

PORT STEPHENS YACHT CLUB
NOTICE OF RACE
Spring Summer Autumn Racing Season 2019-2020

SPRINT RACE DAY
1200 hrs, Saturday 7th September 2019
and
1200 hrs, Saturday 29th February 2020
Issued August 2019

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 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 (RRS 90.2c).
- 1.2. If there is a conflict between this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions then this Notice of Race shall take precedence.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. This event is open to keel yachts, 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 yachts may enter the race by ranking as a Starter in accordance with the PSYC Sailing Instructions.
- 2.3. All yachts are required to log on and off with the Club Starter.
- 2.4. Single crews must wear appropriate PFD at all times while competing in PSYC events.

3. FEES

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

4. RACE SCHEDULE

- 4.1. Sprint races are inshore races.
- 4.2. Up to four races may be held on each day.
- 4.3. This event will be cancelled when a Gale Warning is posted for the Hunter Coast by the Bureau of Meteorology on its website that is current on the day of the event at 1115hrs.
- 4.4. If the sprints cannot be held due to any other reason the starter will signal that an inshore race will be run as per usual race procedures and courses.

5. STARTING and FINISHING

- 5.1. The start shall be at the Club Start Line in accordance with the PSYC 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 yacht has finished the previous race. Participants are requested to stay away from the Start/Finish line once they have finished so as not to interfere with subsequent finishers or impede the Starters view of the Finish Line, but remain in the vicinity of the Start, as the next race start sequence will commence as soon as possible.
- 5.3. **Please note: The AP flag will be hoisted as soon as possible after the last yacht has finished each race. The AP flag is will be lowered (with a sound signal) to indicate that there is one (1) minute to the 5 minute warning signal for the next race. Please be observant.**
- 5.4. Changes will be notified in the Notice of Race or as per the Sailing Instructions.

6. COURSES

- 6.1. Courses to be sailed will be displayed on the starter's mast.
- 6.2. The Sprint courses may have **up to 4 orange buoys**: **E**, east of the start line, **W**, west of the start line and an offset mark, **either S** to the south of E, **or N** to the north of W, **or both** (to provide vessel separation).
- 6.3. The following flags may be displayed from the signal mast
 - 6.3.1. **RED** Keep all marks to port
 - 6.3.2. **GREEN** Keep all marks to starboard
 - 6.3.3. **E** First Mark is to the East of the start line (Course is E, S, W, N, Finish)
 - 6.3.4. **W** First Mark is to the West of the start line (Course is W, N, E, S, Finish)
- 6.4. Middle Island shall always be passed to the South.

7. SCORING

- 7.1. See Race Handicapping and Scoring System.
- 7.2. Initial handicaps will be based on a yacht'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

- 8.1.1. Prizes will be awarded 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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