

PORT STEPHENS YACHT CLUB NOTICE OF EVENT

SPRINT RACES 10th November 2018 and 2nd March 2019 Start Time: 12:00 Noon

1. RULES

- 1.1. Racing for this event 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 (RRS Rule 90.2c).

- 1.2. If there is a conflict between this Notice of Event and the Sailing Instructions then this Notice of Event shall take precedence.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. This event is open to keel boats, trailer sailers and multihull classes that are racing members of the PSYC and have a current safety certificate for at least Category 7.
- 2.2. Eligible boats may enter the race by ranking as a Starter in accordance with the PSYC Sailing Instructions.
- 2.3. All boats are required to log on and off with the Club Starter.
- 2.4. Single crews must wear appropriate PFD at all times.

3. FEES

- 3.1. Racing Membership of the PSYC is required for boats entering the race.

4. RACE SCHEDULE

- 4.1. Sprint races are inshore races.
- 4.2. Up to four races may be held on the day.
- 4.3. Sprints will not be held whilst a gale warning is current according to the Australian Bureau of Meteorology at 1115 hrs on the day.
- 4.4. If the sprints cannot be held due to any other reason the starter will signal that inshore race will be run as per usual Point Score races procedures and courses.

5. STARTING and FINISHING

- 5.1. The start shall be at the Club Start Line in accordance with clause 9 – Start/Finish Lines of the PSYC 2018-19 Sailing Instructions.
- 5.2. The start of the second, third and fourth races will be at the discretion of the Race Officer but no more than 30 minutes after the first boat yacht has finished the previous race. Participants are required to stay clear of the Start/Finish line once they have finished so as not to interfere with other finishers or impede the starters view of the Finish Line but remain in the vicinity of the Start for the start sequence for the next race start.
- 5.3. The AP flag will be displayed as soon as possible after the last boat has finished each race or as soon as the time limit, as described in 5.2 above, has expired. The AP flag will be lowered (with a sound signal) to indicate that there is one (1) minute to the five (5) minute warning signal for the next race.
- 5.4. Changes will be notified in the Notice of Race or as per the Sailing Instructions.

6. COURSES

6.1. The Course to be sailed will be displayed on the signal mast.

6.2. The Course shall be:

U1: First mark is to the East of the start line.
(in accordance with the 2018-19 Division 1 and Division 2 Courses).

6.3. The Course will use up to three (3) marks:

B1 - Orange buoy up to one (1) nautical mile East of the start line,

B2 - Yellow bouy acting as a seperator mark approxiamtely 150 meters to the South of B1 and,

B3 - Orange bouy to the West of the start line.

6.4. All marks to be left to **Starboard**.

6.5. Middle Island shall always be passed to the South.

7. SCORING

7.1. As per the Clubs Handicapping and Scoring System.

7.2. Initial handicaps will be based on a boat's most current Pointscore handicap.

7.3. Handicaps will be adjusted for each race at the conclusion of the previous race.

7.4. There are no drops allowed for purposes of this event. All races completed to count for placings for this series.

8. PRIZES

8.1. Prizes will be awarded as follows:

8.1.1. Prizes at the discretion of the PSYC Race Committee.

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 "A boat is solely responsible for deciding whether or not to start or to continue racing."

10. INSURANCE

10.1. All yachts participating in PSYC events, including cruisers, are required to have valid and current third party liability insurance which includes indemnity for the PSYC.

11. OTHER

11.1. BBQ and presentation will be held at the club after the race.

12. FURTHER INFORMATION

12.1. For further information please contact:

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