



PORT STEPHENS YACHT CLUB

NOTICE of RACE

INSHORE-OFFSHORE SERIES 2025-26

v1.0 First Issued 31st August 2025

1. RACE FORMAT

- 1.1. The Inshore-Offshore Series will be 8 or more passage races as published in the PSYC Sailing Program and available via the PSYC Website.
- 1.2. Competing boats must nominate either the Inshore or Offshore fleet for the entire series.
 - 1.2.1. Offshore boats that decline an offshore race will be scored DNC for that race.
 - 1.2.2. They may then join the inshore fleet but not earn points in the Inshore Series.
- 1.3. An inshore course may be chosen for the offshore fleet if conditions are adverse as directed by the Race Officer.

2. OFFSHORE RACES

- 2.1. Offshore races may include a combined race with Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club (NCYC) with details provided separately by NCYC as the organising authority.
- 2.2. All boats must log-on and off with Marine Rescue Port Stephens when leaving and re-entering the Port (VHF Ch16 or by using the Marine Rescue NSW mobile phone app).
- 2.3. All boats must also log-on with the designated PSYC Race Officer via VHF77.
- 2.4. Offshore race entrants must have a valid Equipment Audit Certificate for at least Category 4 as prescribed by AS Special Regulations. A waiver is provided for:
 - 2.4.1. AS SR 4.18.1(b) (EPIRB not required) for coastal races
 - 2.4.2. AS SR 4.24.1(c) and 2(b) (Storm Jib not required) as races are not conducted when a Gale Warning is current
 - 2.4.3. AS SR 4.22.1 White hand flares are not required
 - 2.4.4. AS SR 3.12.1 and 6 for boats without safety rails, provided the skipper and crew are tethered to the boat at all times.

3. INSHORE RACES

- 3.1. Inshore races are single division, scratch start passage races.

4. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)

- 4.1. Refer to the SI for Organising Authority, Rules, Eligibility and Entry, Fees, Safety, Disclaimer of Liability and Insurance.
- 4.2. The SI are available from the PSYC website.

5. NOTICE OF RACE

- 5.1. If there is a conflict between this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Notice of Race shall take precedence.

6. STARTING AND FINISHING

- 6.1. Refer SI section 12 'Starting and Finishing'
- 6.2. Offshore races:
 - 6.2.1. The nominal start line is the Red Lateral Mark at Fly Point and the Middle Ground Green Lateral Mark at a bearing of approx. 306 degrees.
 - 6.2.2. Other start lines may be used as advised by the Race Officer.
 - 6.2.3. Nominal race start time is 1200 or as advised by the designated Race Officer.
- 6.3. Inshore Races:
 - 6.3.1. The nominal start line is the PSYC club start line at Soldiers Point or as advised by the designated Race Officer.
 - 6.3.2. The nominal race start time is 1300 or as advised by the designated Race Officer.

7. RACECOURSE

- 7.1. Courses for the offshore race will be announced by the Race Officer for that fleet.
- 7.2. Courses for the inshore race will be displayed on the signal mast at the start line (if the start line is manned) and may also be announced via VHF Ch77.

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8. SCORING

- 8.1. Handicaps for this series will be continuous with handicaps in the same series from the previous year or as advised by the Race Committee.
- 8.2. One race result may be dropped following the completion of 4 races.

9. FURTHER INFORMATION

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