



PORT STEPHENS YACHT CLUB
NOTICE OF RACE
WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SERIES SEASON 2020-21
1 May 2020 to 30 September 2021
Issued January 2021

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

1.1. The Organising Authority is Port Stephens Yacht Club.

2. RULES

2.1. Racing shall be conducted under the 2021-2024 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 Officer on VHS CH77 before the Warning Signal (AYF Rule 90.2c).

2.2. If there is a conflict between this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions then the Notice of Race shall take precedence.

2.3. The Wednesday Afternoon Series is a no-extras event (non-spinnaker).

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1. PSYC Wednesday Afternoon Season 2020 - 2021 is open to keel boat, trailer sailer and multihull classes of yacht that are racing members of the PSYC and have a current Cat 6 safety certificate. An exemption is provided allowing Cat 7 for yachts with no accommodation.

3.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing the Series Entry Form and sending it to the Race Officer or Vice Commodore, PSYC, PO Box 319, Nelson Bay NSW 2315, OR emailing to vice.commodore@psyc.com.au OR delivering it to the club before their first race.

3.3. Competing yachts and crews are required to comply with the PSYC COVID Risk Management Plan.

3.4. Visiting yachts – see the Entries clause of the Sailing Instructions.

3.5. Refer to PSYC Sailing Instructions for Special Yacht Provisions.

4. FEES

4.1. Racing Membership of the PSYC is required for all or part of the season.

5. RACING SEASON

5.1. The racing season will include:

Spring 2020 Wednesday Afternoons	Long and Short Courses	13 races with 10 to count
Summer 2020/21 Wednesday Afternoons	Long and Short Courses	13 races with 10 to count
Autumn 2021 Wednesday Afternoons	Long and Short Courses	13 races with 10 to count
Winter 2021 Wednesday Afternoons	Short Course	13 races with 10 to count

Dropped races will be calculated on the basis of 1 drop for each 4 races completed.

6. RACE SCHEDULE AND START TIMES

- 6.1.** Racing is scheduled as per the published PSYC Sailing Program.
- 6.2.** Racing will be conducted in two Divisions and conducted as a pursuit/handicap start series for the Spring, Summer and Autumn series and a single division for the Winter series, as per the published start sheets or as directed by the Race Officer.
- 6.3.** Division 1 - 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 Officer.
- 6.4.** Division 2 - 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 Officer.

7. RACE COURSE

- 7.1.** The course to be sailed will be published on the PSYC Notice Board and Website in conjunction with the published start time sheets.
- 7.2.** As per SI 13. The Start and Finish will be the transit between the two posts on the the PSYC signal mast located in the vicinity of the Soldiers Point boat ramp car park and bound by the Isolated Danger mark and Boondabah Island.
- 7.3.** As per SI 17.6 if the club burgee is not flying from the PSYC signal mast, a yacht shall take its own finish time, and notify the Vice Commodore, Race Officer or a Race Committee member as soon as possible to enable the presentation of provisional results, and before 2130 hours on the day of the race. A finish sheet is provided at the PSYC for this purpose.
- 7.4.** When the PSYC Club burgee is not flown from the Start Finish line and no Race Officer present, no provision is provided for shorting of courses.

8. PENALTIES

- 8.1.** A yacht that starts before her allotted Start Time will incur a time penalty of five (5) minutes 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.
- 8.2.** As per SI 18.2, RRS 44.2 720 degree is reduced to a 360 degree penalty turn for short duration races and applicable to this series.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1.** The Sailing Instructions are available from the Vice Commodore, PSYC Notice Board or the PSYC website.

10. PRIZES

- 10.1.** Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the PSYC.

11. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 11.1.** 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.
- 11.2.** The PSYC reserves the right to refuse entry to any yacht at any time.
- 11.3.** 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.

12. INSURANCE

- 12.1.** 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.

13. FURTHER INFORMATION

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