

**PORT STEPHENS YACHT CLUB
NOTICE OF RACE
WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON RACING**

Spring/Summer/Autumn 2018 -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 1200 hours on any Race day.

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 race is open to keel boats, trailer sailers and multihull classes that 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 both Long and Short Courses will be the normal Soldiers Point Start line.

3.2. Wednesday afternoon races will be handicap races.

3.3. Starting times will be allocated by the Race Officer and displayed on the Club Notice Board and published on the PSYC Club Website.

4. START TIMES

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

4.2. The nominal start time for the Short Race will be **1400 hrs.**

5. COURSES

5.1. Starting from September 1, 2018 the Long Course will be:

START – GR(P) – WC(P) – GR(P) – SAL(P) – WC(P) – FINISH

5.2. Starting from September 1, 2018 the Short Course will be:

START – SAL(P) – WC(P) – FINISH,

5.3. On a month to month basis, **starting October 1, 2018**, the course direction will reverse so that for the month of October 2018:

The Long Course will be:

START – WC – SAL – GR - WC - GR – FINISH

The Short Course will be:

START – WC – SAL – FINISH.

5.4. and in November 2018 as for 5.1 & 5.2, and so on until the end of April 2019 except for December, January and February as set out in 5.3

5.5. In the months of December 2018, January 2019 & February 2019 both courses will be set as follows:

The Long Course will be:

START – WC – SAL – GR - WC - GR – FINISH

The Short Course will be:

START – WC – SAL – FINISH.

6. SHORTENING COURSE

6.1 In the absence of a Start Caravan, Wednesday races can be shortened if the majority of participants agree after communication by radio, the shortened course to be taken as a completed course.

6.2 Where a skipper believes that there is a need to shorten the course, they may contact other participating skippers to gain their views on shortening the course.

6.3 Contact should be made by VHF radio on Ch 77.

6.4 Provided that all skippers are in agreement to shorten the course, then all yachts will sail to the next mark of the course and then directly to the finish.

6.5 If in the case of very light winds, it is unlikely that there will be sufficient time or wind to sail to the next mark and then finish, then provided that all skippers agree, then the race can be finished at the next mark of the course.

6.6 A request for a decision of this nature must be made in a practical and timely manner and should not be initiated by the yacht leading the race at that time.

6.7 Provided that a yacht approaches and passes the mark on the required side, then her finishing time will be taken at the time when her transom passes the mark.

7. FINISHING

7.1. Yachts shall record their **Finish Time** on the race sheet in the club.

7.2. Note: Finish time is the time on the clock that the yacht crosses the finish line. A yachts Elapsed Time will be calculated by the Sail100 program from the published Start Time for that yacht to it's Finish Time. There is no need for a yacht to calculate Elapsed Time.

7.3. Any yacht starting ahead of its published Start Time will add that time to its Finish Time.

8. DISCLAIMER

8.1. 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.

8.2. The PSYC Race Committee reserves the right to refuse entry to any yacht at any time.

8.3. Attention is drawn to the Fundamental Rule 4 which states “A yacht is solely responsible for deciding whether or not to start or to continue racing.

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

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