

Newcastle to Port Stephens Race

Join us on Sunday 14th April 2024 as we race toward the iconic Sail Port Stephens destination.

Just a day trip away from Sydney, Newcastle offers an ideal stopover location for owners and crews heading north to Sail Port Stephens.

We're convinced that when more than x50 yachts are headed to the same place at the same time, a classic boat race is inevitable!

Join us as we complete the journey north to Sail Port Stephens!



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NOTICE OF RACE

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.

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 4 of the Australian Sailing Safety Regulations or NCYC's modified [Category 7 *PLUS*](#)

2.3 Any yacht wishing to compete that does not meet 2.2 requirements may be approved by the Organising Authority following receipt of a written request from the owner of the yacht regarding the yacht's non-compliance with 2.2. The Organising Authority may require certain conditions to be met if it elects to provide such a dispensation. Such a request should be lodged with at least 30 days notice prior to the event start date.

2.4 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 will state that the yacht is covered for races in which it is participating or that it is covered for races of a length greater than the length of the race in which it is participating. The policy must be in effect throughout the event.

2.5 Yachts entering the IRC and/or ORCclub divisions shall hold a current rating certificate for the relevant discipline(s).

2.6 Yachts crews shall study the Newcastle Harbour Safety Information Booklet and provide the Organising Authority with a Harbour Safety Declaration. This can be completed on the event webpage.

3 ENTRIES

3.1 Entries to be made online at the event webpage:

<https://www.ncyc.net.au/offshore-racing/newcastle-to-port-stephens-race/>

3.2 An Entry Fee of \$65 (inc GST) will apply.

3.3 Entry cut-off date is 2359hrs Wednesday 10th April 2024. Late Entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

4 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Time	Event
0830	Competitor Briefing
0955 (Warning Signal)	Newcastle to Port Stephens Race
ASAP after racing	Social Event & Presentation at Sail Port Stephens Regatta HQ.

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 event webpage.

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.
- 6.3 Yachts will be required to submit a Finish Declaration to notify their finish time.
- 6.4 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 Competitors participating in the Newcastle to Port Stephens Race do so at their own risk (see RRS 4: Decision to Race). 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.
- 8.2 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 one night free berthing on Saturday 13th April 2024 to visiting entrants. Boats intending to claim this offer must make a booking with the Marina Office. Please call NCYC's Dockmaster on 0408 299 512 to confirm your intended arrival time/date.
- 9.2 Entrants are required to make their own berthing arrangements at Port Stephens.

10 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 10.1 For further information about the Newcastle to Port Stephens Race, visit the event webpage – <https://www.ncyc.net.au/offshore-racing/newcastle-portstephens-race/>
- 10.2 Alternatively, contact us directly –

Race Entry Sailing Office
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