



## Hunter & Regional NSW Sailing League

14 & 15 January 2023

Join us on the harbour for an action-packed weekend of racing in front of Honeysuckle Hotel as we contest the club vs club Hunter & Regional NSW Sailing League qualification event.

Paving the way forward for our sport, come together with clubs from across the Hunter and Regional NSW in a competitive, fun, and spectator friendly event that allows each club's team to contest on a level playing field.



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

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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## **1 RULES**

- 1.1 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 Race Document, except in the event of a conflict with the Notice of Race in which case the Sailing Instructions will take precedence.
  - d) RRS 44.2 is changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.
  - e) The Elliott 6 User Agreement, available on the Event Webpage.

## **2 ENTRY & DAMAGES**

- 2.1 Only teams accepted by the Organising Authority (OA) will be eligible to compete.
- 2.2 The damage liability is the limit of liability of each skipper for each incident. In the event that a team is liable to cover any repair/maintenance costs, the skipper may be required to resolve the matter, up to a maximum liability of \$1000 per incident, prior to the next raceday.
- 2.3 Each skipper is responsible for the damage or loss to their boat unless responsibility is otherwise assigned by the OA.
- 2.4 After the warning signal for a race the registered helmsperson shall not leave the helm for the duration of that race, except in an emergency. The helmsperson shall be a registered crew member.
- 2.5 When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event, the Race Committee may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

## **3 COMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS**

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the event webpage – <https://www.ncyc.net.au/inshore-racing/nsw-sailing-league-regional/>
- 3.2 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagstaff located on top of the floating shed on F-arm of the marina.
- 3.3 At least one representative from each team must attend the daily briefing which will be at 0900hrs on each raceday in the NCYC Clubhouse unless excused by the OA.

## **4 SUPPLIED YACHTS**

- 4.1 The event will be sailed in Elliott 6 class yachts.
- 4.2 The sails to be used will be allocated by the Race Committee.
- 4.3 Competitors shall not alter, reposition or add to the standard sailing equipment as supplied by NCYC in accordance with the Elliott 6 User Agreement.
- 4.4 Flags are not supplied to competitors. It is recommended that teams carry their own red flag to initiate a protest if required.

## **5 IDENTIFICATION & ASSIGNMENT OF BOATS AND SAILS**

- 5.1 Boats will be identified by the Sail Number.
- 5.2 Boats and sails will be assigned by the OA.
- 5.3 Each team will be assigned a 'Sail Number' (A, B, C, etc.). Teams shall collect their Sail Number patches at the Briefing and attach them to the forward end of their mainsail using the velcro provided.

## 6 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 6.1 The event shall be windward/leeward fleet racing format.
- 6.2 Subsequent races will be started as soon as practical after the preceding race.
- 6.3 The schedule is as follows:

Time	Event
09.00am	Compulsory Competitors Briefing
	Access to boats and sails available
10.55am	First Warning Signal
	Viewing from Honeysuckle Hotel
ASAP after racing	Daily Results & Happy Hour in the NCYC Clubhouse

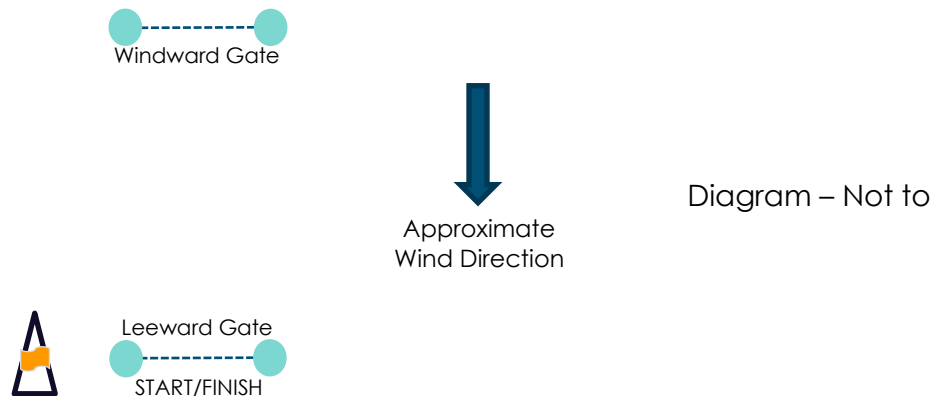
## 7 RACING AREA

- 7.1 The intended racing area will be in the vicinity of Honeysuckle Hotel, in the Basin of Newcastle Harbour.

## 8 COURSE

- 8.1 The courses shall be windward/leeward configurations.
- 8.2 The Gate Marks will be green inflatable buoys.
- 8.3 The course descriptions are:

COURSE CONFIGURATION
Start (LG) – WG – LG – WG – Finish (LG)



## 9 THE START

- 9.1 The starting line will be between the Leeward Gate Marks illustrated in SI 8 Course.
- 9.2 Start signals will be made in accordance with RRS 26.
- 9.3 The Class Flag will be International Code Flag "E".
- 9.4 A boat shall start not later than 5 minutes after her start signal.

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## **10 THE FINISH**

- 10.1 The starting/finishing line will be a straight line between the Leeward Gate Marks illustrated in SI 8 Course.

## **11 TIME LIMIT**

- 11.1 The Finishing Window will be 10 minutes, that is, within ten minutes of the first boat to finish.
- 11.2 Boats not finishing within the time limit shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This Changes RRS 35.

## **12 PROTESTS**

- 12.1 A boat intending to protest another boat shall inform the race committee by hailing the race committee as soon as possible after finishing that race.
- 12.2 Arbitration may be implemented as per Appendix T.
- 12.3 The Protest Time Limit will be 60 minutes after the last boat finishes.

## **13 SCORING**

- 13.1 There will be a maximum of eight (8) races per day.
- 13.2 The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A5.2 will apply.
- 13.3 No drops will apply.

## **14 MEDIA RIGHTS AND RESTRICTIONS**

- 14.1 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, for any purpose and in any media, photographs and video and audio recordings taken of boats and competitors during the event.

## **15 PRIZES**

- 15.1 Prizes will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> placed teams overall at the Prizegiving Ceremony on the last day of racing.
- 15.2 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

## **16 DISCLAIMER**

All those participating in the event do so at their own risk and responsibility. Competitors must acknowledge this prior to competing and release the OA and its sponsors and their respective officers, employees, volunteers and members from all liability by signing a form provided by the OA.

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."*