

NOTICE OF RACE

Race Start -

6.30pm Friday, 24th November 2023

Safety Category -

Category 3 Equipment Audit

Divisions -

- Mixed PHS, IRC, ORCclub,
- Two Handed (autopilot allowed)

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Race shall be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), Appendixes and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) and the current IRC rules.
- 1.2 Double-Handed competitors will be permitted the use of autopilots when more than 500m from the Port of Newcastle entrance. This changes RRS 52.

2 ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 All yachts shall be self-righting monohulls.
- 2.2 Yachts shall provide a current and completed Equipment Audit Form indicating compliance with a minimum of Category 3 of the Australian Sailing Safety Regulations.
- 2.3 The owner of the yacht shall provide a copy of a marine legal liability insurance policy with respect to the yacht, current when racing, with an adequate sum insured of not less than AUD\$10 million (or its equivalent in another currency). The policy must be in effect throughout the event.
- 2.4 Yachts entering the IRC and/or ORCclub divisions shall hold a current rating certificate for the relevant discipline(s).
- 2.5 Yachts crews shall study the Newcastle Harbour Safety Booklet and the skipper shall submit the Harbour Safety Declaration as part of online entry.
- 2.6 Minimum Age
 - 2.6.1 Competitors shall have attained their 16th birthday by 24th November 2023.
 - 2.6.2 The majority of any crew shall have a minimum age of at least 18 years.
- 2.7 Personal Beacons
 - 2.7.1 Each person onboard shall have a Personal Locator Beacon registered with AMSA.
 - 2.7.2 For double handed entrants, each person onboard shall have an AIS personal beacon
- 2.8 Crew Qualifications
 - 2.8.1 At least two persons onboard shall have a current First Aid Certificate.
 - 2.8.2 At least two persons onboard shall have previous night sailing experience.
 - 2.8.3 At least two persons onboard shall have a current Sea Safety Survival Course.
 - 2.8.4 Crew under the age of 18 shall provide evidence to the Race Committee demonstrating past sailing experience. The Race Committee may, in its absolute discretion, refuse to allow any crew member aged between 16 and 18 years of age to participate in the race.

3 ENTRIES

- 3.1 Entries to be made online at the event webpage:
<https://www.ncyc.net.au/offshore-racing/hunter-100/>
- 3.2 This race is part of the Ocean Pointscore series. Online entry to the Ocean Pointscore (or casual race entry) is required to participate in this event.

4 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date	Time	Event
Thursday, 23 rd November 2023	1800	Compulsory Competitor Briefing
Friday, 24 th November 2023	1830	Race Start near Queens Wharf
	1940	Sunset
Saturday, 25 th November 2023	0539	Sunrise
	1941	Sunset
Sunday, 26 th November 2023	Approx 1600	Prizegiving Ceremony

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1 Sailing Instructions will be available on the event webpage by 1700hrs on the Monday prior to the first race.
- 5.2 Any additional Sailing Instructions or Notices to Competitors will be posted on the online noticeboard.

6 SCORING

- 6.1 The Scoring System to be used will be the Low Points System, RRS Appendix A 5.2
- 6.2 Yachts may compete in multiple divisions including PHS, IRC and ORCclub, and Double-Handed.
- 6.3 Arbitration may be used in accordance with RRS Appendix T.

7 PRIZES

- 7.1 Prizes will be awarded to 1st place in each division. Additional places may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

8 CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- 8.1 Specific attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 3 (Decision to race), which states: *"The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."*
- 8.2 Competitors participating in the Hunter 100 do so at their own risk. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the race.
- 8.3 By lodging an entry, the entrant gives absolute right and permission for any photographs and/or video footage of the yacht and crew to be published in any media for any editorial, publicity or advertising purposes.

9 BERTHING

- 9.1 Entrants are advised that NCYC offers (limited) complimentary berthing to visiting entrants. Contact the Sailing Office to discuss this possibility.

10 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 10.1 For further information about the Hunter 100 race, visit the event webpage – <https://www.ncyc.net.au/offshore-racing/hunter-100/>
- 10.2 Alternatively, contact us directly –

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