



NEWCASTLE CRUISING  
YACHT CLUB

# Ocean Pointscore

*Join us as we discover the Blue Water race course beyond Newcastle.*

*The Ocean Pointscore races around islands, marker buoys and visits destinations including Port Stephens and Pittwater.*

*The series consists of six races including –*

- ~~Anna Bay Race~~
- Bird Island Race
- ~~Port Stephens Escape weekend~~
- Pittwater weekend
- Moon Islet Race

*The Ocean Pointscore is perfect for crews seeking longer offshore day races and can be a good foundation for crews preparing for Hobart.*

See the event webpage –

<https://www.ncyc.net.au/offshore-racing/ocean-pointscore/>

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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## 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 NCYC Clubhouse – 95 Hannell Street Wickham.

2.2 Racing will be conducted on the waters between Port Stephens and Broken Bay.

## 3 RULES

3.1 The event will be conducted by:

- a) The rules, as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS);
- b) The Prescriptions, Amendments and Special Regulations (Category 4) of Australian Sailing (AS);
- c) This Sailing Instructions, except in the event of a conflict with the Race Appendixes in which case the Race Appendixes will take precedence.
- d) The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea will replace the RRS between sunset and sunrise.

## 4 RACE CONDITIONS

4.1 Newcastle Harbour is a very busy commercial port. A motor may be used by a yacht when racing to keep out of the way of commercial shipping (i.e. move out of the channel when a ship is approaching). RRS 42.3(i) allows propulsion using an engine, provided the boat does not gain significant advantage in the race.

4.2 All boats racing at NCYC will have engines running when within the Harbour and when within 500m to seaward of the entrance during departure and arrival. A boat that cannot maneuver safely, and is in danger of hindering any commercial shipping, shall only use her engine FOR PROPULSION to clear such shipping. This changes RRS 42. Competitors are reminded that a restricted navigation zone exists on approach to and within Newcastle Harbour (refer to Chart AUS207)

4.3 If when racing with NCYC, a yacht receives a “5 horn blast” from commercial shipping (meaning “I am in doubt about your action taken to avoid a collision”), the offending boat may be disqualified from that race without a hearing. This changes RRS Appendix A5.

4.4 *\*Diagram from NCYC Sailing Handbook:*



4.5 The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after these races.

4.6 Competitors participate in the Ocean Pointscore entirely at their own risk. Attention is drawn to RRS Rule 4.

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## 5 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 5.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the event webpage – <https://www.ncyc.net.au/offshore-racing/ocean-pointscore/>
- 5.2 The race frequency for events conducted by Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club shall be VHF Ch 77. This channel may be used by the race committee to communicate with competitors and/or broadcast general information throughout the event.

## 6 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 0800 hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hrs on the day before it will take effect and will be posted on the event webpage.

## 7 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 7.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag pole. The event flag pole will be on the Floating Shed located on F-arm of the NCYC marina.
- 7.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the RRS Race Signals.

## 8 POSITION REPORTS

- 8.1 All boats shall provide mandatory position reports while racing at 1300hrs, 1600hrs, 1900hrs, 2200hrs, and every 3hrs until safely in port and logged off with both the Race Committee and Marine Rescue. Reports to be advised no later than 30 minutes after these times.
- 8.2 A boat shall advise the Race Committee of their position by SMS text message to the Sailing Manager on 0432 581 756 noting the following information:

**Boat Name**

**Sail Number**

**Position Report** – latitude as a 4-digit number and longitude as a 5-digit number (without decimals of a minute)

**Brief description of approximate location** – ie what is the nearest landmark, beach, or headland?  
**And whether proceeding North or South.**

## 9 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 9.1 This schedule is indicative only and may be varied at the discretion of the OA:

| Race / Appendix | Date             | Event Description | Start Location | Finish Location |
|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1               | 14 November 2021 | Bird Island Race  | Newcastle      | Newcastle       |
| 2               | 4 February 2022  | Pittwater Weekend | Newcastle      | Pittwater       |
| 3               | 5 February 2022  |                   | Pittwater      | Newcastle       |
| 4               | 6 March 2022     | Moon Islet Race   | Newcastle      | Newcastle       |

## 10 RACE DESCRIPTIONS

- 10.1 More detailed Race Descriptions and course maps will be provided in Appendixes 1-4.

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## 11 CREW DETAILS AND GENERAL DECLARATIONS

- 11.1 Prior to the Warning Signal for each race, boats shall:
- a) provide a Crew List confirming the crew names and emergency onshore contact numbers via the Topyacht Entry System (TES).
  - b) Advise the RCV of the number of crew onboard via VHF Channel 77.
  - c) 'Log On' with Marine Rescue.
- 11.2 To be scored as a finisher a boat shall:
- a) As soon as practical after finishing, lodge a Finish Declaration notice Actual Finish Time with the Organizing Authority using the same reporting method as required for Position Reports.
  - b) As soon as practical after safely finishing and berthing, contact the Race Officer by mobile phone to inform safe arrival. This also applies to boats retiring from races. Entrants will be advised of the RCV mobile number prior to the Warning Signal.
  - c) As soon as practical after safely finishing and berthing, 'Log Off' with Marine Rescue.

## 12 PROTESTS, ARBITRATION AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 12.1 Protest forms are available at the Sailing Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 12.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today – whichever is later.
- 12.3 Notices will be posted no later than 60 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and where hearings will be held.
- 12.4 An arbitration hearing may be called as per RRS Appendix T.
- 12.5 Protests and Request for Redress shall be heard by a protest committee formed by representatives of both LMYC and NCYC.

## 13 RECOMMENDED CHARTS

- 13.1 It is recommended that competitors carry the following charts for each event in addition to electronic charts:

| Chart Description                    | <b>Race 1</b><br>Anna Bay Race | <b>Race 2</b><br>Bird Island Race | <b>Race 3</b><br>Newcastle to Port Stephens | <b>Race 4</b><br>Port Stephens to Newcastle | <b>Race 5</b><br>Newcastle to Pittwater | <b>Race 6</b><br>Pittwater to Newcastle | <b>Race 7</b><br>Moon Islet Race |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|---|---|---|----------------------------------|
| Newcastle AUS 208                    | ✓                              | ✓                                 | ✓   | ✓   | ✓                                       | ✓                                       | ✓                                |
| Port Stephens AUS 209                | ✓                              |                                   | ✓   | ✓   |   |   |                                  |
| Port Jackson - Port Stephens AUS 809 | ✓                              | ✓                                 | ✓   | ✓   | ✓                                       | ✓                                       | ✓                                |
| Broken Bay AUS 204                   |                                |                                   |   |   | ✓                                       | ✓                                       |                                  |
| Port Jackson AUS 202                 |                                |                                   |   |   |   |   |                                  |