



SAIL PORT STEPHENS 2010
Incorporating
COMMODORES CUP
NSW IRC CHAMPIONSHIPS
SB3 CLASS AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS
PORT STEPHENS TROPHY

NOTICE OF RACE

1. Invitation

The Corlette Point Sailing Association, as the organising authority, invites entries from owners and charterers of suitable yachts to race on the waters of Port Stephens and surrounding waters in Sail Port Stephens between 12th and 18th April 2010.

Sail Port Stephens comprises Commodores Cup events sailed 12th to 14th April 2010 and Port Stephens Trophy events, NSW IRC Championships, SB3 Class Australian Championships all sailed on 16th to 18th April 2010.

2. Rules

- 2.1 The races shall be governed by the rules as defined in the 2009 – 2012 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of the International Sailing Federation (ISAF), Special Regulations of Yachting Australia (YA), the IRC rule (parts 1, 2 & 3) where applicable (available from Yachting Australia and State Yachting Authorities), the Australian Sports Boat Association rules, the SB3 Class Rules all as modified by the Sailing Instructions.
- 2.2 Protest arbitration hearings may be conducted as outlined in the Sailing instructions.
- 2.3 RRS 52 is amended to permit powered winches for boats over 14.0m LOA.
- 2.4 RRS 50.2 is amended to permit boats to tack spinnakers to bowsprits and retractable spinnaker poles.
- 2.5 Boats not racing in an IRC Class shall request permission from the Race Committee to use movable and/or variable ballast for the purpose of increasing stability. Any such request must be accompanied by full details of the system involved, and any such system will be taken into account in establishing the

yacht's handicap. Stored power may be used for the operation of movable ballast systems. RRS 51 and 52 are modified to the extent required by this paragraph.

3. Classes & Handicaps

3.1 The event will be sailed in separate classes as follows:

Class	Event	Handicap System
Cruising	Commodores Cup	Performance Handicap
IRC Class	NSW Championships	IRC
SB3 Class	Australian Championships	Scratch
Sports Boats	Port Stephens Trophy	SMS (Sports Boat Measurement System)
Performance Racing	Port Stephens Trophy	Performance Handicap
Performance Cruising	Port Stephens Trophy	Performance Handicap

3.2 The organising authority may alter, amalgamate or divide any class and may add classes as required. The organising authority may cancel any class if fewer than five (5) entries have been received by the closing date. In this event, boats that have entered will have the option of transferring to another class (if eligible) or having their entry fee refunded.

3.3 Handicaps (TCC) for IRC will be obtained from IRC rating certificates.

3.4 Handicaps for Spots Boats will be obtained from SMS rating certificates

3.5 Performance Handicap classes' results will be decided by the application of Time Correction Factor (TCF) as a multiplier of elapsed times. The TCF will be determined by the Race Committee and will not be subject to protest or request for redress (amends RRS 60.1 and 62).

3.6 IRC Rule 27.4.1 is changed by: The maximum total weight of crew in kilograms that may sail aboard a boat shall not exceed the crew number printed on the boat's IRC Certificate multiplied by 90.

4. Eligibility

4.1 All boats shall be self-righting, be built in accordance with YA Special Regulations Part 1, section 3.03.1 and have a waterline length not less 6.5 metres.

4.2 IRC boats shall hold a valid IRC rating certificate at the time of the races (the certificates of Australian yachts must use data from a YA approved source). Boats shall submit a copy of their certificate prior to the commencement of racing, and no alteration to the certificate will be permitted after that time except as a result of a rating protest, or to correct rating errors.

4.3 IRC boats shall have an IRC TCC greater than 0.940. The Race Committee may amend this limit if required.

4.4 Performance Racing class and Performance Cruising class boats shall be less than 30 m LOA and will be handicapped by the Race Committee.

4.5 Yachts not having sail numbers will be required to carry identification numbers on the hull which will be provided by the Race Committee.

4.6 The owner or charterer of a boat entered in Sail Port Stephens will hold a marine legal liability insurance policy with respect to the boat, current when racing and not racing, with an adequate sum insured of not less than AUD\$5 million (or its equivalent in another currency). The policy will state that the boat is covered for races in which it is participating or that it is covered for races of a length greater than the length of the race in which it is participating. The policy will be in effect throughout Sail Port Stephens.

5. Safety

5.1 The following YA Special Regulations Categories shall apply:

Class	Category
IRC	4
SB3 Class	7
Performance Racing	5
Performance Cruising	5
Sports Boats	7
Cruising (Commodores Cup)	5

5.2 All boats are required to submit a current YA Special Regulations Compliance Form with her entry.

6. Entries

- 6.1 Entries to be made online at the Sail Port Stephens website (www.sailportstephens.com) and will be received no later than 1700 hrs Friday 3rd April 2010.
- 6.2 The Entry Fee for the whole of Sail Port Stephens (includes Commodores Cup and Port Stephens Trophy) will be AUD\$275.
- 6.2 The Entry Fee for Commodores Cup only, will be AUD\$175.
- 6.3 The Entry Fee for Port Stephens Trophy, NSW IRC Championships, SB3 Australian Championships only will be AUD\$175.
- 6.4 The Race committee may receive entries after the closing date at their discretion with an additional fee of AUD\$80.
- 6.5 Please note: The Entry Fee does not include berthage (see NOR 13.1)

7. Sailing Instructions

7.1 Sailing Instructions will be available on the event web site from Wednesday 8th April 2010. Printed copies will be provided to all competitors at registration.

8. Schedule of Events

8.1

Commodores Cup		
Date	Class	Event
Monday 12 th April	Cruising	Registration from 0830 hrs (Regatta HQ)
		Three Islands race
Tuesday 13 th April	Cruising	"Amber Triangle" Three Pub Classic race
Wednesday 14 th April	Cruising	Explore the Bay race
		Presentation of trophies

8.2

Port Stephens Trophy		
Date	Class	Event
Friday 16 th April	All Classes	Registration from 0830 hrs
	NSW IRC Championships	Races 1 & 2
	SB3 Australian Championships	Races 1, 2 & 3
	Sports Boats	Races 1, 2 & 3
	Performance Racing	Races 1 & 2
	Performance Cruising	Race 1
Saturday 17 th April	NSW IRC Championships	Races 3 & 4
	SB3 Australian Championships	Races 4, 5 & 6
	Sports Boats	Races 4, 5 & 6
	Performance Racing	Races 3
	Performance Cruising	Race 2
Sunday 18 th April	NSW IRC Championships	Races 5 & 6
	SB3 Australian Championships	Races 7 & 8
	Sports Boats	Races 7 & 8
	Performance Racing	Races 4
	Performance Cruising	Race 3
	Presentation of trophies	

The Race Committee may make changes to this schedule at any time.

9. Scoring System

- 9.1 The scoring system will be the Low Points System, RRS Appendix A, except all race scores will count if there are five races or less sailed.

10. Conditions of Entry

- 10.1 By lodging an entry, the owner/charterer agrees to be bound by all the rules and conditions of the races.
- 10.2 By lodging an entry, the owner/charterer acknowledges the possibility of and accepts the risks associated with (a) the perils of the sea; (b) the seaworthiness or otherwise of any yacht participating in Sail Port Stephens 2010; (c) the participation, including negligent participation, by all persons in Sail Port Stephens 2010, including participation as owner, charterer, crew person, official, race organiser or otherwise; (d) the defaults, acts and omissions, of Corlette Point Sailing Association and its officers, and the crews of all yachts.
- 10.3 By lodging an entry, the owner/charterer acknowledges and accepts that Corlette Point Sailing Association (a) does not and cannot control, diminish or affect the perils of the sea; (b) does not certify, or carry out inspections with respect to the seaworthiness or suitability to race of any yacht; (c) is not in a position to provide advice, assistance or support to yachts and crews during the course of a race.

- 10.4 By lodging an entry, the owner/charterer agrees that he/she will ensure that the entered yacht is covered by suitable legal liability insurance of at least AU\$5,000,000 (or foreign currency equivalent), valid for racing, and current for the duration of Sail Port Stephens 2010.
- 10.5 By lodging an entry, the owner/charterer agrees that: (a) it is a fundamental condition of entry that he/she releases, holds harmless and indemnifies Corlette Point Sailing Association, its office bearers, servants, agents and members and the sponsors of Sail Port Stephens 2010 from all liability any of those persons has to the owner/charterer or any crew member on the owner/charterer's yacht, or to any person claiming through or under any such person arising from loss or damage howsoever caused, including negligent act or omission, arising out of or relating to: (i) participation by the owner/charterer's yacht or any other yacht in a race; (ii) the conduct or course of the race in any respect including, without limitation, any act or omission (whether reasonably foreseeable or not) causing or relating to loss of or damage to any yacht or the death or injury of any person; or (iii) any of the matters referred to in the paragraphs above; (b) participation by the yacht and by the crew Sail Port Stephens 2010 is agreed by Corlette Point Sailing Association on the basis that participation is entirely at the risk of the owner/charterer and each member of the crew on the owner/charterer's yacht; (c) the owner/charterer will provide each crew member or proposed crew member with a copy of the Entry Form including these Conditions of Entry.
- 10.6 By lodging an entry, the owner/charterer gives absolute right and permission for any photographs and/or video footage of the boat and crew to be published in any media for any editorial, publicity or advertising purposes.

11. Prizes and Trophies

- 11.1 Trophies will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place overall in each Class.
- 11.2 Trophies will be presented for the Commodores Cup at a ceremony on the evening of Wednesday 15th April at Salamander Shores, Port Stephens
Trophies will be presented for the Port Stephens Trophy, NSW IRC Championships and SB3 Australian Championships at a ceremony on the evening of Sunday 18th April at Race Headquarters, Port Stephens.

12. Internet Site

- 12.1 The event web site for Sail Port Stephens 2010 is located at www.sailportstephens.com.au and information regarding the event may be obtained from this site. Entrants should check the site periodically to keep up to date with the latest information.

13. Mooring Arrangement Facilities

- 13.1 Moorings for competing keelboats in the marinas at Port Stephens (d'Albora Marina, Nelson Bay; Peppers Anchorage Marina, Corlette Point; and Soldiers Point Marina, Soldiers Point) may be available for the period Sunday 11th – Monday 19th April at a preferential regatta rate.
- 13.2 Please make all berthing bookings with each of the marinas. It is a condition of entry that yachts must moor in accordance with the directions of the Marina Managers.

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