

**PORT STEPHENS YACHT CLUB**  
**Notice of Race**  
**Commodores Trophy - Winter 2018**

May 1, 2018 to August 31, 2018  
Issued April 2018

**1. RULES**

- 1.1. Racing shall be conducted under the 2017-2020 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 90.2c).
- 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 Racing Season 2017 - 2018 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 Category 6 for Inshore or Category 7 for yachts with no accommodation.
- 2.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing the Series Entry Form Season 2017 - 2018 and sending it to the Race Officer or Vice Commodore, PSYC, PO Box 319, Nelson Bay NSW 2315, OR emailing to [vicecommodore@psys.com.au](mailto:vicecommodore@psys.com.au) OR delivering it to the club before their first race.
- 2.3. Single handing sailors must wear appropriate personal flotation device (PFD) at all times.
- 2.4. 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. COMMODORES TROPHY RACE SERIES**

- 4.1. The Commodores Trophy Race Series will consist of 8 short course races (6 to count) held over 4 Saturday race days during the Winter 2018 Race Program with 2 races to be sailed per race day.

**5. RACE SCHEDULE AND START TIMES**

- 5.1. Racing is scheduled as per the published PSYC Winter Sailing Program 2017.
- 5.2. Commodores Trophy races are scratch start races.
- 5.3. Cancelled or abandoned races **may** be rescheduled on a "Lay Day".

**6. STARTING & FINISHING**

- 6.1. Commodores Trophy races start at 1200 hrs.
- 6.2. The start shall be at the Club Start Line in accordance with clause 9 - Start and Finish Lines of the PSYC 2017-18 Sailing Instructions.
- 6.3. **The start of the second, race will be at the discretion of the Race Officer but no more than 10 minutes after the last yacht has finished the first race.**
- 6.4. **The time limit for the first race will be 1 hour 30 minutes. If for any reason a skipper does not believe they can complete the race within the time limit, they are requested to start their engine and return to the Start line in order to be able to start the second race. There is no time limit on the second race.**
- 6.5. Participants are requested to stay away from the Start/Finish line once they have finished the first race so as not to interfere with subsequent finishers or impede the Starters view of the

Finish Line, but remain in the vicinity of the Start as the next race start sequence will commence as soon as possible.

- 6.6. Please note: The AP flag will be hoisted as soon as possible after the last boat has finished the first race. The AP flag will be lowered (with a sound signal) to indicate that there is one (1) minute to the 5 minute warning signal for the second race. Please be observant.**

## **7. THE COURSES**

- 7.1.** The courses to be sailed chosen from the current PSYC Inshore Course sheets posted in the PSYC Clubhouse and on the PSYC website. **Courses will be A10 or B8 or D5.**

## **8. SCORING**

- 8.1.** See Race Handicapping and Scoring System.
- 8.2.** Initial handicaps on each race day will be based on a boat's most current Pointscore handicap.
- 8.3.** Handicaps will be adjusted for each race at the conclusion of the previous race.
- 8.4.** There are two drops allowed for purposes of this series, applied as one drop for each four races completed.

## **9. PRIZES**

- 9.1.** Prizes will be given at the discretion of the PSYC.

## **10. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 10.1.** 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.
- 10.2.** The PSYC reserves the right to refuse entry to any yacht at any time.
- 10.3.** Attention is drawn to the Fundamental Rule 4 which states: The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* is hers alone.

## **11. INSURANCE**

- 11.1.** 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.

## **12. FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 12.1.** For further information please contact:

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