflict between this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions then the Notice of Race shall take precedence.

22. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

22.1. This race is open to keel boats, trailer sailers and multihull classes that are racing members of the PSYC and have a current safety certificate for at least Category 7.

22.2. Other boats are welcome to follow the racing fleet but are not part of the racing fleet. See Starting.

22.3. Eligible boats may enter the race by ranking as a Starter in accordance with the PSYC Sailing Instructions.

22.4. All boats including the cruising fleet are requested to log on and off with the Club Starter.

2.5 Single crews must wear appropriate PFD at all times.

23. FEES

Racing Membership of the PSYC is required for boats entering the race. No fees for the cruising fleet are imposed.

24. RACE SCHEDULE

One race will be held at 1:00pm, Saturday, 7 November, 2009.

25. STARTING

25.1 The start shall be at the Club Start Line in accordance with clause 8 - Start Finish Lines of the Sailing Instructions.

The cruising fleet is requested keep clear of the start line prior to the race start and then to follow the racing fleet by crossing the start line no earlier than 5 minutes after the Race Start.

26. COURSES

26.1. The course shall be:

Start WC MB(P) SB(P) MB Finish

27. SCORING

27.1. Results shall be calculated using each boat's personal handicap.

28. PRIZES

28.1. Prizes will be given as follows:

28.1.1. First, Second and Third on handicap for the race fleet. First place will be presented with the Jack Holman Memorial trophy.

28.1.2. Other prizes at the discretion of the Sailing Committee.

29. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

29.1. All those taking part in PSYC races do so at their own risk and responsibility. The PSYC is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht, the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment or the competency of its crew.

29.2. The PSYC reserves the right to refuse entry to any yacht at any time.

29.3. Attention is drawn to the Fundamental Rule 4 which states "A boat is solely responsible for deciding whether or not to start or to continue racing."

30. INSURANCE

- 30.1.** All yachts participating in PSYC events, including cruises, are required to have valid and current third party liability insurance which includes indemnity for the PSYC.

31. OTHER

- 31.1.** BBQ and presentation will be held at the club after the race.
31.2. Other prizes for racing and cruising
31.3. Lucky door prize – as usual

32. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 32.1.** For further information please contact:
Jim QUINN - Vice Commodore
Port Stephens Yacht Club
Phone 02 49 886280 or 0412 886 280 Email – jim.quinn@hunterlink.net.au

Summer Racing Season 2009- 2010

NOTICE OF RACE

Max and Edna Berman Memorial Trophy

1:00 pm, 12 December 2009

Issued 20 September, 2009

33. RULES

33.1. Racing shall be conducted under the 2005-2008 Racing Rules of Sailing, and the prescriptions and safety regulations of Yachting Australia as modified by the PSYC Sailing Instructions. The sailing instructions may be altered, varied, deleted or added to by displaying a written notice in the form of an addendum on the PSYC Notice Board prior to 1100 hours on any race day, or orally on the water (RRS Rule 89.2c).

33.2. If there is a conflict between this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions then the Notice of Race shall take precedence.

34. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

34.1. This race is open to keel boats, trailer sailers and multihull classes that are racing members of the PSYC and have a current safety certificate for at least Category 7.

34.2. Other boats are welcome to follow the racing fleet but are not part of the racing fleet. See Starting.

34.3. Eligible boats may enter the race by ranking as a Starter in accordance with the PSYC Sailing Instructions.

34.4. All boats including the cruising fleet are required to log on and off with the Club Starter.

2.5 Single crews must wear appropriate PFD at all times.

35. FEES

35.1. Racing Membership of the PSYC is required for boats entering the race. No fees for the cruising fleet are imposed.

36. RACE SCHEDULE

One race will be held at 1:00pm, Saturday, 12 December, 2009.

37. STARTING

The start shall be at the Club Start Line in accordance with clause 8 - Start Finish Lines of the Sailing Instructions.

The cruising fleet is requested keep clear of the start line prior to the race start and then to follow the racing fleet by crossing the start line no earlier than 5 minutes after the Race Start.

38. COURSES

38.1. The course shall be displayed on the mast as per usual inshore courses.

39. SCORING

39.1. Results shall be calculated using each boat's personal handicap.

40. PRIZES

40.1. Prizes will be given as follows:

40.1.1. First, Second and Third on Handicap for the race fleet.

40.1.2. First female (Skipper or Crew) to place on handicap

40.1.3. Best decorated boat (races or cruiser) as decided by the starter

40.1.4. Biggest cruising crew (don't forget to tell the starter POB when logging on).

40.1.5. Biggest racing crew (don't forget to tell the starter POB when logging on).

40.1.6. Commodore's Prize ???

40.1.7. Lucky Door Prize

40.1.8. Other prizes at the discretion of the Sailing Committee.

41. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

41.1. All those taking part in PSYC races do so at their own risk and responsibility. The PSYC is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht, the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment or the competency of its crew.

41.2. The PSYC reserves the right to refuse entry to any yacht at any time.

41.3. Attention is drawn to the Fundamental Rule 4 which states "A boat is solely responsible for deciding whether or not to start or to continue racing."

42. INSURANCE

42.1. All yachts participating in PSYC events, including cruisers, are required to have valid and current third party liability insurance which includes indemnity for the PSYC.

43. OTHER

43.1. BBQ and presentation will be held at the club after the race.

44. FURTHER INFORMATION

44.1. For further information please contact:

Jim QUINN - Vice Commodore

Port Stephens Yacht Club

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MARATHON RACE PROCEDURES

Issued on October 2009

33. RACE SCHEDULE

- 33.1. Marathon races are inshore races.
- 33.2. Marathon races start at the PSYC start/finish line at 1200 hours in accordance with the PSYC race schedule.
- 33.3. Changes will be notified in the Notice of Race or as per the Sailing Instructions.

34. THE COURSES AND MARKS

- 34.1. Courses and rounding marks are detailed in the published PSYC Course sheet.
- 34.2. Courses for marathon races are identified on the PSYC Course sheet with a flag code of Mn (n being the numerical component of the course number).

35. START and FINISH LINES

- 35.1. The club start/finish line is a transit line through the PSYC signal mast and the yellow pole at the water's edge in the vicinity of the mast.
- 35.2. See Sailing Instructions for additional information.

36. SCORING

- 36.1. See Race Handicapping and Scoring System.

SHORT OCEAN RACE PROCEDURES

October 2009

37. RACE SCHEDULE

- 37.1. The Short Ocean Races start at 1100h local in accordance with the PSYC Racing Program.
- 37.2. Changes will be notified in the Notice of race or as per the Sailing Instructions.

38. THE COURSES AND MARKS

- 38.1. Courses and rounding marks are Start, WB(P), MB(P). The Three Islands, Finish
- 38.2. The direction of rounding the three islands will be indicated by flags at the start line. Green for Starboard and Red for Port.
- 38.3.

39. STARTS and FINISHING

- 39.1. The Start Line will be the normal Start line at Soldiers Point.
- 39.2. The finish line will be the normal Start line at Soldiers Point.
- 39.3. If the Finishing line is unattended yachts are responsible for recording their own finishing time and reporting it to the Vice Commodore, club starter or a member of the sailing committee by 2130h on the day of the race.

40. LOGGING ON / OFF

- 40.1. All yachts participating in PSYC short ocean races will log on with the starter prior to the warning signal.
- 40.2. All DNF yachts **must** log off in accordance with subparagraph 18.1.4 of the Sailing Instructions.
- 40.3. All yachts participating in these races need to log on and off with Port Stephens Coastal Patrol. (VMR Port Stephens Ch 16).

STERNCHASER RACE PROCEDURES

Amended on October 2009

41. RACE SCHEDULE

- 41.1. Sternchaser races are inshore races.
- 41.2. Changes will be notified in the Notice of Race or as per the Sailing Instructions.

42. THE START

- 42.1. The nominal start for sternchaser races is 1300 hrs.
- 42.2. Each yacht will be given an individual start time based on the progressive handicap system.
- 42.3. Start times will be published on the club notice board near the door of the club and may be available from the starter.
- 42.4. The starter will give a sound signal at 15 minute intervals commencing 15 minutes before the nominal start time. The signals will cease when the last yacht has started.
- 42.5. The starter may announce the time of the next sound signal.

43. THE COURSES AND MARKS

- 43.1. Courses and rounding marks are detailed in the published PSYC Courses sheet.

44. START and FINISH LINES

- 44.1. The club start/finish line is a transit line through the PSYC signal mast and the yellow pole at the water's edge in the vicinity of the mast.
- 44.2. See Sailing Instructions for additional information.

45. SCORING

- 45.1. See Race Handicapping and Scoring System.
- 45.2. Points will be allocated based on the position that a boat finishes in the fleet.

POINTSCORE RACE PROCEDURES

Issued on October 2009

46. RACE SCHEDULE

- 46.1. Pointscore races are inshore races.
- 46.2. Pointscore races start at the PSYC start/finish line at 1300 hours in accordance with the PSYC race schedule.
- 46.3. Changes will be notified in the Notice of Race or as per the Sailing Instructions.

47. START and FINISH LINES

- 47.1. The club start/finish line is a transit line through the PSYC signal mast and the yellow pole at the water's edge in the vicinity of the mast.
- 47.2. See Sailing Instructions for additional information.

48. SCORING

See Race Handicapping and Scoring System

SPRINT RACE PROCEDURES

October 2009

49. RACE SCHEDULE

- 49.1. Sprint races are inshore races.
- 49.2. Sprint races start at the PSYC start/finish line at 1300 hours in accordance with the PSYC race schedule.
- 49.3. Four races will be scheduled for the day.
- 49.4. The start of the second, third races and fourth will be at the discretion of the race officer but no more than 30 minutes after the first boat yacht has finished the previous race.
- 49.5. Changes will be notified in the Notice of Race or as per the Sailing Instructions.
- 49.6. Sprints will not be held whilst a gale warning is current at 1100 hrs on the day.
- 49.7. If the sprints cannot be held due to any other reason the starter will signal an inshore race as per usual inshore races,
- 49.8.

50. THE COURSES AND MARKS

- 50.1. The course shall be 3 orange buoys B1 east of the start line, B2 west of the start line and B3 to the north.
- 50.2. Courses as on the 2008-9 course sheet OR will be announced by the starter over the radio.
- 50.3. The course shall be identified with code flag U
- 50.4. Middle Island shall be passed to the South on all legs.

51. START and FINISH LINES

- 51.1. The club start/finish line is a transit line through the PSYC signal mast and the yellow pole at the water's edge in the vicinity of the mast.
- 51.2. The following flags may be displayed from the signal mast
 - 51.2.1. **RED** Keep all marks to port
 - 51.2.2. **GREEN** Keep all marks to starboard
 - 51.2.3. **E** First Mark is to the East of the start line
 - 51.2.4. **W** First Mark is to the West of the start line
- 51.3. See Sailing Instructions for additional information.

52. SCORING

- 52.1. Four races will be scheduled on each day. Three races will count for daily result.
- 52.2. Series result will be decided by dropping worst daily result.
- 52.3. Handicaps will be decided by the handicapper.

WEDNESDAY RACE PROCEDURES

1. Wednesday Races are inshore races and are either Long Wednesday or Short Wednesday races.
2. All Wednesday races are handicap races with an nominal start time of 1400hrs for a Long Wednesday Race and 1530hrs for a Short Wednesday Race.
3. Yachts must nominate which Wednesday Race in which they wish to participate on the Series Entry Form.
4. Yachts are not permitted to change from Long to Short or vice versa without the approval of the Sailing Committee. Request to change must be in writing.

5. PORT STEPHENS YACHT CLUB
NOTICE TO RACING ENTRANTS

FOR ALL PERSONS WHO TAKE PART IN PSYC RACING EVENTS

Participation in sailing events of any kind carries risks to your life and property. By taking part in sailing events you accept these risks.

These risks include, but are not in any way restricted to :

- 1. Collision with other vessels, the shore, structures or objects in or near the water.**
- 2. Falling from your vessel into the water.**
- 3. Bad weather damaging or sinking your vessel.**
- 4. Being struck, falling, subject to fire, heat or chemical reaction or injured operating equipment on board the vessel or embarking or disembarking from the vessel.**

Before embarking, all those participating in yachting events should ensure they are physically capable of meeting the demands presented by being on a sailing vessel and specifically :

- 1. Know that the required safety equipment meets the Special Regulation regulatory requirements on of NSW Maritime and the relevant category of safety equipment stipulated in the YA Racing Rules of Sailing.**
- 2. As a person on board a vessel you must satisfy yourself that the vessel is fully seaworthy and able to meet varying conditions expected and unexpected.**
- 3. Know where safety equipment is stowed on the boat, how to retrieve it and how to use it.**
- 4. Know that the hull, mast, rigging, sails, engine and all gear and fittings are secure and in good working order.**
- 5. Know that safety of the boat is your sole and inescapable responsibility and you must ensure that the vessel is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by crew who are capable to face bad weather and all eventualities on the water.**

The Port Stephens Yacht Club, does not, in any way, accept responsibility for the safety of any person, their vessel or their property who participate in sailing events organised by the club.

The responsibility to decide to participate in an event or race or continue to participate in races is to be decided by the skipper/owner.

I have read and explained the contents of this form to all persons participating in the events subject of the attached form.

OWNER/REPRESENTATIVE..... DATE

**THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED AND DATED AND ACCOMPANY THE ENTRY FORM
OR THE ENTRY FORM IS INVALID**