



Hunter Sailing League

22 & 23 January 2021

Join us on the harbour for an action-packed weekend of racing in front of Honeysuckle Hotel as we contest the first edition of the Hunter Sailing League.

For the first time in our sport's history, come together with clubs from across the Hunter in a competitive, fun, and spectator friendly event that allows each club's team to contest on a level playing field.



NEWCASTLE CRUISING
YACHT CLUB

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



NOTICE OF RACE

FURTHER INFORMATION

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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 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) including 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

4 ELIGIBILITY

4.1 Only one team can represent each club in the Hunter.

4.2 The number of crew per team (including the helm) shall be three (3) or four (4). Each team must include both a male and a female.

4.3 Each participant must be 18yrs or older to be eligible to participate in the event.

4.4 The nominated skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency. All registered crew shall sail all races.

4.5 Each participant must be a current member of a club and affiliated with Australian Sailing. Check your Australian Sailing status online – <https://www.sailing.org.au/member-finder/>

4.6 The event is open to teams that meet the requirements of the Elliott 6 User Agreement (located on the event webpage).

5 ENTRY

5.1 *Step 1 – Application for Invitation to attend*

Teams may apply to be invited by completing the online application form on the event webpage – <https://www.ncyc.net.au/inshore-racing/hunter-sailing-league/>

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

Our team will assess your application. We may contact you regarding your application to find out a little more about you and your team.

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

We will then contact successful applicants with instructions to complete the entry process online. Each sailor will need to register separately. The OA may transfer the invitation to another team if an entry is not completed within two weeks of invitation.

Entries shall be accompanied by a \$500 entry fee per team.

5.4 *Each team shall be liable for up to \$1000 per incident.* Any applicable charges will be invoiced to the nominated skipper by email. Teams may be required to resolve liability accounts before continuing in the event.

6 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 6.1 The event shall be windward/leeward fleet racing format.
- 6.3 Subsequent races will be started as soon as practical after the preceding race.
- 6.4 At least one representative from each team must attend the Compulsory Competitors Briefing unless excused by the OA.
- 6.5 *The Daily Schedule will be as follows:*

Time	Event
09.30am	Compulsory Competitors Briefing
	Access to boats and sails available
10.55am	First Warning Signal
	Viewing from Honeysuckle Hotel
ASAP after racing	Daily results in the NCYC Clubhouse

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 The Sailing Instructions will be posted on the event webpage by 1200 hrs on the Monday prior to 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 randomly assigned to teams by the OA.

9 SCORING

- 9.2 The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A5.2 will apply.
- 9.3 A boats series score shall be the total of all her race scores. No drops will apply.

10 PRIZES

- 10.1 Prizes will be awarded in the Clubhouse ASAP after racing is completed and boats and equipment have been rinsed and packed away on the final day of racing.
- 10.2 Prizes will be presented to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place overall on the final day of racing.
- 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"*