

PORT STEPHENS YACHT CLUB
NOTICE OF RACE
WINTER RACING SEASON 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.c).
- 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 Winter Racing Season 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 at least Category 7 for yachts with no accommodation, Category 6 for Inshore and Category 5 for Offshore.
- 2.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing the Series Entry Form Season 2017/2018 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. Single handed 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. WINTER RACING SEASON

- 4.1 The Winter Racing season 2018 will include:

Wednesday Autumn Afternoons	13 races with 10 to count (March-May 2018)
Wednesday Winter Afternoons	13 races with 10 to count (June-Aug 2018)
Hood Trophy	26 races with 20 to count (June-November 2018)
Century 21 Paradise Waters Winter Pointscore	9 races with 7 to count (May-August 2018)
Commodores Trophy	8 races (over 4 race days) with 6 to count (May-Aug 2018)
Winter Sternchaser	4 races with 3 to count. (May-August 2018)

5. RACE SCHEDULE AND START TIMES

- 5.1 Racing is scheduled as per the published PSYC Winter Program for 2018 season.
- 5.2 Pointscore Races start at Soldiers Point at 1200 hrs.
- 5.3 Commodores Cup Races start at Soldiers Point at 1200 hrs.
- 5.4 Winter Sternchaser Races start at Soldiers Point at nominal start time of 1200 hrs.
- 5.5 Wednesday Autumn Afternoons (May) start at Soldiers Point nominally at 1330hrs (Long Course), 1400hrs (Short Course).
- 5.6 Wednesday Winter Afternoons (June/July/ August) start at Soldiers Point nominally at 1330 hrs.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available *from the Vice Commodore PSYC or the PSYC web site* – <https://www.psy.com.au/>

7. THE COURSES

- 7.1. The courses to be sailed are shown in the current PSYC Inshore Course sheets posted in the PSYC Clubhouse and on the PSYC website and may be revised from time to time.

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 which states: The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* is hers alone.

10. INSURANCE

- 10.1.** 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.

11. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 11.1.** For further information please contact:
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