



PORT STEPHENS YACHT CLUB
NOTICE OF RACE
INSHORE STERNCHASER SERIES 2021-2022
Issued December 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 0900 hours on any race day, or communicated by the Race Starter on VHS CH77 before the Warning Signal (RRS 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. This race is opened to keel boats, trailer sailers and multihull classes that are racing members of the PSYC and have a current equipment audit of Cat 6 or higher Equipment Audit certification. An exemption is provided allowing Cat 7 for yachts with no accommodation.
- 3.2. Visiting yachts – see the Entries clause of the Sailing Instructions.

4. INSHORE STERNCHASER SERIES

- 4.1. The Inshore Sternchaser Series will be conducted as notified on the PSYC Sailing Programme on the PSYC Website and Club Noticeboard.
- 4.2. Drops will be calculated based on 1 drop after 4 races conducted.
- 4.3. The series is a single Division pursuit start.

5. RACE COURSE

- 5.1. The course to be sailed will be notified via the PSYC signal mast or over the radio (VHF Channel 77) prior to the start or may be published on the PSYC Notice Board and Website in conjunction with the published start time sheets.
- 5.2. Courses are as per the PSYC Inshore Course Sheet published on the website and Club notice board.

6. STARTING AND FINISHING

- 6.1. As per SI 13. 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.
- 6.2. 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.
- 6.3. When the PSYC Club burgee is not flown from the Start Finish line and no Race Officer present, no provision is provided for shortening of courses.

- 6.4. The nominal start time will be 1300hrs or as published on the PSYC Sailing Programme, Website and Noticeboard.
- 6.5. A time limit of 1700hrs applies to all races.

7. PENALTIES

- 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. SUPPORT BOATS

- 8.1. PSYC will designate an appropriate number and type of member yacht(s) participating in each PSYC on-water event, to act as Support Boats for that event.
- 8.2. Support Boats designation(s) will be notified by radio (Ch 77) from the Starters Caravan or by the Race Officer or Vice Commodore prior to the event.
- 8.3. Regardless of this Support Boat provision, attention of all event participants is drawn to Clause 25 of the current PSYC Sailing Instructions. Assistance to Vessel/Person in Distress.

9. ASSISTANCE TO VESSEL/PERSON IN DISTRESS

- 9.1. Fundamental Rule 1.1 in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-20 (RRS) and the International Convention for Safety of Life at Sea 2009 (SOLAS) and International Rules for Prevention of Collisions at Sea (COLREGS) and the NSW Marine Safety Act 1998 & General Regs 2009, make it the responsibility of all skippers to respond to calls for assistance by another yacht or person in distress.
- 9.2. A skipper or Support Boat responding to a call for assistance may take a record of the time that the yacht leaves the race to provide the assistance and the time that yacht resumes racing after providing assistance for purposes of requesting Redress.
- 9.3. A Request for Redress must be lodged with the Starter or a member of the Race Committee as soon as possible after the yacht finishes. An adjustment to the yacht's elapsed time for the race will be made when the results are calculated.

10. DISCLAIMER

- 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 "A boat is solely responsible for deciding whether or not to start or to continue racing.

11. INSURANCE

- 11.1. All yachts 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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