

**OFF THE BEACH
NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

1.0 RULES

- 1.1 The series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing of World Sailing and the prescriptions of Australian Sailing Ltd.*
- 1.2 AS Special Regulations Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats will apply.
- 1.3 International Laser Class Association Class Rules will apply.

2.0 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The event is open to all boats of the Laser, Laser Radial and Laser 4.7 and Open Skiff classes and will comprise a Spring pointscore series and a Summer pointscore series. Bay Sailing Centre will also include a Club Championship.
- 2.2 A boat must complete the online entry process via the event webpage for via either the Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club webpage or the Bay Sailing Centre webpage accompanied by the applicable entry fee.
- 2.3 The Club reserves the right to refuse acceptance of a boat or a competitor.
- 2.4 All participants must be current General, Crew, Youth, Intro, or Junior members of Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club.
- 2.5 All participants must hold an active Australian Sailing number by being a member of a sailing club.
- 2.6 Before entering in the event, boat owners and competitors shall have read and understood the Risk Warning issued jointly by NCYC and NSW Roads and Maritime Services pursuant to the Civil Liability Act 2002.

3.0 ALLOCATION TO DIVISIONS AND CLASSES

- 3.1 The race committee may establish racing divisions and allocate boats to those divisions as it deems appropriate.
- 3.2 The race committee may disband a division for any reason at any time. If a division is disbanded the race committee shall make equitable arrangements for the re-allocation of boats.
- 3.3 Two or more divisions may be started together.

4.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the online event page. See SI 23.

5.0 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted not less than 90 minutes prior to the warning signal of a racing session it will affect.

6.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag pole located on the floating shed at NCYC, and the balcony at BSC.
- 6.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 6.3 When Code Flag R is displayed ashore all boats must remain ashore.

7.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 7.1 NCYC racing will be held on Friday afternoons during Daylight Saving Time on each of the dates published in the event calendar that correspond to NCYC.

- 7.2 BSC racing will be held on Sundays on each of the dates published in the event calendar that correspond to Bay.
- 7.3 The number of races per day shall not exceed 3.
- 7.4 The scheduled time of the first warning signal for NCYC racing is 1730.
- 7.5 The scheduled time of the first warning signal for BSC racing is 1300.
- 7.6 The warning signal for subsequent races will be made as soon as practicable after the finish of the preceding race.

8.0 CLASS FLAGS

- 8.1 The class flag for Lasers will be a white flag with the red Laser Class insignia.
- 8.2 The class flag for Open Skiffs will be a white flag with the open skiff insignia

9.0 COURSE AREA

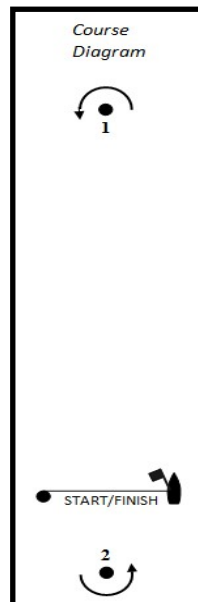
- 9.1 The course area will be in the Basin near Honeysuckle Hotel at Newcastle Harbour and Wanda Beach near the Bay Sailing Centre clubhouse at Port Stephens.

10.0 COURSES

- 10.1 The course to be sailed shall be:

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| Lasers | Start - 1(P) - 2(P) - 1(P) - 2(P) - Finish |
| Open Skiffs | Start - 1(P) - 2(P) - Finish |

- 10.2 The diagram illustrates the approximate position of the starting/finishing line and the rounding marks.
- 10.3 Legs of the course will not be changed after the Preparatory Signal. This changes RRS 33.
- 10.4 Immediately after finishing, a competitor shall promptly exit the triangles bounded by the start/finish line and marks 1 and 2 until the finishing line has been closed. This shall be signalled by the lowering of the Blue Flag on the Committee Vessel.



11.0 MARKS

- 11.1 Marks 1 and 2 are rounding marks and will be round, blue, inflatable buoys.
- 11.2 The starting and finishing marks will be a black/white check inflatable buoy at one end and the Race Committee Signal Boat at the other end.

12.0 THE START

- 12.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26
- 12.2 The Start Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port end starting mark.
- 12.3 When an individual recall is signalled in accordance with RRS 29.1 the Race Committee may also hail the sail number of the boat/s being recalled. Failure to make a hail will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

13.0 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The Finish Line will be between the course side of the port end finishing mark and a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end.

14.0 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

15.0 TIME LIMIT

15.1 Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. The score TLE shall be the same as that for DNF. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

16.0 PROTESTS, ARBITRATION AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1 Protest forms are available online via the Australian Sailing webpage. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Race Officer. This changes RRS 61.3.

16.2 The protest time limit is 60 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.

16.3 Breaches of Sailing Instructions 1.3, 4.2, 18.3, 18.4 and 19.1 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

16.4 RRS 44.1 is changed to permit a boat that has broken a rule of Part 2 or RRS.31 to take a penalty after racing but prior to any protest hearing. Her penalty shall be a scoring penalty calculated in accordance with RRS 44.3(c)

16.5 Arbitration as per the RRS APPENDIX T shall apply to all racing. Arbitration may take place remotely by phone or video conference.

16.6 An *interested party* may be a member of the protest committee, however, an *interested party* shall not take any further part in the hearing except as a witness if a *party* to the hearing objects at the beginning of the hearing. This changes RRS 63.4.

17.0 SCORING

17.1 The low point scoring system defined in RRS A5.3 shall be used.

17.2 Pointscores will be as follows:

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| NCYC | Pointscore Racing & Club Championship | PHS (Handicap) OTB (Scratch) |
| BSC | Pointscore Racing & Club Championship | PHS (Handicap) OTB (Scratch) |

17.3 On racedays identified in the calendar as Club Championship days the second race of the day will contribute to both the annual pointscore and the Club Championship.

17.4 A boat's handicap shall be based on an arbitrary Time Correction Factor (TCF). A boat's handicap score is then determined by its place relative to other boats based on corrected time. Corrected time is calculated by multiplying the boat's elapsed time by the TCF.

17.5 The selection of a handicap method or adjustment system shall be at the discretion of the race committee.

17.6 Discards will be 15% of completed races (0.5 of a race is rounded up).

17.7 A boat that will be absent from races as a result of representing NCYC and/or BSC in another regatta for the Laser class may, prior to the absence, submit a request in writing for the award of average points for the races missed. The Sailing Committee shall consider the request and may, in its absolute discretion, grant or deny the request. If the request is granted average points shall be calculated in accordance with RRS A10(a).

17.8 A boat that does not race because its owner/regular skipper volunteers at the Request of the race committee to assist with the management and conduct of races shall be granted average points for those races calculated in accordance with RRS A10(a).

18.0 NUMBER OF BOATS TO CONSTITUTE A RACE

18.1 Three starters will constitute a race.

18.2 One finisher will constitute a race.

18.3 For a race to be scored as a Pointscore race, a Pointscore entrant must finish.

19.0 SAFETY REGULATIONS

19.1 Before going afloat, competitors shall "Sign ON" using the method provided.

19.2 Upon returning to shore, competitors shall "Sign OFF". This shall be done as soon as reasonably practicable, but not later than 30 minutes after the finishing time of the last boat in the last race conducted in that racing session.

19.3 Once afloat, prior to the first race, competitors shall sail close by the stern of the Race Committee Signal Boat and hail the sail number of the boat. The Race Committee shall acknowledge the hail.

19.4 A boat being sailed by a competitor who does not comply with SIs 19.1 and/ or 19.2 shall have 3 points added to each of her race scores for the day by the Race Committee without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 and A6.

19.5 When Code Flag R is displayed on the Race Committee Signal Boat, all boats shall immediately return to shore.

20.0 SUPPORT BOATS

20.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. This will apply at all times except when asked to assist by the Race Committee.

21.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

21.1 Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race and AS Special Regulations Part 2, 1.02 Responsibilities.

22.0 INSURANCE

22.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid public liability insurance with a minimum cover of AU\$10million per incident or the equivalent in another currency.

23.0 EVENT WEBPAGE(S)

23.1 The Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club event webpage is located - <https://www.ncyc.net.au/>

23.2 The Bay Sailing Centre event webpage is located - <https://baysailingcentre.com.au/>