

**PORT STEPHENS YACHT CLUB**  
**Notice Of Race**  
**Hood Trophy Afternoon Racing**

Winter/Spring 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.
- 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 Series of races is opened to all Hood designed keel boats that are 24 feet or less (LOA) and 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 Race will be the normal Soldiers Point Start line.
- 3.2 Hood Trophy races will be handicap start races run in conjunction with regular Wednesday afternoon races.
- 3.3 Starting times will be allocated by the Race Officer and displayed on the Club Notice Board and posted on the Club website.

**4. START TIMES**

- 4.1 The nominal start time for the Race will be **1330 hrs.**

**5. COURSES**

- 5.1 The course will be the same course as that posted for yachts racing the Short Course on Wednesday afternoons.
- 5.2 The Course **from June 2018** will be as follows: **START – WC – GR – FINISH.**
- 5.3 On a month to month basis, **starting July 1, 2018**, the course direction will reverse so that for the month of July 2018: The Course will be as follows: **START – GR(P) – WC(P) – FINISH,** then in **August 2018 as for 5.2.**
- 5.3 On a month to month basis, **starting September 1, 2018**, to November the course will be the course posted for yachts racing the Short Course per current NOR Wednesday Afternoon Racing.

**6. FINISHING**

- 6.1 Yachts shall record their **elapsed time** on the race sheet in the club. **Note:** Elapsed time is calculated from the **published** time a yacht crosses the start line to the time it crosses the finish line. Yachts are requested not to start before their published start time.

**7. DISCLAIMER**

- 7.1 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.
- 7.2 The PSYC reserves the right to refuse entry to any yacht at any time.
- 7.3 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.”

**8. INSURANCE**

8.1 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.

**9. FURTHER INFORMATION**

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