# Sail Port Stephens – Off the Beach

Join us at the Bay Sailing Centre from April 24 - 25 for the Off-the-Beach component of Sail Port Stephens 2021.

Racing will be conducted from 12.30pm in front of the clubhouse, with all single handed and double handed classes invited to compete.

The event includes a Junior division (sailors under 18) and Open division.





# NOTICE OF RACE

#### 1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

1.1 The Organising Authority (OA) is the Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club (NCYC).

# 2 VENUE

- 2.1 The event will be conducted from the Bay Sailing Centre Seaview Crescent, Soldiers Point. Racing
- 2.2 will be conducted on the waters of Port Stephens. The racing area will be in the vicinity of the Clubhouse.
- 2.3 Boats may be rigged in the parks at George Reserve and Kangaroo Point Reserve and may be stored there at owner's risk during the event. No security will be provided.

# 3 RULES

- 3.1 The event will be conducted by:
  - a) The rules, as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing;
  - b) The Prescriptions, Amendments and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing; and
  - c) The current class rules of each Class where applicable
  - d) This Notice of Race, except in the event of a conflict with the Sailing Instructions in which case the Sailing Instructions will take precedence.

# 4 **ELIGIBILITY**

4.1 The event will be sailed in separate classes as follows

Classes	Handicap System	Entry Fee
Single-Handed Classes	Yardstick	\$90
Double-handed Classes	Yardstick	\$120

- 4.2 Additional Classes may be included at the discretion of the OA.
- 4.3 Laser Class Series boats will comply to the ILCA rules.
- 4.4 NS14, MGs and Taser Classes will comply to the Class Rules of each Class.
- 4.5 By completing your entry, you confirm that you are older than 18 yrs at the time of entry or you have the consent of a parent/guardian to enter and participate in this event. The online entry process includes the 'Junior Participant Conditions.'
- 4.6 The owner or charterer of a boat entered in SAIL PORT STEPHENS OFF THE BEACH shall 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\$10 million (or its equivalent in another currency). The policy will be in effect throughout the regatta.

# 5 SAFETY

Australian Sailing Special Regulation Part 2 for off the beach boats will apply to all vessels in all classes participating in this event.

#### 6 ENTRY

6.1 Participants can complete the entry process online via the event webpage – https://www.baysailingcentre.com.au/

- 6.2 Entries will be received no later than 1700 hrs Thursday 16th April 2021 accompanied by the associated entry fee outlined in SI 4.1
- 6.3 The OA may receive entries after the closing date with an addition fee of \$25.

#### 7 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 7.1 The event shall be windward/leeward fleet racing format.
- 7.2 Subsequent races will be started as soon as practical after the preceding race.
- 7.3 The Schedule will be as follows:

Date	Event
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Registration from 1000hrs at BSC Clubhouse
	Up to 3 races (1230 hrs)
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Up to 3 races
	Prize Giving asap after racing at BSC Clubhouse

# 8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

8.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available on the event webpage by 1200 hrs on the Monday prior to the first raceday of the series.

# 9 SCORING

- 9.1 The event will consist of a maximum of three (3) races per raceday.
- 9.2 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A5.2 of the RRS will apply.
- 9.3 If fewer than six races have been completed, a boats series score shall be the total of all her race scores.
- 9.4 If six races have been completed, a boats series score shall be the total of all her race scores excluding her worst score.

# 10 PRIZES

- 10.1 Prizes will be presented to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall in each class.
- 10.2 Prizes will be presented at the Bay Sailing Centre clubhouse as soon as practical after racing on the last day of the event.

# 11 DISCLAIMER

11.1 All those participating in the series do so at their own risk and responsibility. Competitors must acknowledge this prior to participating and release the NCYC and Bay Sailing Centre, including its sponsors and their respective officers, employees, volunteers and members from all liability by completing the online registration form as a part of the entry process. Specific attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4, which states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone"

# 12 FURTHER INFORMATION

12.1 Media/Promotion/Event Management:

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