

PORT STEPHENS YACHT CLUB NOTICE OF RACE

SPRING/SUMMER/AUTUMN RACING SEASON 2019 - 2020

1 September 2019 to 30 April 2020

Issued August, 2019

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. This Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions may be altered, varied, deleted or added to by displaying a written notice in the form of an addendum or amendment on the PSYC Notice Board prior to 1100 hours on any race day, or communicated by the Race Starter on VHS CH77 before the Warning Signal (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 2019 - 2020 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 2019 - 2020 and sending it to the Race Officer or Vice Commodore, PSYC, PO Box 319, Nelson Bay NSW 2315, OR emailing to rpacey86@hotmail.com OR delivering it to the club before their first race.
- 2.3. Single handing 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. SUMMER RACING SEASON

- 4.1. The Spring/Summer/Autumn racing season will include:

Wednesday Afternoons	Long and Short Courses	3 series of 13 races with 10 to count in each series
Christmas Series	Inshore	3 races with 3 to count
Offshore Island Races	Short Offshore	2 races with 2 to count
Alternate Inshore Events (run in conjunction with Offshore Island Races)	Inshore	2 races with 2 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 (Division 1)	Inshore	8 races with 6 to count
Summer Pointscore (Division 2)	Inshore	8 races with 6 to count
Boatyard Club Championship Division 1	Inshore	16 races (Spring & Summer PS) with 12 to count
Boatyard Club Championship Division 2	Inshore	16 races (Spring & Summer PS) with 12 to count
Saturday Sternchaser Series	Inshore	4 races with 4 to count
Friday Evening Sternchaser	Inshore	5 races with 4 to count
Commodores Cup	Inshore	8 races with 6 to count
Sprints Day	Inshore	Up to 8 races with 4 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 Holman 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 2019/20.
- 5.2. Separate Notices (NOR's) may be issued for the Sprint, Teams Regatta, Offshore and Jack Hollman Trophies, or as required by the Race Committee.
- 5.3. Marathon races start at Soldiers Point at 1100 hrs.
- 5.4. Sprint Series, Teams Regatta and Commodores Trophy races start at Soldiers Point at 1200 hrs.
- 5.5. Offshore Ocean Races start off Nelson Bay Harbour as per the Offshore Ocean Race NOR at 1200 hrs.
- 5.6. Alternate Inshore Events start at Soldiers Point at 1300 hrs.
- 5.7. Pointscore races start at Soldiers Point at a nominal time of 1300 hrs, Division 1 and Division 2 start as directed by the Race Starter.
- 5.8. Saturday Sternchaser races start at Soldiers Point at a nominal time of 1300 hrs Division 1 and Division 2 start as per the published start sheet or as directed by the Race Starter.
- 5.9. Long Wednesday Afternoon Races start at Soldiers Point at a nominal time of 1330 hrs as per the published start sheet or as directed by the Race Starter.
- 5.10. Short Wednesday Afternoon Races start at Soldiers Point at a nominal time of 1400hrs, as per the published start sheet or as directed by the Race Starter.
- 5.11. Friday Evening Sternchaser Races start at Soldiers Point at a nominal time of 1800hrs, as per the published start sheet or as directed by the Race Starter.
- 5.12. Cancelled or abandoned races may be rescheduled on a "Lay Day".

6. STERNCHASER TIME PENALTY

- 6.1. A yacht that starts before her allotted Start Time will incur a time penalty of five (5) minutes or 5 in addition to the OCS elapsed time, 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.

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1. The courses to be sailed are shown in the PSYC Inshore Course Sheets for Division 1 and alternative courses for Division 2 and Offshore Course sheet attached to the Offshore Island Races NOR. All documents are published on the PSYC website.
- 8.2. Courses shall be advised by publication on the Club Notice Board and the PSYC website or communicated by the Race Starter on CH77 prior to the Warning Signal.

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

12.1. For further information please contact:

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