

NOTICE OF RACE



SAILFEST

NEWCASTLE REGATTA

30TH & 31ST MARCH 2019

(TP52 Class Starts 29th March 2019)

Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club (NCYC), as the Organising Authority (OA), invites entries from owners and charterers of suitable yachts to race on the waters off Newcastle in the Sail Fest Newcastle Regatta. Racing will be held over the weekend of Saturday 30th & Sunday 31st March 2019 (with the TP52 Class commencing Friday, 29th March 2019). The Sail Fest Newcastle Regatta will be conducted under IRC and PHS for offshore divisions and Yardstick, PHS and Off the Beach for inshore fleets.

Owners of Off the Beach Boats, Trailable Yachts and Sports Boats are also invited to compete in the Laser Pub Challenge conducted by NCYC, and the Cock of the Harbour Race and Newcastle Trophy Race which are both conducted by Port Hunter Sailing Skiff Club (PHSSC).



Above: 2018 Asahi Super Dry NSW Country Yachting Championships start line off Newcastle Beach.

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In conjunction with

PORT HUNTER SAILING SKIFF CLUB

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1 RULES

- 1.1** The event shall be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), and the Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS).
- 1.2** Yachts sailing in IRC Division(s) shall comply with the current IRC Rules Parts A, B and C.
- 1.3** RRS 52 is amended to permit powered winches for boats over 14m LOA.
- 1.4** RRS 50.2 is amended to permit boats to tack spinnakers to bowsprits and retractable spinnaker poles.
- 1.5** Boats not racing in IRC 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 moveable ballast systems. RRS 51 and 52 are modified to the extent of this paragraph.

2 DIVISIONS / CLASSES

- 2.1** The event will be sailed in separate classes as follows:

Class / Event	Description	Conducting Authority	Handicap System	Date
TP52	Offshore TP52 Class	NCYC	IRC, TPR	29-31 March 2019
IRC	Offshore IRC Division	NCYC	IRC, PHS	30-31 March 2019
PHS	Offshore PHS Division	NCYC	PHS	30-31 March 2019
Cock of the Harbour Race	Inshore Off the Beach dinghies, Trailable Yachts & Sports Boats	PHSSC	Yardstick	30 March 2019
Laser Pub Challenge	Inshore Lasers	NCYC	OTB, PHS	30 March 2019
Newcastle Trophy Race	Inshore Off the Beach dinghies, Trailable Yachts & Sports Boats	PHSSC	Yardstick	31 March 2019

- 2.2** The OA may alter, amalgamate or divide any Division and may add classes as required. The OA may cancel any Division if fewer than six (6) entries have been received by the closing date. In this event, yachts that have entered will have the option of transferring to another Division (if eligible) or having their entry fee refunded.

3 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1** All competing entrants in IRC, PHS and/or TP52 Divisions shall be single hull and self-righting, be built in accordance with AS Special Regulations part 1, section 3.03.1 and have a waterline length not less than 9 metres.
- 3.2** The owner of a vessel entered in the 2019 SailFest Newcastle Regatta shall hold a marine legal liability insurance policy with respect to the yacht, current when racing, with an adequate sum insured of not less than AUD\$10 million (or its equivalent in another currency). The policy will state that the yacht 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 the regatta.
- 3.3** IRC entrants shall hold a valid IRC rating certificate during the regatta. Yachts 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.
- 3.4** Sports Boat entrants shall comply with the Australian Sports Boat Association Rules with an SMS rating of 0.755 or greater.
- 3.5** Trailable Yachts will comply to the Australian Trailable Yacht and Sports Boat rule.

4 SAFETY

- 4.1** Category 4 of the AS Special Regulations Part 1 shall apply for offshore divisions including TP52, IRC & PHS.
- 4.2** Category 7 of the AS Special Regulations Part 1 shall apply for inshore Trailable Yachts and Sports Boats.
- 4.3** AS Special Regulations Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats will apply to all competitors of Off the Beach dinghies competing in the Cock of the Harbour race, Newcastle Regatta passage race or the Laser Class racing.

5 ENTRIES

- 5.1** Entries to be made online at:
<https://www.ncyc.net.au/sailing/offshore-regattas/sail-fest/>
- 5.2** Entries will be received no later than 1700 hours on Tuesday 26th March 2019. Entries will be accompanied by an Entry Fee as per the following:

Event	Host	Division	Entry Fee
SailFest Offshore	NCYC	TP52	\$320
		IRC, PHS	\$220
Cock of the Harbour Race	PHSSC	Off the Beach, Trailable Yachts, Sports Boats	\$35
Laser Pub Challenge	NCYC	OTB, PHS	\$35
Newcastle Trophy Race	PHSSC	Off the Beach, Trailable Yachts, Sports Boats	\$35
Cock of the Harbour Race AND Newcastle Trophy Race	-	-	\$50
Laser Pub Challenge AND Newcastle Trophy Race	-	-	\$50

- 5.3** Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the OA accompanied by a \$45 Late Entry Fee.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1** Sailing Instructions will be available on the event web page by 1700 hours Wednesday 27th March 2019.
- 6.2** Printed copies may be made available to competitors at registration.

7 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date	Divisions	Time	Event	Location
Thursday, 28th March 2019	TP52	1800 hrs	Registration / Regatta Office Opens	NCYC
			Happy Hour	
Friday, 29th March 2019	TP52	0800 hrs	Registration / Regatta Office Opens	NCYC
		0900 hrs	Competitor Briefing	
		1055	First Warning Signal X3 windward/leeward races	Offshore
	ALL	1800 hrs	Registration / Regatta Office Opens	NCYC
		Event Party with Live Music		
Saturday 30th March 2019	IRC, PHS, Lasers	0800 hrs	Registration / Regatta Office Opens	NCYC
	IRC, TP52, PHS	0900 hrs	Competitors Briefing	
	TP52	1055 hrs	First Warning Signal Passage Race	Offshore
	IRC, PHS		First Warning Signal X3 windward/leeward races	
	Lasers	1125 hrs	First Warning Signal X3 windward/leeward races followed by the Pub to Pub Race	NCYC
	Off the Beach, Trailable Yachts & Sports Boats	1130 hrs	Registration / Regatta Office Opens	PHSSC
		1355	First Warning Signal Cock of the Harbour Race	
	ALL	ASAP After Racing	Sailors BBQ & Happy Hour	NCYC & PHSSC
1930 hrs		Daily Prizegiving and Event Party	Honeysuckle Hotel	
Sunday, 31st March 2019	ALL	0800 hrs	Regatta Office Opens	NCYC
	IRC, PHS	1025 hrs	First Warning Signal Passage Race	Offshore
	TP52		First Warning Signal X3 windward/leeward Races	
	Off the Beach, Trailable Yachts & Sports Boats	1125	First Warning Signal Newcastle Trophy Race	PHSSC
	ALL	ASAP After Racing	Prizegiving Ceremony	NCYC & PHSSC

**The OA may make changes to this schedule at any time.*

8 SCORING

- 8.1** The Scoring System will be the Low Points System, RRS Appendix A.
- 8.2** No drops will apply. This changes RRS Appendix A.

9 CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- 9.1** By lodging an entry, the owner agrees to be bound by the rules and conditions of this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.
- 9.2** By lodging an entry, the owner acknowledges:
- 9.2.1** 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 2019 SailFest Newcastle Regatta, including participation as owner, crew person, official, race organiser or otherwise; (d) the defaults, acts and omissions, of Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club, Port Hunter 16ft Sailing Skiff Club and their officers, and the crews of all yachts.
 - 9.2.2** Accepts the Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club and Port Hunter 16ft Sailing Skiff Club (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.
 - 9.2.3** Agrees that the entered yacht is covered by suitable legal liability insurance of at least AU\$10,000,000 (or foreign currency equivalent), valid for racing, and current for the duration of the 2019 SailFest Newcastle Regatta.
 - 9.2.4** Agrees that: (a) it is a fundamental condition of entry that he/she releases, holds harmless and indemnifies Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club, Port Hunter 16ft Sailing Skiff Club, their office bearers, servants, agents and members and the sponsors of the 2019 SailFest Newcastle Regatta from all liability any of those persons has to the owners or any crew member on the owner 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 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) or any of the matters referred to in the paragraphs above; (b) participation by the yacht and by the crew in the 2019 SailFest Newcastle Regatta is agreed by Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club and Port Hunter 16ft Skiff Sailing Club on the basis that participation is entirely at the risk of the owner and each member of the crew on the owner's yacht; (c) the owner will provide each crew member or proposed crew member with a copy of these Conditions of Entry.
- 9.3** By lodging an entry, the owner gives absolute right and permission for any photographs and/or video footage of the yacht and crew to be published in any media for any editorial, publicity or advertising purposes.

10 PRIZES

- 10.1** Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place overall in each Division for IRC, PHS and TP52.
- 10.2** Prizes will be awarded to 1st place overall in Laser, Off the Beach, Trailable Yachts and Sports Boat Divisions.
- 10.3** Competitors of the Laser Pub Challenge who score a place better than DNF will be eligible to be randomly selected to win their weight in beer (softdrink options available).
- 10.4** Additional Prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 10.5** Prizes will be awarded:
- 10.5.1** Prizes for the Cock of the Harbour Race, the Laser Pub Challenge and Daily Prizes for TP52, IRC and PHS Divisions will be awarded at Honeysuckle Hotel at 1930 hrs on Saturday 30th March 2019.
 - 10.5.2** Prizes will be presented as soon as possible following the final race on Sunday 31st March 2019.

11 EVENT WEB PAGE

- 11.1 The event web page is located at:
<https://www.ncyc.net.au/sailing/offshore-regattas/sail-fest/>

12 BERTHING

- 12.1 Berthing may be booked free of charge by visiting competing yachts for the duration of the event including the nights of:
- Thursday, 28th March 2019
 - Friday, 29th March 2019
 - Saturday, 30th March 2019
 - Sunday, 31st March 2019
- 12.2 Berthing may be booked at normal rates outside of this period. Contact the Dockmaster for further information – See SI 14

13 SOCIAL SCHEDULE

- 13.1 The Social Schedule is as follows:

Date	Time	Event
Thursday, 28th March 2019	1800 hrs	Regatta HQ Opens at NCYC for Registration
		Welcome Function
Friday, 29th March 2019	0730 hrs	Breakfast Available at NCYC
	0800 hrs	Regatta HQ Opens at NCYC for Registration
	1800 hrs	Registration Re-Opens Event Party with Live Music
Saturday, 30th March 2019	0730 hrs	Breakfast Available at NCYC
	0800 hrs	Regatta HQ Opens at NCYC for Registration
	ASAP after racing	BBQ at both NCYC and PHSSC
	1930 hrs	Daily Prizegiving at Honeysuckle Hotel
Sunday, 31st March 2019	0730 hrs	Breakfast Available at NCYC
	ASAP after racing	Prizegiving Ceremony at both NCYC and PHSSC

The Social Schedule will also be available on the event webpage:
<https://www.ncyc.net.au/sailing/offshore-regattas/sail-fest/>

14 CONTACTS

Please contact the following for more information:

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