



**PORT STEPHENS YACHT CLUB  
NOTICE OF RACE  
WINTER RACING SEASON 2021**

1 May to 30 August 2021  
Issued April 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 Starter 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.

**3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

**3.1.** PSYC Winter Racing Season 2021 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. 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](mailto:vice.commodore@psyc.com.au) or [club.captain@psyc.com.au](mailto:club.captain@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:

Remaining Wednesday Autumn Afternoons (2 Divisions)	Long and Short Courses	Further 4 races with 3 to count
Wednesday Winter Afternoons	Short Courses	13 races with 10 to count
Saturday Sternchaser (2 Divisions)	Inshore	4 races with 3 to count
Winter Pointscore (2 Divisions)	Inshore	8 races with 6 to count
Sprints Day series continuation	Inshore	Further 8 races with 16 to count
Commodores Trophy continuation	Inshore	Further 4 races with 3 to count
Offshore Races continuation	Offshore	Further 2 races with 2 races to count
Alternate Inshore Race run in conjunction with Offshore Island Race	Inshore	Further 1 race with 2 to count

Dropped races (as shown above) are 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 a combined or two Divisions.
- 6.3.** Separate Notices (NOR's) may be issued as required by the Race Committee.
- 6.4.** All races start at a nominal start time of 1300hrs unless specific otherwise.
- 6.5.** Sprint Series, and Commodores Trophy races start at Soldiers Point at 1200 hrs.
- 6.6.** Offshore Ocean Races start off Shoal Bay as per the Offshore Ocean Race NOR at 1200 hrs.
- 6.7.** Alternate Inshore Events start at Soldiers Point at 1300 hrs.
- 6.8.** Pointscore races start at Soldiers Point at a nominal time of 1300 hrs, Division 1 and Division 2 start at 1305 hrs or as directed by the Race Starter.
- 6.9.** 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.
- 6.10.** 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 Starter.
- 6.11.** 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 Starter.
- 6.12.** Combined Division Short Winter Wednesday Afternoon Races start at Soldiers Point at a nominal time of 1330hrs, as per the published start sheet or as directed by the Race Starter.
- 6.13.** Cancelled or abandoned races may be rescheduled on a "Lay Day".

**7. STERNCHASER TIME PENALTY**

- 7.1.** 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. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

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

**9. THE COURSES**

- 9.1. Courses sailed are shown in the PSYC Inshore Course Sheets and Offshore Course sheet attached to the Offshore Island Races NOR and shall be advised by publication on the Club Notice Board and PSYC website or communicated by the Race Starter on CH77 prior to the Warning Signal.
- 9.2. For combined division events the Division One course sheet shall be used, unless advised otherwise by the Race Officer.

**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**

For further information please contact:

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