

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT REGATTA 2026

Join us on the Harbour for the Youth Development Regatta racing in the Club's fleet of Force 24 keelboats.

Saturday 21st March 2026

The event aims to bring together youth sailors from the NCYC Sailing Academy, other club's development programs and local youth dinghy sailors, and support their transition into the inshore keelboat racing environment.

Six crews will be formed from individual registrations and they will be supported onboard by one of our Academy's Coaches/Mentor Skippers. The Coach/Mentor will aim to foster sailors keelboat sailing development and encourage crews to swap roles (including helming if interested) during the event – providing opportunities to develop skills in all areas.

A Training Morning will be held from 8:30am to 1:00pm to introduce further skills and knowledge required when racing and allow newly-formed crews to work on their boat handling & teamwork prior to the regatta in the afternoon from 1:30pm -5:30pm.



NOTICE OF RACE

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 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing;
- b) 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 The event is open to individual participants who have attained their 11th birthday but not yet attained their 19th birthday on the first day of the event.

4.2 The event is aimed at graduates who have attended a course conducted by the NCYC Sailing Academy including *OutThere Sailing*, *Tackers*, School Keelboat Sailing, or a Discover Sailing Experience through Cubs/Scouts etc, as well as graduates from other Club's youth development programs and dinghy sailors who wish to make a transition onto inshore keelboats.

4.3 Each participant must be a Junior or Training Member of NCYC (all Academy participants automatically become a training member as part of their course registration), or a sailing member of another yacht/sailing club with a current Australian Sailing Number.

5 ENTRY

5.1 Individual participants may register by completing the online entry via the RevSport booking system - <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/ncyc/events/339629>

5.2 Entries shall be accompanied by a \$125 Entry Fee which includes: Shore-based training session, training & racing access to boats, a mentor skipper/coach, on-water snacks, lunch (in the Clubhouse), prizegiving celebration and prizes.

5.3 Up to 24 participants will be accepted by the OA on a first come first served basis.

5.4 A "Reserve List" will be created should there be greater numbers of participants than spaces available. A Reserve List Application will be available on the event webpage when entries are full.

5.5 Any participants under the age of 18 years on the first day of the event will be required to have their parent/guardian complete their entry.

6 TEAM FORMATION & STRUCTURE

- 6.1 An allocated NCYC Sailing Academy Coach/Mentor Skipper shall be onboard the boat at all times during the event.
- 6.2 The number of crew on each boat (including the allocated Academy Coach/Mentor Skipper) shall be four (4) or five (5).
- 6.3 The OA will allocate individual participants to teams based on experience to equalize crews. Participants may nominate who they would like to sail with, or even form teams of four sailors themselves.
- 6.4 Team Allocations will be advised by the OA.
- 6.5 Crew members may substitute as skipper for each race. Changes to skippers may only occur between races or in the case of an emergency.
- 6.6 The Academy Coach/Mentor may retake the helm at any point during the event, including whilst racing, if they deem necessary to do so. No penalty will apply.

7 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 7.1 The event shall be windward/leeward 'fleet racing' format.
- 7.2 There shall be a maximum of four (4) races.
- 7.3 Subsequent races will be started as soon as practical after the preceding race.
- 7.4 The Schedule will be as follows:

Date	Time	Event
Saturday, 21st March 2026	8:30am	Registration in the Clubhouse upstairs in <i>The Foredeck</i>
	09:00am	Crew Education session – Rules, Race Management & Keelboat Sailing Training Session
	09:45am	Final Rigging of Boats and leave the dock
	10:00am	On-water Training Session
	12:30pm	Lunch in <i>The Foredeck</i>
	1:00pm	Competitor Briefing
	1:10pm	Prepare Boats & get onto the water
	1:45pm	First Warning Signal (up to 4 races)
	4:00pm	Latest Warning Signal
	4:30pm	Off water, stow sails and boats
5:00pm	Celebration & Prizegiving Ceremony in <i>The Foredeck</i>	

****The OA may alter this schedule at any time.***

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1** The Sailing Instructions will be posted on the event webpage by 1700 hours on the Tuesday prior to the first race.

9 SUPPLIED YACHTS

- 9.1** The boats to be used for the series will be the Sailing Academy's Force 24 class yachts.
- 9.2** Up to six (6) yachts may be provided and allocated by the OA.
- 9.3** One new racing Mainsail and Jib will be provided and a spinnaker with each yacht.
- 9.4** Yachts will be allocated by the OA

10 SCORING

- 10.1** The event will consist of a maximum of four (4) races.
- 10.2** The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A5.2 of the RRS will apply.
- 10.3** All scores will be counted; no score shall be excluded.

11 PRIZES

- 11.1** Prizes to competitors and teams will be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

12 MEDIA, IMAGES & SOUND

- 12.1** 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 the purpose of promoting sailing and the NCYC in any media, photographs and video and audio recordings taken of boats and competitors during the event.

13 DISCLAIMER

- 13.1** 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*"

14 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 14.1** Email: sailingdevelopment@ncyc.net.au
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Web: <https://www.ncyc.net.au/inshore-racing/#development>