



**PORT STEPHENS YACHT CLUB**  
**NOTICE OF RACE**  
**COVID CUP AND COVE MARINE WOMENS SERIES**  
**SPRING SEASON 2021-22**  
11 October 2021 to 30 November 2021  
Issued 13 October 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. Both the COVID Cup and the Womens Series is a Points Score no-extras series (non-spinnaker), within the conduct and crew constraints dictated by the NSW Government and NSW Police Maritime Command.

**3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 3.1. PSYC Season 2021 - 2022 is open to keel boat, trailer sailer and multihull classes of yacht that are on the PSYC register and have a current Cat 6 or higher Equipment Audit certification. An exemption is provided allowing Cat 7 for yachts with no accommodation.
- 3.2. Yachts competing in the Cove Marine Womens Pointscore Series require a woman on board to be eligible to be included in the series.
- 3.3. Eligible boats may enter by logging on with the Race Officer prior to the Warning Signal on VHF CH 77 including if entering the Womens race.
- 3.4. Competing yachts and crews are required to comply with the PSYC COVID Risk Management Plan.
- 3.5. Visiting yachts – see the Entries clause of the Sailing Instructions.
- 3.6. 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 mixed distance and course races as allowable within the NSW Government constraints with the intention to conduct races as published on the Club Notice Board and Website.
- 5.2. The racing series will include 7 races on dates published on the PSYC 2021-22 Spring Sailing Programme.

- 5.3.** Dropped races will consist of races as per the published PSYC Sailing Programme to 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 or as published on the PSYC Notice Board and PSYC Website.
- 6.2.** Depending on the number of starters being greater than 10, Racing may be conducted in two Divisions and conducted as a combined start series, as per the published start sheets or as directed by the Race Officer at a nominal start time of 1300hrs.
- 6.3.** For races with less than 10 starters, Racing may be conducted as a Single Division combined start as per the published start sheets or as directed by the Race Officer at a nominal start time of 1300hrs.

**7. RACE COURSE**

- 7.1.** The Start and Finish will be the transit between the two posts on 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 or as directed by the Race Officer.
- 7.2.** 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.
- 7.3.** 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.** As per 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 AND SCORING**

- 10.1.** Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the PSYC.
- 10.2.** Allocation of handicaps and system employed to ascertain results will be at the discretion of the Race Committee.

**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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