

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Briefing –

6:00pm Thursday, 23rd November 2023

Race Start –

6:30pm Friday, 24th November 2023

Course –

Start – Bird Is. (P) – Cabbage Tree Is. (S) – Finish

**HUNTER 100 – A BLUEWATER CLASSIC
NEWCASTLE CRUISING YACHT CLUB
24TH NOVEMBER 2023**

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) as published by World Sailing and the prescriptions and amendments made by Australian Sailing.
- 1.2 Yachts shall comply with the current Australian Sailing Special Regulations Category 4.
- 1.3 Yachts sailing in IRC Division shall comply with the current IRC Rules Parts 1, 2 and 3.
- 1.4 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 RACE CONDITIONS

- 2.1 Newcastle Harbour is a very busy commercial port. A motor may be used by a yacht while racing to keep out of the way of commercial shipping (i.e. move out of the channel when a ship is approaching). RRS 42.3(i) allows propulsion using an engine, provided the boat does not gain significant advantage in the race.
- 2.2 All boats racing at NCYC will have engines running within the Harbour and when within 500m to seaward of the entrance during departure and arrival. A boat that cannot manoeuvre safely, and is in danger of hindering any commercial shipping, shall only use her engine FOR PROPULSION to clear such shipping. This changes RRS 42. Competitors are reminded that a restricted navigation zone exists on approach to and within Newcastle Harbour (refer to Chart AUS207)
- 2.3 If when racing with NCYC, a yacht receives a “5 horn blast” from commercial shipping (meaning “I am in doubt about your action taken to avoid a collision”), the offending boat may be disqualified from that race without a hearing. This changes RRS Appendix A5.

2.4

Crews are reminded that Newcastle Harbour and approaches are a restricted navigation zone. Recreational yachts need remain clear of commercial shipping. Sailing Instruction 2.2 provides the ability for race yachts to use their engines to move away from commercial shipping without incurring a penalty.

Minimum Distances



3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the online notice board located on the event webpage – <https://www.ncyc.net.au/offshore-racing/hunter-100/>
- 3.2 The race frequency shall be VHF Ch 77. This channel may be used by the race committee to communicate with competitors and/or broadcast general information throughout the event.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1200 hrs on the day it will take effect.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag pole. The event flag pole will be on the NCYCs Floating Shed on F-arm of the marina.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the RRS Race Signals.

6 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 6.1 The following schedule is indicative only and may be varied at the discretion of the Race Committee:

Date	Time	Event
<i>Thursday, 23rd November 2023</i>	1800	Compulsory Competitor Briefing
<i>Friday, 24th November 2023</i>	1830	Race Start
	<i>1940</i>	<i>Sunset</i>
<i>Saturday, 25th November 2023</i>	<i>0539</i>	<i>Sunrise</i>
	<i>1941</i>	<i>Sunset</i>
<i>Sunday, 26th November 2023</i>	<i>1600 (approx)</i>	<i>Prizegiving Ceremony</i>

7 SIGNING ON

- 7.1 Each race entrant shall make contact with the Race Committee Vessel (RCV) on VHF Channel 77 prior to starting to confirm the number of persons on board (POB).
- 7.2 By reporting in with the RCV, a race entrant declares that crew details have been correctly entered on the online entry system and that it is in compliance with the entry requirements. If the number of POB declared does not match the data entered into the online crew list, the entrant shall be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS Appendix A4.

8 POSITION REPORTS

- 8.1 All boats shall provide mandatory position reports while racing at 2100hrs, 0000hrs, 0300hrs, 0600hrs, 0900hrs, 1200hrs, 1500hrs, 1800hrs, and every 3hrs until safely finished and in port.
- 8.2 Position Reports shall be submitted online via the event webpage – <https://www.ncyc.net.au/offshore-racing/hunter-100/>
- 8.3 All boats shall activate Kwindoo Tracking app - <https://kwindoo.com/app>
- 8.4 Failure to comply with SI 8.1, 8.2, and/or 8.3 without reasonable cause may result in the imposition of a penalty as per below at the discretion of the race committee having regard to the circumstances. This changes RRS 60.2 –

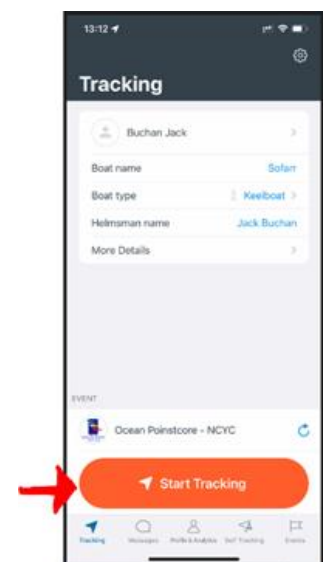
Failure to comply	Penalty Imposed
First position report missed	20 minutes added to elapsed time
Each subsequent position report missed	40 minutes added to elapsed time
Kwindoo Tracking app not active	No penalty

The Kwindoo Tracking app is a simple (free) app for your smartphone. You can skip registration, and type in your boat name, and START TRACKING to make your boat visible on the live race map.

We'll use this to –

- a) Keep track of the fleet; and
- b) Share the tracker map via social media

Download the app to your smartphone – <https://kwindoo.com/app>



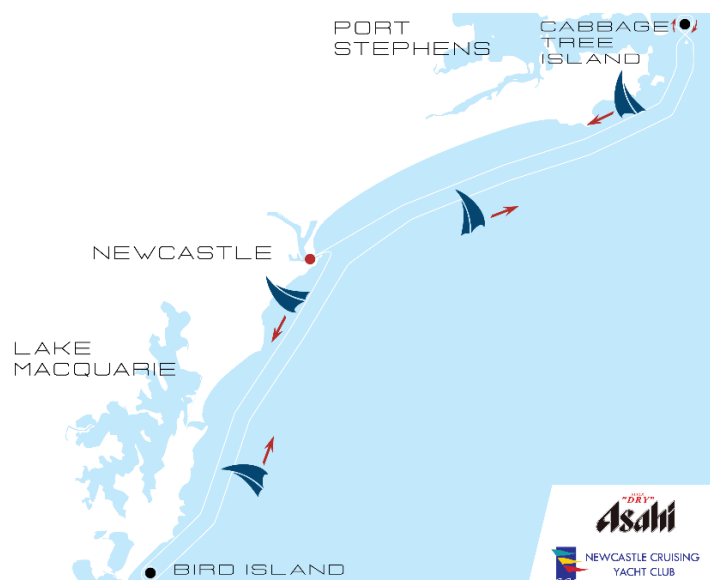
9 THE START

- 9.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26. The Warning Signal will be code flag "E".
- 9.2 The Start Line will be an imaginary line between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RCV in the vicinity of Scratchleys Restaurant and the East Cardinal Mark opposite.
- 9.3 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS Appendix A4.
- 9.4 As an alternative to SI 9.2, the Race Committee may direct the fleet to commence motoring towards the next mark of the course until such time as the Race Committee considers conditions appropriate to start the race. Should this occur, a Start Line will be created offshore between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RCV and a buoy. Yachts will start the race by crossing the line in the direction of the next mark.

10 THE COURSE

- 10.1 The course will be as follows:
Start – Bird Island (P) – Cabbage Tree Island (S) - Finish
- 10.2 Competitors are required to submit regular Position Updates every 3hrs as described in SI 8.1
- 10.3 Competitors are required to submit a Finish Declaration when finishing at the designated finishing line as described in SI 12.

Finish Declarations are to be made via the event website –
<https://www.ncyc.net.au/offshore-racing/hunter-100/>



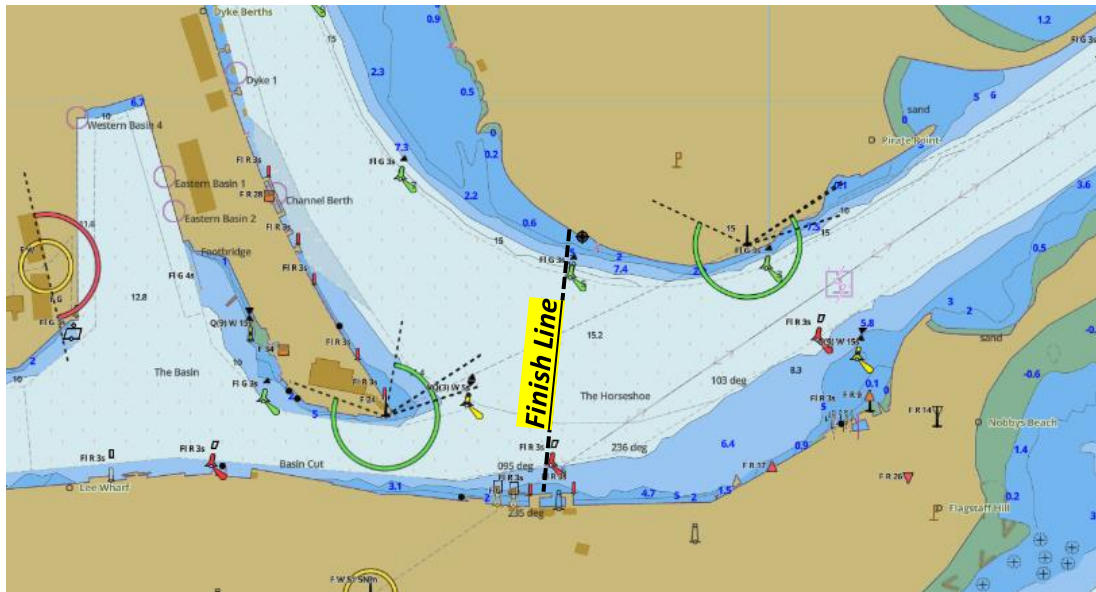
11 MARK DESCRIPTIONS

- 11.1 Mark Descriptions as follows:

Mark	Location	Description
<i>Bird Island (P)</i>	Lat 33°14'S / Long 151°36.2'E	Island
<i>Cabbage Tree Island (S)</i>	Lat 32°41.4'S / Long 152°13.5'E	Island

12 THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finish line will be in Newcastle Harbour between the Starboard Lateral Mark No. 5 in the vicinity of Stockton Ferry Wharf and the Port Lateral Mark No. 6 in the vicinity of Queens Wharf (and their continued transits to the shoreline).



- 12.2 Competitors are required to submit a Finish Declaration when finishing at the designated finishing line. The Finish Declaration includes –

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13 RETIREMENTS

- 13.1 Yachts retiring from racing shall notify the Race Committee at her earliest opportunity and will then notify that she has safely arrived in port. Communication shall be by mobile to 0418 257 828.

14 TIME LIMITS

- 14.1 ***Time Limits are as follows:***

Type	Time Limit
Race Time Limit	2359hrs – Saturday 25 th November 2023
Protest Time Limit	90 minutes after the last boat finishes

- 14.2 Boats failing to finish within the Race Time Limit will be scored Time Limit Expiry (TLE) which will be points equal to the number of yachts finishing within the time limit plus 30% of the number of starters rounded up to the nearest whole number without a hearing, but not more than the score for Did Not Finish (DNF). This amends RRS 35, A4 and A5.

15 PROTESTS, ARBITRATION AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished.
- 15.3 Notices will be posted on the online notice board no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and where the hearings will be held.
- 15.4 An Arbitration Hearing may be called as per RRS Appendix T.
- 15.5 A request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 16.1 By lodging an entry, the owner agrees to be bound by the rules and conditions of this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.
- 16.2 By lodging an entry, the owner acknowledges that 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"
- 16.3 By lodging an entry, the owner 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.

17 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 17.1 For further information please contact us:

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