



**PORT STEPHENS YACHT CLUB**  
**NOTICE OF RACE**  
**COMMODORES TROPHY SERIES**  
**2021-22 SEASON**  
Issued January 2022

**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 races are conducted as a single division series of 2 or more short races per day conducted within the crew constraints dictated by the PSYC COVID Risk Management Plan, NSW Government and NSW Police Maritime Command.

**3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 3.1.** The event is open to keel boat, trailer sailer and multihull classes of yacht that are able to meet a Cat 6 or higher Equipment Audit certification. An exemption is provided allowing Cat 7 for yachts with no accommodation.
- 3.2.** Eligible boats may enter by logging on with the Race Officer prior to the Warning Signal on VHF CH 77.
- 3.3.** Refer to PSYC Sailing Instructions for Special Yacht Provisions.

**4. FEES**

- 4.1.** No fees are applicable for this race.

**5. RACE SCHEDULE AND START TIMES**

- 5.1.** The first race will be conducted at 1200 hours on Saturday 15 January 2022 and will likely consist of 8 or more short course races held over 4 Saturday race days during the 2021 and 2022 Race Program with 2 or more races to be sailed per race day on dates published on the PSYC Sailing Programme.
- 5.2.** The time limit for races will be 1 hour 45 minutes, or at the discretion of the Race Starter. If for any reason a skipper does not believe they can complete the race within the time limit, they are requested to start their engine and return to the Start line in order to be able to start the second race. There is no time limit on the final race.
- 5.3.** The AP flag will be hoisted as soon as possible after the last boat has finished the first race. The AP flag will be lowered (with a sound signal) to indicate that there is one (1) minute to the 5 minute warning signal for the second race.

**5.4.** The start of the second, race will be at the discretion of the Race Starter but no more than 10 minutes after the last yacht has finished the first race.

**5.5.** This event will be Abandoned if 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 1015hrs, and may be rescheduled.

## **6. RACE COURSE**

**6.1.** 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 or as directed by the Race Officer.

**6.2.** The courses to be sailed chosen from the current PSYC Division 1 Inshore Course sheets posted in the PSYC Clubhouse and on the PSYC website, or as advised by the Race Officer no later than 5 minutes prior to each race.

**6.3.** As per PSYC SIs Boondabah Island is to be kept to starboard when finishing from an easterly direction.

## **7. PENALTIES**

**7.1.** As per RRS 44.2 720 degree is reduced to a 360 degree penalty turn for short duration races and applicable to this series.

## **8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

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

## **9. PRIZES AND SCORING**

**9.1.** Allocation of handicaps and system employed to ascertain results will be at the discretion of the PSYC Race Committee.

**9.2.** Drops will be based on 1 race following the completion of each 4 races.

**9.3.** Prizes awarded will be at the discretion of the PSYC Race Committee.

**9.4.** A Presentation and BBQ will be held as soon as practical at the PSYC Clubhouse following the event.

## **10. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

**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: The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* is hers alone.

## **11. INSURANCE**

- 11.1.** 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.

## **12. FURTHER INFORMATION**

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