



# SAIL PORT STEPHENS BAY SERIES – WL RACING

**Incorporating the 2024 Australian Sports Boat Association  
NSW Titles**

**3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

## **NOTICE OF RACE**

### **1. Invitation**

The Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club, as 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 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024. Sail Port Stephens Bay Series WL Racing will comprise up to three races per day for a scheduled nine race series.

### **2. Rules**

- 2.1 The races shall be governed by the rules as defined in the 2021 – 2024 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing (WS), Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS), all as modified by the Sailing Instructions.
- 2.2 Protest arbitration hearings may be conducted as per RRS Appendix T.
- 2.3 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.
- 2.4 2024 Australian Sports Boat Association NSW Titles:
  - 2.4.1 The Australian Sports Boat Association Constitution available at [www.asba.org.au](http://www.asba.org.au)
  - 2.4.2 Rule 49.1 of RRS shall not apply to Melges 24 and Magic 25 Sports Boats if racing in compliance with their respective class rules and it is noted on the Sports Boats Handicap Certificate that the racing incorporates hiking devices.
  - 2.4.3 The ASBA Constitution requires that boats must carry an operable motor of at least 3hp. Outboards must be permanently mounted in ready to operate position.
  - 2.4.4 ASBA Constitution section 4.1.13 shall not apply to Elliott 7's if racing in full compliance with their respective class rules.
  - 2.4.5 Competitors must wear buoyancy vest/aids to Australian Sailing Standard while racing.
  - 2.4.6 All boats nominating for the ASBA NSW Titles must hold current membership of the ASBA (Clause 5 of the ASBA Constitution) and meet the Criteria for eligible boats (Clause 4 of the ASBA Constitution), or have an exemption granted by the ASBA committee.

### **3. Classes & Handicaps**

- 3.1 The event will be sailed in separate classes as follows:
  - Australian Sportsboat Association NSW Titles (CBH and LTP)
  - Sportsboat Division (CBH)
  - J70 Class (Scratch)
  - J24 Class (Scratch)
  - other classes (by request)
- 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 For the Sportsboat Division, 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 Class Based Handicap (CBH). All other divisions will be scratch results.

#### 4. Eligibility

4.1 All boats shall be well found and in a seaworthy condition.

4.2 All boats in sportsboat division shall hold a valid rating certificate (CBH) at the time of the races.

4.4 All yachts shall display Sail Numbers as per RRS.

4.5 The owner or charterer of a boat entered in Sail Port Stephens 2024 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 2024.

4.6 All boats shall have at least one crew over the age of eighteen (18) years of age from the start of the regatta.

#### 5. Safety

5.1 Australian Sailing Special Regulations Category 7 shall apply.

5.2 All Boats shall carry a working VHF radio.

5.3 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](http://www.sailportstephens.com)) and will be received no later than 1700 hrs Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2024. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the OA accompanied by the applicable Late Fee.

Series	Entry Fee (AUS\$)	Additional Late Fees
Bay Series WL Racing (3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2024)	\$365	\$80

6.2 Requests for entry cancellation and entry fee refund will be processed if the request is received by the OA up to three (3) weeks prior to the first race. The entry fee less a \$100 administration will be refunded. Thereafter, refunds will be made only in exceptional circumstances. If the event is abandoned or cancelled due to Government COVID restrictions, entry fees will be refunded in full.

6.3 The Race Committee may receive entries after the closing date with an additional fee. Please note: **The Entry Fee does not include berthage** (see NoR 13)

#### 7. Sailing Instructions

7.1 It is the intention to have Sailing Instructions available on the event website from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2024. Printed copies will be provided to all competitors at registration.

## 8. Schedule of Events

Date	Time	Event
Friday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2024	8:30am to 9:30am	Registration at Port Stephens Yacht Club
	9:00am	Regatta Briefing at Port Stephens Yacht Club
	12:00 noon	First Warning Signal for up to x3 races
	6:00pm	Daily Prizes at Cheeky Dog from 6:30pm
Saturday, 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	12:00 noon	First Warning Signal for up to x3 races
	6:00pm	Daily Prizes at Cheeky Dog from 6:30pm
Sunday, 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	11:00am	First Warning Signal for up to x3 races
	ASAP After Racing	Prizegiving Ceremony at Cheeky Dog

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 A5.2, except all race scores will count. There will be no drops. One completed race will constitute a series.

SERIES NAME	No. Races
Bay Series – WL Racing	9

## 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 2024; c) the participation, including negligent participation, by all persons in Sail Port Stephens 2024, 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 2024.
- 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 2024 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 2024 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall in each Class and Division. Trophies will be presented as soon as practical after racing on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at Cheeky Dog, Bannisters Port Stephens.

**12. Internet Site**

The event website for Sail Port Stephens 2024 is located at [www.sailportstephens.com.au](http://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 during the event.

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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