

NCYC Founders Day
5th September 2010
Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions

AN INVITATION

Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club, as the organizing authority, invites entries from owners and charterers of monohull yachts to race a Short Ocean Race or a Harbour Race on 5th September, to celebrate NCYC Founders Day, its season opening event.

FUNDAMENTAL RULES

1 SAFETY

1.1 Helping those in Danger

A boat or competitor shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger.

1.2 Fair Sailing

A boat and her owner shall compete in compliance with recognized principles of sportsmanship and fair play.

1.3 Acceptance of the Rules

By participating in a race conducted under these racing rules, each competitor and boat agrees:

(a) to be governed by the rules;

(b) to accept the penalties imposed and other action taken under the rules, subject to the appeal and review procedures provided in them, as the final determination of any matter arising under the rules;

(c) with respect to any such determination, not to resort to any court or tribunal.

1.4 Decision to Race

The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.

2 RACING RULES

2.1 The Races will be governed by the rules as defined in:

- The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009 – 2012. ('RRS')
- The IRC Rules 2010 Parts A, B and C.
- The NCYC Sailing Handbook 2010 – 2011.

3 ADVERTISING

3.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The Races are open to all monohull yachts. The short ocean race requires a YA Special Regulations Category 4 Compliance Certificate with the Harbour race requiring a YA Special Regulations Category 7 Compliance Certificate.

4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the Top Yacht Race Entry online NCYC website.

4.3 DNC will apply for non compliance with entry requirements.

5 CLASSIFICATION

5.1 The following Race Divisions are offered: Category 4 Short Ocean Race PHS Division 1, PHS Division 2 and IRC Division and a Category 7 Harbour Course.

6 FEES

6.1 There are no required fees.

7 SCHEDULES

7.1 The Founders Day Short Ocean Race and Founders Day Harbour Race will be held, after the 12:15pm Parade, after the 12:45pm Tug Ballet and after the 1pm Cock of the Harbour Trawlers Race.

7.2 At 1:20pm, Race entrants will report to the RO onshore Scratchleys Restaurant vicinity, its yacht name and the number aboard.

7.3 The Short Ocean Race Warning Signal, class flag E, will be given at approx. 1:25pm.

7.4 The Harbour Race Warning Signal, class flag T, will be approx. 1:30pm.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

8.1 Any changes to these instructions will be posted on the Club Noticeboard and the NCYC website.

9 THE COURSES

9.1 The courses to be sailed will be as follows:

Cat 4 Short Ocean Course:

Start – IDM (S) – ECM(S) – IDM(S) – Finish.

Cat 7 Harbour Course:

Start – PLM2(S) – PLM4(S) - ECM(S) –SLM13 (P) – ECM (P) – PLM2 (P) – Finish.

9.2 The start and finish line is: an imaginary line from the club burgee onshore near Scratchleys Restaurant and the ECM opposite.

10 HANDICAPS

10.1 A boats handicap in PHS division shall be based on an arbitrary time correction factor (TCF) given by the NCYC Handicapper.

10.2 IRC Race results will be calculated by the application of the IRC TCF as a multiplier of the boats elapsed time.

11 RADIO COMMUNICATION

11.1 Race entrants are required to monitor Emergency Channel 16 during the race.

12 PROHIBITED AREA – SHIPPING CHANNEL

Entrants are required to make themselves familiar with the booklet: “Safety Information for Recreational Boating when operating in proximity to Commercial Shipping at The Port of Newcastle”. Copies may be collected from NCYC or viewed its website.

13 PROTESTS

13.1 A yacht intending to protest shall inform the RO on the finish line.

13.2 Protest forms shall be lodged by one hour of the last yacht’s finishing time.

13.3 A protest fee of \$25 will accompany a Protest Lodgement.

13.4 For protests where only a rule of RRS Part 2 or rule 31 is alleged to have been broken, an arbitration hearing may be offered prior to any formal protest hearing.

13.5 RRS 44.1 is changed to permit a boat that has broken a rule of Part 2 or RRS 31.1 to take a scoring penalty after racing but prior to any protest hearing. The scoring penalty will be as per RRS 44.3 (c).

14 PRIZES

14.1 The Founders Day Shield will be presented to the winners of PHS Division 1, PHS Division 2 and the IRC Division. Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in each division at the Presentation of Prizes Ceremony at NCYC at approximately 5pm.

15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

15.1 Competitors participate in the Founders Day Races entirely at their own risk. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Races.