

PORT STEPHENS YACHT CLUB NOTICE OF RACE

SPRING/SUMMER/AUTUMN RACING SEASON 2018 - 2019

1 September 2018 to 31 April 2019

Issued August, 2018

1. RULES

1.1. Racing shall be conducted under the 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing, and the prescriptions and safety regulations of Australian Sailing 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 2018 - 2019 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 5 for offshore races, Cat 6 for Inshore or Cat 7 for yachts with no accommodation.

2.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing the Series Entry Form Season 2018 - 2019 and sending it to the Race Officer or Vice Commodore, PSYC, PO Box 319, Nelson Bay NSW 2315, OR emailing to rogeryeoau@gmail.com OR delivering it to the club before their first race.

2.3. When completing the Series Entry Form, owner(s)/skipper(s) must nominate to compete in either Division 1 or Division 2 (not both). Once a yacht has been entered to compete in one of the Divisions, it will remain in that Division for the entire Spring/Summer/Autumn series. There is no criteria for entry in either Division, simply that Division 2 will sail shorter courses based on the PSYC Inshore Course Sheet Division 2 2018/19 published on the PSYC website <https://www.psy.com.au/>.

2.4. Single handed sailors must wear appropriate personal flotation device (PFD) at all times while participating in PSYC events.

2.5. 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 Spring/Summer/Autumn racing season will include:

Wednesday Afternoons	Long & Short Courses	3 series of 13 races - 10 to count in each series
Christmas Series	Inshore	3 races with 3 to count
Offshore Island Races	Offshore	3 races with 3 to count
Alternate Inshore Events (run in conjunction with Offshore Island Races)	Inshore	3 races with 3 to count
Spring Pointscore (Division 1)	Inshore	8 races with 6 to count
Spring Pointscore (Division 2)	Inshore	8 races with 6 to count
Summer Pointscore (Div. 1)	Inshore	8 races with 6 to count
Summer Pointscore (Div. 2)	Inshore	8 races with 6 to count
Noakes Club Championship (Division 1 only)	Inshore	16 races (Spring & Summer PS) - 12 to count
Championship (Division 2)	Inshore	16 races (Spring & Summer PS) - 12 to count
Sternchaser	Inshore	6 races with 4 to count
Sprints Day	Inshore	Up to 8 races with 6 to count
Marathon Trophy	Inshore	1 race
Anniversary Teams Regatta	Inshore	2 team races with 2 to count
Max and Edna Berman Trophy	Inshore	1 race
Jack Hollman Trophy	Inshore	1 race

Dropped races as shown above are calculated on the basis of 1 drop for each 4 races completed.

5. RACE SCHEDULE AND START TIMES

5.1. Racing is scheduled as per the published PSYC Spring/Summer/Autumn Sailing Program 2018 - 2019.

5.2. Separate notices (NOR's) will be issued for the Max and Edna Berman and Jack Hollman Trophies.

5.3. Pointscore races start at Soldiers Point at 1300 hrs except for September, April & May races which start at 1200 hrs. Both Division 1 and Division 2 start at the same time.

5.4. Sprint Series races start at Soldiers Point at 1200 hrs.

5.5. Sternchaser races start at Soldiers Point at a nominal time of 1300 hrs except September, April & May start at a nominal time of 1200 hrs.

5.6. Marathon races start at Soldiers Point at 1100 hrs.

5.7. Offshore Ocean Races start off Nelson Bay Harbour according to the Offshore Ocean Race NOR at 1100 hrs.

5.8. Alternate Inshore Events start at Soldiers Point at 1300 hrs.

5.9. Long Wednesday Afternoon Races start at Soldiers Point at a nominal time of 1430 hrs except September, April & May start at a nominal time of 1330hrs;

5.10. Short Wednesday Afternoon Races start at Soldiers Point at a nominal time of 1500hrs, except September, April & May start at a nominal time of 1400 hrs.

5.11. Cancelled or abandoned races **may** be rescheduled on a "Lay Day".

6. SATURDAY STERNCHASER TIME PENALTY

6.1. A yacht that starts before her allotted Start Time will incur a time penalty of three (3) minutes, which will be added to her finishing time for the purpose of establishing the final placings for that race.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

8. THE COURSES

8.1. The courses to be sailed are shown in the PSYC Inshore Course Sheets for Division 1 (all races), Division 2 (Pointscore races only) and Offshore Course sheet attached to the Offshore Island Races NOR. All documents are published on the PSYC website <https://www.psy.com.au/>.

9. PRIZES

9.1. Prizes will be awarded 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 yacht 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

For further information please contact:
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