



Commodore's Cup 31 March-5 April, 2025

Notice of Race



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NEWCASTLE CRUISING
YACHT CLUB



**SAIL PORT STEPHENS
COMMODORES CUP CRUISING SERIES – (PHS)
31st March – 5th April 2025**

NOTICE OF RACE

1. Invitation

The Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club, the organising authority, invites entries from owners and charterers of suitable boats to race on the waters of Port Stephens and surrounding waters of Port Stephens between 31st March – 5th April 2025. Sail Port Stephens comprises Commodores Cup Cruising Class and Commodores Cup Cruising Non-Spinnaker Class and will comprise one race per day with mostly fixed marks as course marks. Some races will be around nearby islands. Australian Sailing Special Regulations Category 5 will apply.

2. Rules

- 2.1 The races shall be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing (WS), and the Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS), all as modified by the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.
- 2.2 RRS 2025-2028 rule numbering is used in this document.
- 2.4 Protest arbitration hearings may be conducted as per RRS Appendix T.
- 2.4 Boats shall request permission from the Race Committee to use movable and/or variable ballast for the purpose of increasing stability. Any such request must be accompanied by full details of the system involved, and any such system will be considered in establishing the yacht's handicap. Stored power may be used for the operation of movable ballast systems. RRS 51 and 52 are modified as required by this paragraph.
- 2.5 A current or fully amended paper chart AUS252 or Electronic Chart System (ECS) covering the sailing area shall be carried on board. All electronic chart data is to be downloaded to an ECS or available on a data storage device prior to starting and not dependent on internet or phone service connection.

3. Classes & Handicaps

- 3.1 The event will be sailed in separate classes as follows:

Class	Handicap System
Commodores Cup Cruising Class	Performance Handicap (PHS)
Commodores Cup Cruising Non-Spinnaker Class	Performance Handicap (PHS)

- 3.2 The organising authority may alter, amalgamate, or divide any class and may add classes as required at any time up to the first race of the series without amending the Notice-of-Race. The organising authority may cancel any class if fewer than seven (7) entries have been received by the closing date. In this event, boats that have entered will have the option of transferring to another class (if eligible) or having their entry fee refunded.
- 3.3 Performance Handicap classes results will be decided by the application of Time Correction Factor (TCF) as a multiplier of elapsed time. The TCF will be determined by the Sail Port Stephens Handicap Committee and will not be subject to request for redress (amends RRS 60.1 and 61).

4. Eligibility

- 4.1 All boats shall be well found and in a seaworthy condition.
- 4.2 Commodores Cup Classes will be handicapped by the Sail Port Stephens Handicap Committee.
- 4.3 Yachts not having sail numbers will be required to carry identification numbers on the hull which may be provided by the Race Committee.



- 4.4 The owner or charterer of a boat entered in Sail Port Stephens 2025 shall hold a marine legal liability insurance policy with respect to the boat, current when racing and not 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 boat 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 will be in effect throughout Sail Port Stephens 2025.
- 4.5 All boats shall have at least two crew over the age of eighteen (18) years of age at the start of the regatta.

5. Safety

- 5.1 AS Special Regulations (SR) Part 1 Category 5 shall apply to all classes. All Boats shall carry a working VHF radio.
- 5.2 All boats shall produce a current AS Special Regulations Compliance Form at registration.

6. Entries

- 6.1 Entries to be made online at the Sail Port Stephens website (www.sailportstephens.com) and will be received no later than 1700 hrs Sunday 23rd March 2025. **The Entry Fee does not include berthage** (see NoR 13)

Series	Entry Fee (AU\$)	Additional Late Fees
Commodores Cup 31st March – 5th April 2025		
Commodores Cup Cruising Class	\$550.00	\$80
Commodores Cup Cruising Non-Spinnaker Class	\$550.00	\$80

- 6.2 Boats shall enter either Commodores Cup Cruising Class or Commodores Cup Cruising Non-Spinnaker Class.
- 6.3 The Race Committee may receive entries after the closing date with an additional fee. Please note:

7. Sailing Instructions

- 7.1 It is the intention to have Sailing Instructions available on the event website from Wednesday 26th March 2025. Printed copies will be provided to all competitors at registration.



8. Schedule of Events

Date	Series	Event
Sunday 30 th March	Commodores Cup	Registration 1400hrs – 1700hrs (Regatta HQ)
Monday 31 st March	Commodores Cup	Registration 0800hrs – 1000hrs (Regatta HQ)
		Race 1
Tuesday 1 st April	Commodores Cup	Race 2
Wednesday 2 nd April	Commodores Cup	Race 3
Thursday 3 rd April	All Classes	Reserve Day
Friday 4 th April	Commodores Cup	Race 4
Saturday 5 th April	Commodores Cup	Race 5

On the last day of scheduled races, no warning signal will be made after 1430hrs.
The Race Committee may make changes to this schedule at any time.

9. Scoring System

- 9.1 The scoring system will be the Low Points System, RRS Appendix A, except all race scores will count. One completed race will constitute a series.

SERIES NAME	No. Races
Commodores Cup Cruising	5
Commodores Cup Cruising Non-Spinnaker	5

10. Conditions of Entry

- 10.1 By lodging an entry, the owner/charterer agrees to be bound by all the rules and conditions of the races.
- 10.2 By lodging an entry, the owner/charterer acknowledges the possibility of and accepts the risks associated with a) the perils of the sea; b) the seaworthiness or otherwise of any yacht participating in Sail Port Stephens 2025; c) the participation, including negligent participation, by all persons in Sail Port Stephens 2025, including participation as owner, charterer, crew person, official, race organiser or otherwise; d) the defaults, acts and omissions, of Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club and its officers, and the crews of all yachts.
- 10.3 By lodging an entry, the owner/charterer acknowledges and accepts that Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club a) does not and cannot control, diminish, or affect the perils of the sea; b) does not certify, or carry out inspections with respect to the seaworthiness or suitability to race of any yacht; c) is not in a position to provide advice, assistance or support to yachts and crews during the course of a race.
- 10.4 By lodging an entry, the owner/charterer agrees that the entered yacht is covered by suitable legal liability insurance of at least AU\$10,000,000 (or foreign currency equivalent), valid for racing, and current for the duration of Sail Port Stephens 2025.
- 10.5 By lodging an entry, the owner/charterer agrees that: a) it is a fundamental condition of entry that he/she releases, holds harmless and indemnifies Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club, its office bearers, servants, agents and members and the sponsors of Sail Port Stephens 2025 from all liability any of those persons has to the owner/charterer or any crew member on the owner/charterer's yacht, or to any person claiming through or under any such person arising from loss or damage howsoever caused, including negligent act or omission, arising out of or relating to: i) participation by the owner/charterer's yacht or any other yacht in a race; ii) the conduct or course of the race in any respect including, without limitation, any act or omission (whether reasonably foreseeable or not) causing or relating to loss of or damage to any



yacht or the death or injury of any person; or iii) any of the matters referred to in the paragraphs above; b) participation by the yacht and by the crew Sail Port Stephens 2025 is agreed by Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club on the basis that participation is entirely at the risk of the owner/charterer and each member of the crew on the owner/charterer's yacht; c) the owner/charterer will provide each crew member or proposed crew member with a copy of these Conditions of Entry.

10.6 By lodging an entry, the owner/charterer gives absolute right and permission for any photographs and/or video footage of the boat and crew to be published in any media for any editorial, publicity or advertising purposes.

11. Prizes and Trophies

11.1 Trophies will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place overall in each Class and Division. Trophies will be presented as soon as practical after racing on Saturday 5th April 2025 at Regatta Headquarters, Port Stephens.

12. Internet Site

The event website for Sail Port Stephens 2025 is located at www.sailportstephens.com.au and information regarding the event may be obtained from this site.

13. Mooring Arrangement Facilities

13.1 Moorings for competing keelboats in the marinas at Port Stephens (d'Albora Marina, Nelson Bay; Anchorage Marina, Corlette Point; and Soldiers Point Marina, Soldiers Point) may be available for the period 1200 hrs Sunday 31st March 2025 – 1200 hrs Sunday 6th April 2025.

13.2 Please make all berthing bookings with each of the marinas. It is a condition of entry that yachts must moor in accordance with the directions of the Marina Managers.

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