



INSHORE-OFFSHORE SERIES 2026-27

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1. RACE FORMAT

- 1.1. The Inshore-Offshore Series will be approx. 8 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 to race offshore may join the Inshore fleet and sail as a guest

2. OFFSHORE RACES

- 2.1. All boats must log-on and off with Marine Rescue Port Stephens when leaving and re-entering the Port via **VHF Ch16** or by using the Marine Rescue NSW mobile phone app
- 2.2. All boats must also log-on with the designated PSYC Race Officer, most likely a competitor in the race, via **VHF77**
- 2.3. 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:
 - 2.3.1. AS SR 4.18.1(b) (EPIRB not required) for coastal races
 - 2.3.2. AS SR 4.24.1(c) and 2(b) (Storm Jib not required) as races are not conducted when a Gale Warning is current
 - 2.3.3. AS SR 4.22.1 White hand flares are not required
 - 2.3.4. 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
- 2.4. An inshore course may be chosen for the offshore fleet if conditions are adverse as directed by the Race Officer

3. INSHORE RACES

- 3.1. Inshore races are single division, 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 from the mark at Fly Point
 - 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 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 Race Officer
 - 6.3.2. The nominal race start time is 1300 or as advised by the 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 may be displayed on the signal mast at the start line (if the start line is manned) and may also be announced via **VHF Ch77**

7.3. Racecourses are passage courses as per the published courses list or as directed by the race officer

8. HANDICAPPING

8.1. PHS and fixed handicaps will be used in this series

8.2. All handicaps are derived from either a series or whole-season average of CHC from the previous year

8.3. New entrants or boats with insufficient qualifying races will sail as guests until valid handicaps are established

9. SCORING AND PRIZES

9.1. One race result may be dropped following the completion of 4 races

9.2. All prizes and trophies are based on PHS results

9.3. A boat sailing less than 1/3 of the available races will be classed as a guest and not earn points in the series

9.4. Prizes are awarded at the sole discretion of the PSYC board

10. PENALTIES

10.1. 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

11. FURTHER INFORMATION

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