



# PORT STEPHENS YACHT CLUB

## NOTICE of RACE

### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SERIES 2025-26 SEASON

v1.0 Issued 31st August 2025

#### 1. RACE FORMAT

- 1.1. The Wednesday Afternoon Series is a no-extras, fleet race series conducted in a pursuit race format.
- 1.2. Racing is scheduled as per the published PSYC Sailing Programme and will include 12 races per calendar season.
- 1.3. Spring, Summer and Autumn series competitors will be divided into two, equal divisions based on PHS handicap, Division 1 (D1) and Division 2 (D2).
  - 1.3.1. Competitors are encouraged to fly a coloured pennant or streamer to identify which fleet they are sailing in: Green for D 1, Yellow for D 2.
  - 1.3.2. Boats may not change divisions after initial allocation
- 1.4. All boats will earn points in the Wednesday Afternoon Championship comprising 36 races from the Spring, Summer and Autumn series.
- 1.5. If less than three boats elect to sail in any Division, they will earn average points if they complete the course. *(Note: as per the SI, there is a minimum of three boats required to be on the water for any race to be conducted)*
- 1.6. Winter series races will be a combined division and are not included in the Wednesday Afternoon Championship

#### 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)

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

#### 3. NOTICE OF RACE

- 3.1. If there is a conflict between this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Notice of Race shall take precedence.
- 3.2. Races have a nominal start time of:
  - 3.2.1. Spring, Summer and Autumn Division 1 - 1300, Division 2 - 1330
  - 3.2.2. Winter combined division - 1230
  - 3.2.3. Individual start times will be based on a nominal race duration of 150 minutes for Division 1 and the Winter fleet, 120 mins for Division 2
- 3.3. Start times will be published on the PSYC website prior to the race and may be advised on the day by the Race Officer via VHF Ch77 or other means.

#### 4. FINISHING

- 4.1. The finishing window opens at 1520 for Spring, Summer and Autumn races and 1450 for Winter races.
- 4.2. At any time thereafter, the lead boat will finish at the next mark of its course and advise the Race Officer via VHF Ch77.
  - 4.2.1. Each following boat will finish at the same mark as the lead boat.
- 4.3. A boat shall take its own finish time and communicate that to the Race Officer as soon as possible after finishing and latest by 1700.
  - 4.3.1. Communicating finish times via the club's WhatsApp Wednesday Sailing group is encouraged
- 4.4. The time limit for pursuit races in the Wednesday Afternoon series is 30mins after the first finisher.
  - 4.4.1. Boats not finishing within the time limit shall be awarded the maximum allowable finish time.

#### 5. RACECOURSE

- 5.1. Wednesday races start at Soldiers Point (SP) for all wind directions.
- 5.2. The available courses are published on the PSYC website or as advised by the Race Officer.

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### 6. PENALTIES

6.1. As per RRS 44.2, the 720-degree penalty turn is reduced to 360-degree for short duration races and is applicable to this series.

### 7. SCORING

7.1. Handicaps for this series will be continuous with handicaps in the same series from the previous year or as advised by the Race Committee.

7.2. Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the PSYC.

7.3. Dropped races will be calculated on the basis of 1 drop for each 4 races completed.

### 8. FURTHER INFORMATION

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