

SheSAILS Open Regatta



NEWCASTLE CRUISING
YACHT CLUB

Join us on the harbour for an action-packed weekend of sailing for the fifth edition of the annual SheSAILS Open Regatta at Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club.

Racing will be fleet race format with up to sixteen teams eligible to compete on the Club's Olympic Fleet of Elliott 6m yachts.

This annual event is designed to promote and develop women's sailing by providing female sailors with an enjoyable and high standard "around the buoys" inshore racing experience with teams from across the country invited to attend.



Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club

<https://www.ncyc.net.au/inshore-racing/>

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 NCYC Clubhouse – 95 Hannell Street Wickham.

2.2 Racing will be conducted on the waters of Newcastle Harbour. The racing area will be in the vicinity of Honeysuckle Hotel – in The Basin.

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) This Notice of Race, except in the event of a conflict with the Sailing Instructions in which case the Sailing Instructions will take precedence.
- d) RRS 44.1 is changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required
- e) Add to RRS 41: (e) help to recover from the water and return on board a crew member provided the return on board is at the approximate location of the recovery.

4 ELIGIBILITY

4.1 A maximum of sixteen (16) teams will be accepted by the OA.

4.2 The number of crew per team (including the helm) shall be three (3) or four (4).

4.3 All participants shall meet the eligibility requirements of RRS 46 by being a member of a club affiliated with Australian Sailing. [Click HERE to check your Australian Sailing membership status.](#)

4.4 The event is open to teams that accept the terms of the [Elliott 6 User Agreement](#).

4.5 To be eligible for this event, all participants shall be female.

4.6 Each participant must provide proof of double Covid-19 vaccination as per NSW Government.

5 ENTRY

5.1 *Step 1 – Application for Invitation to attend*

Teams may apply to be invited by completing the online application form by Monday 1st November on the event webpage - <https://www.ncyc.net.au/inshore-racing/she-sails-open-regatta/>

5.2 *Step 2 – Our Team will review your application*

Our team will contact you regarding your application to find out a little more about you and your team. It may take up to two weeks for us to contact you.

5.3 *Step 3 – Complete your entry (after receiving invitation via email)*

Invited entrants will then be required to complete the entry process online accompanied by an Entry Fee of \$480 per team. The OA may transfer the invitation to another team if an entry is not completed within seven (7) days of invitation.

6 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

6.1 The event shall be windward/leeward fleet racing format. If there are more teams than boats, the schedule may include a Qualifying Round Robin and a Finals Series.

6.2 Subsequent races will be started as soon as practical after the preceding race.

6.3 At least one representative from each team must attend the Compulsory Competitors Briefing each raceday unless excused by the OA.

6.4 The Daily Schedule will be as follows:

Day	Time	Event
Friday, 26th November 2021	1:00pm – 3:00pm	Optional training session (bookings required)
	5:00pm – 6:00pm	Early Registration – all competitors must register
	From 6:00pm	Welcome 'Bubbles' in the NCYC Clubhouse (<i>at own expense</i>)
Saturday, 27th November 2021	8:00am – 8:45am	Registration – all competitors must register
	8:45am	Competitor Briefing
	10:30am	First Warning Signal
	ASAP After Racing	'Bubbles & Nibbles' in the NCYC Clubhouse (<i>provided</i>)
Sunday, 28th November 2021	8:45am	Competitor Briefing
	10:00am	First Warning Signal
	3:30pm	Latest Possible Warning Signal
	ASAP After Racing	'Bubbles & Nibbles' / Prizegiving Ceremony (<i>provided</i>)

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 The Sailing Instructions will be posted on the event webpage by 1200 hrs on the Monday before the first day of racing.

8 SUPPLIED YACHTS

- 8.1 The boats to be used for the series will be Elliott 6 class yachts.
- 8.2 Up to eight (8) yachts may be provided by the OA.
- 8.3 One Mainsail, Jib and Spinnaker will be provided with each yacht.
- 8.4 Yachts will be assigned to teams by publishing a rotation schedule.

9 SCORING

- 9.1 The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A5.3 will apply.
- 9.2 No drops will apply.
- 9.3 A minimum of six races is required to constitute a series.

10 PRIZES

- 10.1 Daily Prizes will be awarded in the Clubhouse ASAP after racing is completed and boats and equipment have been rinsed and packed away.
- 10.2 Prizes will be presented to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place overall at Prizegiving Ceremony.
- 10.3 Additional prizes may be presented at the discretion of the OA.

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 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”*
- 11.2** The conditions of entry include that competitors acknowledge that the OA owns all media rights to the event and may exercise those rights as it sees fit and that the OA has the unconditional perpetual right to publish and broadcast any media, photographs, video and audio recordings of boats and/or participants during the event.

12 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 12.1** Email: sailingperformance@ncyc.net.au
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