

# PORT STEPHENS YACHT CLUB NOTICE OF CRUISE

## OPENING CRUISE

Spring/Summer Sailing Season 2018-2019  
1205 hrs, Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018

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

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. 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 no less than two hours prior to the start time on the day of the cruise, or orally on the water.
- 1.2. This cruise is a **club social event, however spinnakers** or similar sails **are permitted**.
- 1.3. The cruise will be cancelled if a Gale Warning, issued for the Hunter Coast by the Bureau of Meteorology, is current at 1115 hrs on the day of the event.
- 1.4. **All participants and friends are invited to the free BBQ, presentation and lucky door prizes at the Club after the cruise.**
- 1.5. A copy of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea is available on the web at:  
[http://www.mcga.gov.uk/c4mca/msn\\_1781-2.pdf](http://www.mcga.gov.uk/c4mca/msn_1781-2.pdf)

### 2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. This cruise is open to keel boat, trailer sailer and multihull classes of yacht.
- 2.2. Eligible boats may enter the cruise by ranking as a starter in accordance with paragraph 5 of this NOC.

### 3. FEES

- 3.1. No fees are imposed for this event.

### 4. CRUISE SCHEDULE

- 4.1. The cruise will be held at **1205 hrs (or five (5) minutes after the nominal start time for the Racing Fleet)** on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018.

### 5. STARTING

- 5.1. 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.
- 5.2. The northern limit to the start/finish line is the Middle Island isolated danger pole (marking Fly Rock) but not including the pole.
- 5.3. A yacht ranks as a starter when any part of her hull or equipment in its normal position first crosses the start line in the direction of the first mark after the starting signal.
- 5.4. The nominal start time for this cruise will be 1205 hrs.
- 5.5. There will be an official starter in place for the PSYC Spring Point Score Race #1 scheduled and will act as official starter for this cruise.

### 6. FINISHING

- 6.1 The cruise will be abandoned at 1630 hrs to will allow crews to participate in the BBQ and presentation.

### THE COURSE

The course will be the first three legs of the course that is nominated for the Racing Fleet. That is

START – 1st leg - 2nd leg – FINISH

and will be confirmed by radio (VHF Ch. 77) during the hour before the cruise start.

**7. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 7.1. 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.
- 7.2. The PSYC reserves the right to refuse entry to any yacht at any time.
- 7.3. Attention is drawn to the Rule 4 which states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* is hers alone."

8. **ASSISTANCE TO VESSEL/PERSON IN DISTRESS** Regardless of this Support Boat provision, attention of all event participants is drawn to Clause's 24 Support Boats, 25 Assistance to Vessel/Person in Distress and 30 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA (SOLAS), INTERNATIONAL RULES FOR PREVENTION OF COLLISIONS AT SEA (COLREGS) of the current PSYC Sailing Instructions.

**9. INSURANCE**

- 9.1. 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.

**10. FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 10.1. For further information please contact:  
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