



Bay Series - Sportsboats & J70s

2-4 May, 2025

Sailing Instructions



Event Page



NEWCASTLE CRUISING
YACHT CLUB

SAIL PORT STEPHENS BAY SERIES – SPORTSBOATS & J70s 2ND – 4TH MAY 2025

Incorporating:

Australian Sports Boat Association NSW Titles,
J70 Trophy

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club (NCYC), as the organising authority, will conduct Sail Port Stephens 2025 on Port Stephens and nearby waters from Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th May 2025. The event will be conducted from the Bay Sailing Centre as Regatta HQ located at Seaview Crescent, Soldiers Point.

1. Rules

- 1.1 The races shall be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing (WS), Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS), all as modified by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NOR and SI's means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 64
- 1.3 The notation '[NP]' denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1

1.2 2025 Australian Sports Boat Association NSW Titles:

- 1.2.1 The Australian Sports Boat Association Constitution available at www.asba.org.au
- 1.2.2 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.
- 1.2.3 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.
- 1.2.4 ASBA Constitution section 4.1.13 shall not apply to Elliott 7's if racing in full compliance with their respective class rules.
- 1.2.5 Competitors must wear buoyancy vest/aids to Australian Sailing Standard while racing.
- 1.2.6 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.

1.3 J70:

- 1.3.1 The OA will include the Vakaros Atlas 2 RaceSense as required equipment for this event. Each boat shall provide a working Atlas 2 at registration for configuration with RaceSense. A set of instructions about the use of the electronic device will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

2. Classes & Handicaps

- 2.1 The event will be sailed in separate classes as follows:
 - J70 Class
 - Australian Sportsboat Association NSW Titles

2.2 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.

2.3 For the Australian Sportsboat Association NSW Titles, 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 applicable rating (CBH and/or LTP). All other divisions will be scratch results.

3. Eligibility

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

3.2 All boats in the Australian Sportsboat Association NSW Titles shall hold a valid rating certificate (CBH and/or LTP) at the time of the races.

3.3 All yachts shall display Sail Numbers as per RRS.

3.4 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.

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

4. Safety

4.1 AS Special Regulations (SR) Part 1 Category 7 shall apply to all sportsboat and J70s.

4.2 All Boats shall carry a working VHF radio.

5. Notices to Competitors

5.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Online Noticeboard via the Sail Port Stephens website –

<https://www.sailportstephens.com.au/racing/bay-series-inshore-keelboats/>

5.2 Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Online Noticeboard at least one (1) hour before the scheduled start time of the first race for which they will take effect, or no later than 1900 hours on the preceding day for a change to the schedule.

6. Communication

6.1 The Race Committee may broadcast the course to be sailed, names/sail numbers of OCS boats, and/or other information of interest to competitors on the race frequency VHF Ch 69. The Race Committee may also transmit course information by Short Message Service (SMS). Any failure of, or defect in, such a broadcast will not be grounds for redress. This alters RRS 60.1 and 62.

6.2 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Official Flag mast located on the balcony at Bay Sailing Centre clubhouse.

- 6.3 When AP is displayed ashore “1 minute” is replaced with “ not less than 30 minutes” in the race signal AP. This changes Race Signals AP.

7. Schedule of Events

Date	Time	Division(s)	Event
Thursday, 1 st May 2025	4:00pm to 5:00pm	All divisions	Registration (downstairs at Bay Sailing Centre)
Friday, 2 nd May 2025	8:00am to 9:00am	All divisions	Registration (downstairs at Bay Sailing Centre)
	9:00am	All divisions	Regatta Briefing at Bay Sailing Centre (and Sail Port Stephens facebook live stream)
	12:00 noon	All divisions	First Warning Signal for up to x3 races
	6:00pm	All divisions	Daily Prizes at Cheeky Dog from 6:30pm
Saturday, 3 rd May 2025	12:00 noon	Sportsboat	First Warning Signal for x1 passage race
		J70	First Warning Signal for up to x3 races
	6:00pm	All divisions	Daily Prizes at Cheeky Dog from 6:30pm
Sunday, 4 th May 2025	11:00am	All divisions	First Warning Signal for up to x3 races
	ASAP After Racing	All divisions	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.*

8. The Start

- 8.1 The start line for races is described in Appendix A for windward leeward races, and Appendix B for passage races.
- 8.2 Boats starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes RRS A5.1.
- 8.3 Class Flags will be as follows –

Division	Class Flag
J70 Class	J70 Class Flag
Sportsboat Division	Yellow Flag

8.4 Vakaros for J70 division

- 8.4.1 The Vakaros RaceSense system will be used by the Race Committee and the relevant information will be available to all boats.
- 8.4.2 The visual identification of boats infringing RR29 and RRS 30 by the Race Committee is replaced with the electronic identification by the Vakaros RaceSense system. This changes RRS 29.1, 30.1, 30.2, 30.3 and 30.4.
- 8.4.3 A set of instructions about the use of the Vakaros system will be placed on the Online Noticeboard.
- 8.4.4 [DP] [NP] Each boat shall have a working Vakaros Atlas 2 configured for RaceSense at check-in, which shall be mounted on the aft side of the mast at all times while racing. Each boat shall either provide a working Atlas 2 at registration for configuration with RaceSense, or an Atlas 2 will be provided to any boat that does not have one available.
- 8.4.5 [DP] [NP] Competitors shall do their best to keep the system safe and active. They shall inform the Vakaros staff as soon as possible, on the water or ashore, about any problems encountered with the device.
- 8.4.6 [NP] Any kind of failure of an Atlas 2, the RaceSense system or communication systems shall not be grounds for a request for redress by a boat, Race Committee and Protest Committee. This changes RRS 41(c), RRS61.1, 61.4, and 63.2.
- 8.4.7 (i) If the RC displays a G (Golf) flag with one sound before the warning signal, SIs from 9.6 to 9.12 will not apply, and the Race Committee will signal individual recalls in accordance with RRS 29.1
(ii) Boats subject to individual recall under RRS 29.1 or boats breaking RRS 30.3 (U Flag Rule) or RRS 30.4 (Black Flag Rule) may be identified on the VHF Race Frequency. The failure to make such a broadcast shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a) and 61.4(a)

9. The Finish

- 9.1 The finish line for races is described in Appendix A for windward leeward races, and Appendix B for passage races.

10. Marks & Courses

- 10.1 Marks & Courses for races is described in Appendix A for windward leeward races, and Appendix B for passage races.

11. Time Limit

- 11.1 For windward/leeward races, the Finishing Window is 30 minutes after the first boat in a boat's division has finished.
- 11.2 For passage races, the race time limit is sunset.
- 11.3 Boats still racing when her finishing window expires will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35, A5.1.

12. Protests and Requests for Redress

- 12.1 Arbitration in accordance with RRS Appendix "T" may be used.
- 12.2 Protests not resolved by Arbitration, for any subsequent protest hearing the penalty given for a breach of a rule of Part 2 may be the arbitration penalty.
- 12.3 The arbitrator may be a member of any subsequent protest committee or may observe and give testimony to the protest committee. This changes RRS 63.3(a).

- 12.4 Protests shall be lodged at the Regatta Headquarters, Bay Sailing Centre, within 90 minutes of the finish time of the last boat in her class in the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. Protest forms will be available from Regatta Headquarters.
- 12.5 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as a witness. This will constitute official notice to all posted parties. Hearings will be held in the Protest Committee room located at Regatta Headquarters.
- 12.6 In accordance with RRS 64 the Jury may award a disqualification or a scoring penalty which may include no penalty.

13. Scoring

- 13.1 The scoring system will be the Low Points System, RRS Appendix A, except all race scores will count. There will be no drops. One completed race will constitute a series.

14. Disclaimer of Liability

- 14.1 All those taking part in races conducted by NCYC do so at their own risk and responsibility.
- 14.2 The NCYC is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.
- 14.3 Yacht owners, skippers and crew should be aware that there may be uncharted obstacles under the waters on which races are held. Such uncharted obstacles include reefs, rocks and sand bars which could be a danger to yachts and crews. NCYC accepts no responsibility for any damage to or loss of any yacht or for injury to or death of any crew person which may occur as a result of a collision with any underwater obstacle. All participants compete at their own risk.
- 14.4 Attention is drawn to RRS Rule 3: Decision to race: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

15. Prizes and Trophies

Prizes will be presented as soon as practical after racing on Sunday 4th May 2025 at Cheeky Dog, Bannisters Port Stephens.

16. Internet Site

- 16.1 The event website for Sail Port Stephens 2025 is located at –
<https://www.sailportstephens.com.au/racing/bay-series-inshore-keelboats/>

Information regarding the event including results and notices to competitors may be obtained from this site.

17. Mooring Arrangement Facilities

- 17.1 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.
- 17.2 Please make all berthing bookings directly with marinas. It is a condition of entry that yachts must moor in accordance with the directions of the Marina Managers.

18. For Further Details Contact:

Please direct enquiries to info@sailportstephens.com.au

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APPENDIX "A" WINDWARD/LEEWARD RACE COURSES

A1 THE START

A1.1 The starting line will be between the signal mast, displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel and a port-end starting mark.

A2 Changing the Next Leg of the Course

A2.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change, a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

A3 Marks Descriptions

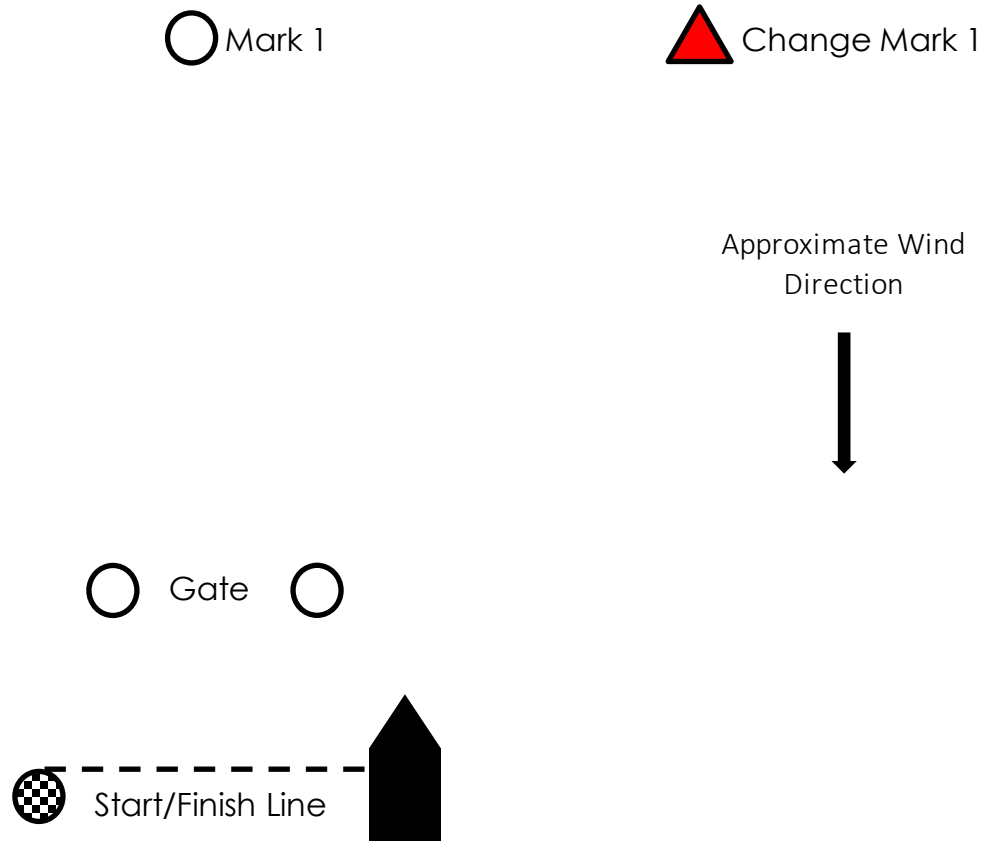
A3.1	Start/Finish Mark	<i>Black/White Check</i>
	Mark 1	<i>White</i>
	Change Mark 1	<i>Red Triangle</i>
	Gate	<i>White</i>

A4 Courses

A4.1 Course descriptions are described in the table below:

Course No.	Course to Sail (all marks, except the gate, to Port)
Numeral Pennant 1	<i>Start – Mark 1 – Finish</i>
Numeral Pennant 2	<i>Start – Mark 1 – Gate – Mark 1 – Finish</i>
Numeral Pennant 3	<i>Start – Mark 1 – Gate – Mark 1 – Gate – Mark 1 – Finish</i>

A4.2 Approximate course map for windward/leeward races is illustrated below:



A4.3 Boats shall sail between the Gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either Gate mark. If only one Gate mark is set, boats shall round the mark to port.

A5 The Finish

A5.1 The finishing line will be between the signal mast, displaying a blue flag on the Finishing Vessel and a nearby finishing mark.

APPENDIX "B" PASSAGE RACE COURSES

B1 THE START

B1.1 The starting line will be between the signal mast, displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel and a port-end starting mark.

B2 MARKS

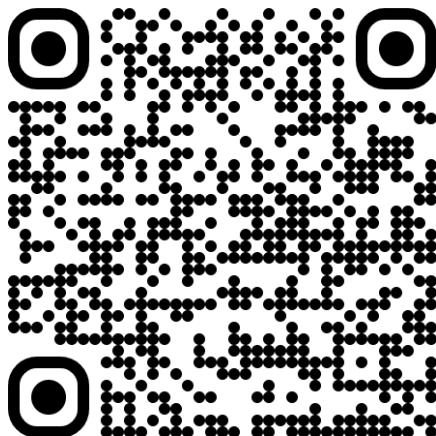
B2.1 The table below shows the marks of the course.

Course Marks	Mark Description
Boondaba Island	Approx S 32° 41.64', E 152° 04.02'
Cheeky Dog Mark	Red buoy at approx S 32° 42.81', E 152° 04.70'
Jimmys Beach	Yellow buoy at approx S 32° 41.26', E 152° 10.22'
Mark 1	Red buoy laid at approximately 0.5-1.5NM to windward of the starting line as the first rounding mark of the course. The direction of rounding the mark will be indicated from the RCV by displaying a red flag to indicate port rounding, or displaying a green flag for starboard rounding.
Nelson Head B	Yellow buoy at approx S 32° 42.15', E 152° 10.70'
North Arm Cove Mark	Yellow buoy at approx S 32° 40.93', E 152° 02.53'
Shoal Bay Resort A	Yellow buoy at approx S 32° 42.70', E 152° 10.27'
South Channel Mark B	Yellow buoy at approx S 32° 42.93', E 152° 07.51'
West Arm Mark	Yellow buoy at approx S 32° 41.30', E 152° 01.30'
West Bank	Marker Post at approx S 32° 42.40', E 152° 05.72'

B3 THE FINISH

B3.1 To finish, boats shall round the Cheeky Dog Mark to starboard, then record their own finish time when they are adjacent to the Public Jetty near Bay Sailing Centre. Boats will finish when they cross an imaginary line on a bearing of 090° and within 300m from the public jetty near Bay Sailing Centre. Finish time to be submitted via the event webpage as soon as practicable after finishing (or within 30 minutes).

B3.2 Submit your finish time in local time format (hh:mm:ss) by using either –
 a) The link provided on the event webpage or online noticeboard; or
 b) Scan the QR code below to submit your finish time:



B4 COURSES

B4.1 The tables below show the order in which marks are to be passed and the side each mark is to be rounded.

Course 4 (indicated by numeral pennant 4)

Distance: 12.5 NM

Course Mark	Required Side
Mark 1	White buoy to windward of start line. See B2.1
West Bank	Port
Shoal Bay Resort A	Port
Jimmys Beach	Port
Nelson Head B	Starboard
Cheeky Dog	Starboard
Finish	Submit your own finish time via the event webpage (or scan the QR code in SI B3.2)

Course 5 (indicated by numeral pennant 5)

Distance: 15.5 NM

Course Mark	Required Side
Mark 1	White buoy to windward of start line. See B2.1
West Bank	Port
Shoal Bay Resort A	Port
Jimmys Beach	Port
Shoal Bay Resort A	Port
Jimmys Beach	Port
Nelson Head B	Starboard
Cheeky Dog	Starboard
Finish	Submit your own finish time via the event webpage (or scan the QR code in SI B3.2)

Course 6 (indicated by numeral pennant 6)

Distance: 15.0 NM

Course Mark	Required Side
Mark 1	White buoy to windward of start line. See B2.1
West Bank	Port
Nelson Head B	Port
South Channel B	Port
Nelson Head B	Port
Cheeky Dog	Starboard
Finish	Submit your own finish time via the event webpage (or scan the QR code in SI B3.2)

Course 7 (indicated by numeral pennant 7)

Distance: 20.0 NM

Course Mark	Required Side
Mark 1	White buoy to windward of start line. See B2.1
West Bank	Port
Nelson Head B	Port
South Channel B	Port
Nelson Head B	Port
South Channel B	Port
Nelson Head B	Port
Cheeky Dog	Starboard
Finish	Submit your own finish time via the event webpage (or scan the QR code in SI B3.2)

Course 8 (indicated by numeral pennant 8)

Distance: 12.5 NM

Course Mark	Required Side
Mark 1	White buoy to windward of start line. See B2.1
Boondaba Island	Port
North Arm Cove Mark	Port
West Arm Mark	Port
North Arm Cove Mark	Port
West Arm Mark	Port
Finish	Submit your own finish time via the event webpage (or scan the QR code in SI B3.2)

Port Stephens Laid Marks (indication only)

