

Marine Notice

Navigation Restriction

Marine Safety Act 1998
NH2637

Sailing Race

Where

Port Stephens – north of breakwall d’Albora Marinas, Nelson Bay

When

- Monday 13 April – Saturday 18 April 2026 – 10:00am to 12:30pm

Activity/Event

Vessel operators are advised that The Commodores Cup yacht race will be held on Port Stephens, to the north of d’Albora Marinas Nelson Bay. The race will include approximately 120 vessels and will be staggered from 10:00am to approximately 12:30pm on the days mentioned above.

Exclusion zone

Due to the potential to affect the safety of navigation, Transport for NSW has granted an Exclusive Use Aquatic Licence to The Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club to conduct the activity, and an **Exclusion Zone** will be established on the navigable waters of Port Stephens. The Zone will extend 500m north from the northern rock breakwall at d’Albora Marinas in the east and from there, west approximately 650m. The Zone will be marked at each by yellow special-mark buoys. There will be a transit zone approximately 50m wide at the southern boundary of the Zone allowing east west passage following the shoreline. The Zone will be patrolled by control vessels and a diagram of the Zone appears below.

Directions

Transport for NSW advises that in relation to the exclusion zone:

No unauthorised vessels or persons are permitted to enter the zone and to do so may be an offence (*Marine Safety Act 1998*, s.18B(4) — Maximum Penalty \$1,100.00).

Persons within the exclusion zone must comply with a direction given by any Boating Safety Officer or Police Officer to leave the exclusion zone. Failure to comply with the direction is an offence (*Marine Safety Act 1998*, s.18B(4) - Maximum Penalty \$1,100).

Persons within the vicinity of the exclusion zone must comply with any other direction given by any Boating Safety Officer or Police Officer that may be necessary for marine safety during the event. Failure to comply with any such direction is an offence (*Marine Safety Act 1998*, 15A(2) - Maximum Penalty \$3,300.00).

Maps and charts affected

To see the area affected, refer to:

Transport for NSW Boating Map – 7A

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/2021-06/7a-port-stephens-karuah-broughton.pdf>

Contact Transport for NSW information line

For further information concerning this navigation restriction, please contact the Transport for NSW information line on:

Phone: [13 12 36](tel:131236)

Monday – Friday

8:30am - 5:00pm

Saturday - Sunday

8:30am - 4:30pm

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