

OFFSHORE & TWILIGHT KEELBOAT RACING NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



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For the Spring/Summer/Winter Short Ocean Pointscores and Twilight Racing

Race Entry:

You must submit your race entry by using the link on the club website. Race entry fee(s) will be collected during the online entry process in SailSys.

For a full series, the series entry fee is \$60. Alternatively, you can enter individual races at \$15 per race to better suit your availability.

Compliance:

You must submit your compliance documents including your Equipment Audit, Insurance Policy, and Harbour Declaration. This is done alongside your online race entry in SailSys.

Twilight races and Short Ocean Pointscore races during daylight will require either Category 7 PLUS or Category 4.

The Ocean Pointscore and any after dark racing shall require Category 4.

Crew List:

Each yacht must keep their online Crew List accurate when participating in any race at the club. This must be done by managing your Crew Lists in SailSys. This can be done from your smartphone. Note that you can assign more than one SailSys user to have Boat Administrator permissions for your boat—which may be useful for updating your daily Crew List.

Start Line Check-in:

Upon arrival at the start line, each yacht must check-in with the Race Committee by contacting "Start Boat" on VHF Ch 77 and confirming the actual number of persons on board. Note that this must match the number of persons on your Crew List, or the Race Committee is required to apply the penalty prescribed by the Sailing Instructions.

If you need any help:

Contact the sailing office for any help with this process.
02 4940 8188 // sailing@ncyc.net.au

Alternatively, log in to your SailSys profile and then explore the 'help' resources. They are very useful for resolving almost all scenarios. However it is also important to note that your profile will need to be added as a boat administrator of the boat you wish to manage. There is no limit to the number of users that can be added as a boat administrator of a boat, and you can be added to multiple boats.

OFFSHORE KEELBOAT RACING SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

For the Spring/Summer/Winter Short Ocean Pointscores and Twilight Racing

1.0 RULES

- 1.1 The events shall be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), Appendixes and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing.
- 1.2 Yachts sailing in IRC Division(s) shall comply with the current IRC Rules Parts A, B and C.

2.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Signal made ashore will be displayed from the event flagpole. The event flagpole will be on the NCYC Floating Shed.
- 2.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the RRS Race Signals.
- 2.3 Notices to competitors will be posted on the online event page located on the NCYC website – www.ncyc.net.au
- 2.4 Notices may also be sent by SMS to the nominated skipper of yachts entered in the series.
- 2.5 The race frequency shall be VHF Ch 77. This channel may be used by the Race Committee (RC) to communicate with competitors and/or broadcast general information throughout the event.

3.0 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1000 hrs on the day it will take effect.
- 3.2 Oral changes may be given on the water by the RO prior to the Warning Signal. This may be done via VHF radio.

4.0 SAFETY

- 4.1 All boats must have a current, valid AS Equipment Audit Form that meets or exceeds the Category requirements of SI 4.1.1 or SI 4.1.2
 - 4.1.1 NCYC offshore racing is Category 4 as defined by AS Special Regulations Part 1 unless otherwise stated. The Ocean Pointscore and any after dark racing shall be Cat 4.
 - 4.1.2 For Twilight races, and daylight Short Ocean Pointscore races, Owners may opt to race under NCYC's Category 7 PLUS offshore, but in this case those competitors shall adhere to a maximum wind limit of 21 knots and sea state of less than 4 metres . The extra equipment required for Category 7 PLUS is shown on the NCYC audit form of that name. See NCYC website - www.ncyc.net.au/sailing/race-resources/
 - 4.1.3 Inshore keelboat racing on Newcastle Harbour is Category 7 as defined by AS Special Regulations Part 1 unless otherwise stated.
- 4.2 It is the skipper's responsibility to ensure the crew knows where Life Saving Equipment is stowed on the boat and how to use it.
- 4.3 Attention is drawn to AS Special Regulations 6.01.2, Advisory Appendix D and the need to practice man overboard procedures with your crew regularly. NCYC strongly recommends that all yachts should schedule a MOB drill prior to racing and again at regular intervals during the season.
- 4.4 Skippers shall ensure all crew members know how to locate and wear a PFD as per the requirements of RMS and RRS.
- 4.5 Attention is drawn to RRS 1.1. "A boat or competitor shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger". The Race Officer (RO) must be notified immediately of a Crew Overboard Incident. After 15 minutes an emergency response may be initiated by the RO including a Search and Rescue response unless already activated by the vessel affected.
- 4.6 Yachts must maintain a minimum distance of 200m from the bow, and 30m from the sides and stern of any Ferry underway. Do not attempt to cross the path of a ferry.

5.0 RACE CONDITIONS

- 5.1 A motor may be used to arrive at the start line after the preparatory signal is displayed, however, after ceasing use of a motor and before starting to race the boat must take a 1 turn penalty which complies with RRS 44.2 prior to starting. A yacht observed by the RO infringing this SI will be scored as DNS.
- 5.2 All boats racing at NCYC will have engines running, and in neutral, when within the Harbour and when within 500m to seaward of the entrance during departure and arrival. A boat that cannot manoeuvre safely, and is in danger of hindering any commercial shipping, shall only use her engine FOR PROPULSION to clear such shipping. The use of the engine for propulsion must be logged and be lodged, together with a Declaration that no advantage resulted from the use of the engine, to the Race Officer after finishing the race. This alters RRS 42. Competitors are reminded that a restricted navigation zone exists on approach to and within Newcastle Harbour (refer Chart AUS207).
- 5.2.1 If, when racing with NCYC, a yacht receives a “5 horn blast” from commercial shipping (meaning “I am in doubt about your action taken to avoid collision”), the offending boat may be disqualified from that race without hearing and that DSQ score shall not be excluded from the series pointscore. This changes RRS Appendix A5.
- 5.3 All boats shall monitor VHF emergency radio channel 16 for the duration of the race.

6.0 EVENTS & DIVISIONS

- 6.1 The Sailing Committee shall allocate boats to racing Divisions, Classes or One Design Fleets.
- 6.2 Yachts cannot arbitrarily transfer from one division to another part way through a series. Any divisional changes may be considered at the discretion of the OA.
- 6.3 Three starters will constitute a race, regardless of division.
- 6.4 One finisher will constitute a race.
- 6.5 For a race to be scored as a Pointscore race, a Pointscore entrant must finish. Casual entrants may enter individual race(s) without their race result(s) affecting the series pointscore. This changes RRS A2.2.
- 6.6 Divisions to be scored are as follows –

Series	Division(s)
Spring Short Ocean Pointscore Summer Short Ocean Pointscore Winter Short Ocean Pointscore Ocean Pointscore	PHS IRC ORC
Twilight Races	PHS
She Sails Race	PHS

7.0 ELIGIBILITY

- 7.1 Each online entry must be accompanied by the following requirements –
- current equipment audit as per SI 4.1 unless excused by the OA.
 - current public liability insurance for at least AU\$10million (or equivalent in another currency)
 - The skipper must read the Harbour Safety Information Booklet and agree to remain clear of commercial shipping activity.
 - current IRC certificate if participating in IRC division
 - current ORC certificate if participating in ORC division

8.0 ENTRY

- 8.1 To enter a race a boat shall complete the online Race Entry for the event(s) prior to participating accompanied by the applicable entry fee. Entry is online via the event webpage on the NCYC website (<https://www.ncyc.net.au/>).
- 8.2 Entries shall be received no later than 24hrs prior to the Warning Signal of a race.
- 8.3 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the OA and shall be accompanied by any late fees levied.
- 8.4 Crew Lists: Prior to each race, all participating boats are required to submit a crew list to the Race Committee by updating the Boat Crew List attached online using the SailSys online entry system. The crew list must include the names of all crew members who will be on board during the race. The crew list shall be submitted no later than the start of the first race on that day. A boat that fails to submit a crew list as required by this sailing instruction shall be scored as "Did Not Start" (DNS) for the race(s) in question. The boat will not receive a finishing place or score for that race(s). See page 15 of this handbook for further advice, or log in to your SailSys profile and use the help information to learn more.
- 8.5 A boat is not an entrant until the requirements of SI 7.1, SI 8.1, and SI 8.4 have been fully completed.

9.0 THE START

- 9.1 Prior to starting, boats shall contact the 'Start Boat' on the race frequency (VHF 77) to record the number of Persons on Board (POB).
- 9.2 By contacting the Start Boat as per SI 9.1, a race entrant confirms the online crew details required by SI 8.4 are accurate. If the crew aboard is not the same as the online crew list it shall be scored DNS without a hearing This changes RRS A5.
- 9.3 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- 9.4 A boat shall not start later than 10 minutes after its Start Signal.
- 9.5 The Class Flag will be a light blue flag.
- 9.6 Start Times will be as follows:

Series	Scheduled Start Time
Spring Short Ocean Pointscore	1330 hours
Summer Short Ocean Pointscore	1330 hours
Winter Short Ocean Pointscore	1130 hours
Twilight Racing	1700 & 1730 hours *
Female Helm Series	(part of) Short Ocean Pointscores
Ocean Pointscore	0900 or 1000 hours **

* Pursuit Start Times will be provided on the day of each race. For fleet start races, competitors may select their start time for Twilight Races

**Check event sailing instructions for each Ocean Pointscore race start time

10.0 START/FINISH LINES

- 10.1 **For Inshore Races** the start/finish line shall be an imaginary line from a mast carrying an Orange Flag on the Committee Vessel and an inflatable buoy opposite unless changed by the Race Committee. The start/finish line will be located between Queens Wharf and the Pilot Station.
- 10.2 **For Offshore Races** the start/finish line shall be an imaginary line from the mast carrying an Orange Flag on the Committee Vessel and the Start/Finish Pin.
- 10.3 The orange flag in SI 10.1 & 10.2 shall be replaced by a Blue flag for finishing.

11.0 MARKS AND COURSES

- 11.1 NCYC marks are orange or yellow buoys.
- 11.2 In the event that a mark has moved or is missing, the Race Committee may instruct competitors to round a 'Virtual Mark' using the GPS coordinates of the mark.

12.0 TIME LIMITS

- 12.1 Time limits with Time Limit Expired scoring shall apply to the following races:
(This changes RRS 35 & A5)

Twilight races	2.5 hours
Sunday races	SpSOP, SSOP and WSOP 4.5 hours

- 12.2 Time Limit Expired scoring (TLE): points equal to the number of yachts finishing within time plus 30% of race entrants rounded up to a whole number but no more points than number of entrants.

13.0 PROTESTS, ARBITRATION and REDRESS

- 13.1 A yacht intending to protest shall inform the Finish Boat when finishing.
- 13.2 Protest Forms are available at the Sailing Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there or to the Race Officer within the appropriate time limit. If the Sailing Office is unattended, a protest form may be submitted via email to sailing@ncyc.net.au
- 13.3 For each division, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 13.4 An Arbitration Hearing may be called as per RRS Appendix T.
- 13.5 Protest Hearings shall be held at a location and time advised by the Protest Committee.

14.0 HANDICAPS

- 14.1 A boat's handicap in PHS divisions shall be based on an arbitrary Time Correction Factor (TCF).
- 14.2 Race results are based on corrected times calculated by multiplying the elapsed time by the respective TCF.
- 14.3 Race/Class boats shall provide a copy of any amended rating certificate/s to the sailing office not less than one and a half hours prior to the warning signal of a race.
- 14.4 Boats shall notify the Sailing Office in writing at least seven days prior to a race any change (addition or alteration) to a boat's hull, appendages, equipment, sailing inventory or crew that may affect its performance. A boat failing to comply may be subject to action by the Race Committee (RC) under RRS 60.2(c) and 69.1(a).
- 14.5 The selection of a handicap method or adjustment system shall be at the discretion of the Sailing Committee.

- 14.7 Applications in writing for reviews of the PHS handicap will be considered by the RC.
14.8 The Handicapper shall have the discretion to adjust any PHS handicap without notice.

15.0 POINTSCORES AND DISCARDS

- 15.1 Pointscores shall be conducted on the nominated races in the Sailing Program.
15.2 Discards will be 15% of completed races unless amended by other SI's (0.5 of a race is rounded up).
15.3 RRS Appendix A – Scoring: Low Pointscore shall apply to all Pointscores amended as follows:
 15.3.1 Scores shall be calculated as per RRS A5.3.
 15.3.2 The number of completed races to constitute a series shall be 50% of the scheduled races.
 15.3.3 Annual Pointscore shall be conducted over the Winter, Spring, Summer and Ocean pointscore races scheduled.
 15.3.4 Any series ties shall be broken in accordance with RRS A8.
15.4 Annual Pointscore 'APS' Calculation. This changes RRS A1, A2, A4 & A5.
 · In each series a boat shall score points calculated in her division by taking the points between 1st & 3rd (or 1st & 2nd if less than 5 competing) divided by the number of scoring races, divided by the number of boats in that Division, multiplied by her divisional placing, multiplied by 10.
 · For results of a series to be counted towards the APS a boat shall contest at least 50% of completed races in that series. Further, a boat shall contest at least 50% of the completed series to score in the APS.
 · There will be one (1) drop in the APS. Boats not competing in a series shall score the maximum points for a series, i.e. 20 points.

The boat with the lowest total APS wins.

16.0 DISPENSATION

- 16.1 Dispensation may be awarded for up to 40% of races in a Series for Yachts representing NCYC in races or regattas organised by AS or another affiliated Club or Class.
16.2 Dispensation shall not be awarded for participation in equivalent Series Pointscore races organised by clubs other than NCYC.
16.3 Requests for Dispensation must be submitted in writing addressed to the Sailing Committee no later than 21 days prior to the first proposed race absence.
16.4 Dispensation will be a two-stage approval process:
 a) Nomination of the event and NCYC series pointscore anticipated to be missed prior to the event.
 b) Proof of participation in the event via results to be posted at NCYC.
16.5 When Dispensation is approved series points for races missed will be calculated in the Series as the average for that Yacht's 5 best results elsewhere in the series.
16.6 Guidelines for dispensation will be considered around time frames as:

The intention of these guidelines is to provide a framework for Skippers to plan their sailing season. If a boat can return to races at NCYC sooner than the requested Dispensation Period, it should do so. Attention is drawn to RRS 2. In the interests of good seamanship, additional dispensation may be considered if extreme weather events or other misadventure prevents return to NCYC within the requested timeframe.

17.0 PRIZES

- 17.1 Series prizes may be awarded at the conclusion of each series.
17.2 Annual Pointscore prizes will be awarded at the Sailing Presentation Night.
17.3 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Sailing Committee.



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OCEAN POINTSCORE NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



OCEAN POINTSCORE RACE REQUIREMENTS

For the Ocean Pointscores and Hunter 100

Race Entry:

You must submit your race entry by using the link on the club website. Race entry fee(s) will be collected during the online entry process in SailSys.

For a full series, the series entry fee is \$60. Alternatively, you can enter individual races at \$15 per race to better suit your availability.

Compliance:

You must submit your compliance documents including your Equipment Audit, Insurance Policy, and Harbour Declaration. This is done alongside your online race entry in SailSys.

Equipment Audits for the Ocean Pointscore is Category 4.

Equipment Audits for the Hunter 100 overnight race is Category 3.

Crew List:

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Start Line Check-in:

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OCEAN POINTSCORE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Ocean Pointscore passage races only

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1 The Organising Authority (OA) is the Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club (NCYC).

2 VENUE

- 2.1 The event will be conducted from the NCYC Clubhouse – 95 Hannell Street Wickham.
- 2.2 Racing will be conducted on the waters between Port Stephens and Broken Bay.

3 RULES

- 3.1 The event will be conducted by:
- a) The rules, as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS);
 - b) The Prescriptions, Amendments and Special Regulations (Category 4) of Australian Sailing (AS);
 - c) This Sailing Instructions, except in the event of a conflict with the Race Appendixes in which case the Race Appendixes will take precedence.
 - d) The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea will replace the RRS between sunset and sunrise.
- 3.2 Double-Handed competitors will be permitted the use of autopilots when more than 500m from the Port of Newcastle entrance. This changes RRS 52.
- 3.3 A motor may be used to arrive at the start line after the preparatory signal is displayed, however, after ceasing use of a motor and before starting a race the boat must take a 1 turn penalty which complies with RRS 44.2 prior to starting. A yacht observed by the RO infringing this SI will be scored as DNS.

4 RACE CONDITIONS

- 4.1 Newcastle Harbour is a very busy commercial port. A motor may be used by a yacht when racing to keep out of the way of commercial shipping (i.e. move out of the channel when a ship is approaching). RRS 42.3(i) allows propulsion using an engine, provided the boat does not gain significant advantage in the race.
- 4.2 All boats racing at NCYC will have engines running when within the Harbour and when within 500m to seaward of the entrance during departure and arrival. A boat that cannot maneuver safely, and is in danger of hindering any commercial shipping, shall only use her engine FOR PROPULSION to clear such shipping. This changes RRS 42. Competitors are reminded that a restricted navigation zone exists on approach to and within Newcastle Harbour (refer to Chart AUS207)
- 4.3 If when racing with NCYC, a yacht receives a “5 horn blast” from commercial shipping (meaning “I am in doubt about your action taken to avoid a collision”), the offending boat may be disqualified from that race without a hearing. This changes RRS Appendix A5.
- 4.5 The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after these races.
- 4.6 Competitors participate in the Ocean Pointscore entirely at their own risk. Attention is drawn to RRS Rule 4.

5 SAFETY

- 5.1 All boats must have a current, valid AS Equipment Audit Form that meets or exceeds the Category requirements of SI 4.1.1 or SI 4.1.2
 - 5.1.1 NCYC offshore racing is Category 4 as defined by AS Special Regulations Part 1 unless otherwise stated.
 - 5.1.2 Owners may opt to race under NCYC's Category 7 PLUS offshore, but in this case those competitors shall adhere to a maximum wind limit of 21 knots and sea state of less than 4 metres . The extra equipment required for Category 7 PLUS is shown on the NCYC audit form of that name. See NCYC website - www.ncyc.net.au/resources/
 - 5.1.3 Inshore keelboat racing on Newcastle Harbour is Category 7 as defined by AS Special Regulations Part 1 unless otherwise stated.
- 5.2 It is the skipper's responsibility to ensure the crew knows where Life Saving Equipment is stowed on the boat and how to use it.
- 5.3 Attention is drawn to AS Special Regulations 6.01.2, Advisory Appendix D and the need to practice man overboard procedures with your crew regularly. NCYC strongly recommends that all yachts should schedule a MOB drill prior to racing and again at regular intervals during the season.
- 5.4 Skippers shall ensure all crew members know how to locate and wear a PFD as per the requirements of RMS and RRS.
- 5.5 Attention is drawn to RRS 1.1. "A boat or competitor shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger". The Race Officer (RO) must be notified immediately of a Crew Overboard Incident. After 15 minutes an emergency response may be initiated by the RO including a Search and Rescue response unless already activated by the vessel affected.
- 5.6 Yachts must maintain a minimum distance of 200m from the bow, and 30m from the sides and stern of any Ferry underway. Do not attempt to cross the path of a ferry.

6 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 6.1 Signal made ashore will be displayed from the event flagpole. The event flagpole will be on the NCYC Floating Shed.
- 6.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the RRS Race Signals.
- 6.3 Notices to competitors will be posted on the online event page located on the NCYC website – <https://www.ncyc.net.au/offshore-racing/ocean-pointscore/>
- 6.4 Notices may also be sent by SMS to the nominated skipper of yachts entered in the series.
- 6.5 The race frequency shall be VHF Ch 77. This channel may be used by the Race Committee (RC) to communicate with competitors and/or broadcast general information throughout the event.

7 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0800 hrs on the day it will take effect.
- 7.2 Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 hrs on the day before it will take effect and will be posted on the event webpage.
- 7.3 Oral changes may be given on the water by the RO prior to the Warning Signal. This may be done via VHF radio.

8 POSITION REPORTS

- 8.1 All boats shall provide mandatory position reports while racing at 1200hrs, 1500hrs, 1800hrs, and every 3hrs until safely finished and/or in port.
- 8.2 Position Reports shall be submitted online via the event webpage – <https://www.ncyc.net.au/offshore-racing/ocean-pointscore/>
- 8.3 Failure to comply with SI 8.1 and/or 8.2 without reasonable cause may result in the imposition of a penalty as per below at the discretion of the race committee having regard to the circumstances. This changes RRS 60.2 –

9 RACE DESCRIPTIONS

- 9.1 More detailed Race Descriptions and course maps will be provided in separate Race Appendixes.

10 CREW DETAILS AND GENERAL DECLARATIONS

- 10.1 Prior to the Warning Signal for each race, boats shall:
- a) Ensure their online crew List is accurate in SailSys
 - b) Confirm the number of crew onboard by contacting the Race Committee Vessel on VHF Channel 77.
- 10.2 To be scored as a finisher a boat shall lodge a Finish Declaration which includes the time they finished via the event webpage as soon as practical after finishing.

Failure to comply	Penalty imposed
First position report missed	20 minutes added to elapsed time
Each subsequent position report missed	40 minutes added to elapsed time

11 PROTESTS, ARBITRATION AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 11.1 Protest forms are available at the Sailing Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 11.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today – whichever is later.
- 11.3 Notices will be posted no later than 60 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and where hearings will be held.
- 11.4 An arbitration hearing may be called as per RRS Appendix T.

12 SCORING

- 12.1 The Scoring System will be the Low Points System, RRS Appendix A5.3.
- 12.2 The minimum number of races to constitute a series shall be 1.
- 12.3 Discards will be 15% of completed races (0.5 of a race will be rounded up). This changes RRS Appendix A.
- 12.4 The "Combined Ocean Pointscore" will be a subseries scored using Races 2, 3, 7 & 8

13 RECOMMENDED CHARTS

- 13.1 It is recommended that competitors carry the following charts for each event in addition to electronic charts: AUS 208, AUS 209, AUS 809

Ocean Pointscore Course appendixes:

Appendix	Course	Start Time
Appendix 1	Anna Bay Race	10:00am
Appendix 2	Newcastle to Port Stephens Race	10:00am
Appendix 3	Port Stephens to Newcastle Race	10:00am
Appendix 4	Hunter 100—Offshore Overnight Race	6:30pm
Appendix 5	Bird Island Race	10:00am
Appendix 6	Moon Islet Race	10:00am
Appendix 7	Friendship Cup Race	10:00am
Appendix 8	Bird Island Race	10:00am

OCEAN POINTSCORE

Appendix 1—Anna Bay Race

Sunday, 12th October 2025

1 ENTRY

- 1.1 Online entry via the event webpage is required for all entrants – complete with an accurate Crew List in SailSys entry system –
 NCYC - <https://www.ncyc.net.au/offshore-racing/ocean-pointscore/>

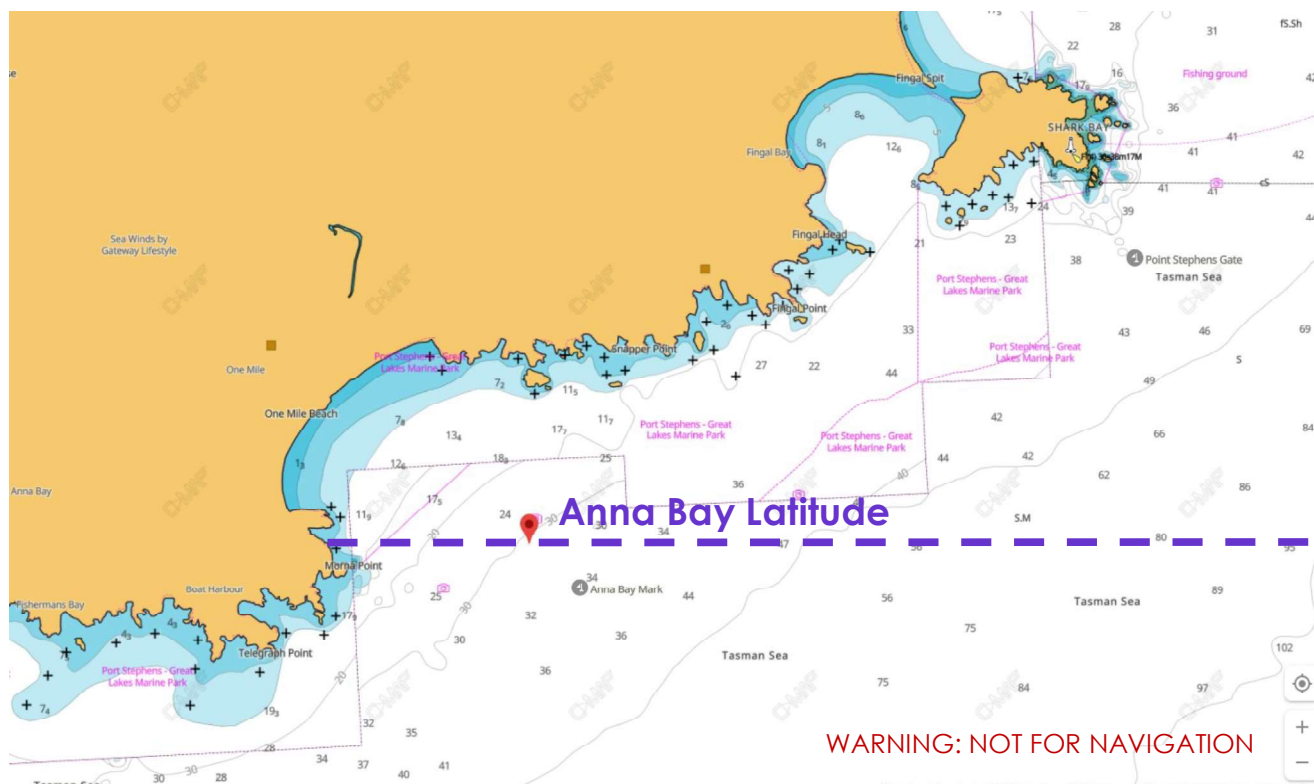
2 THE START

- 2.1 The Warning Signal shall be displayed at 0955 hrs.
 2.2 The Start will be between an orange staff displayed on the RCV at the starboard end and a laid mark at the port end. The start line will be east of Queens Wharf.
 2.3 The Warning Signal shall be code flag E.
 2.4 The Race Committee may use a rolling start. In this case, the RCV will display code flag L and proceed toward Port Stephens until such time that conditions permit a start. A Start Line will then be between an orange staff on the RCV and a nearby mark.

3 THE COURSE

- 3.1 The Course is:
 Start – Anna Bay Latitude – Finish
 3.2 Mark Positions:

Anna Bay Latitude	32° 47.00 S	Cross line of latitude
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OCEAN POINTSCORE

Appendix 2—Newcastle to Port Stephens Race

Saturday, 8th November 2025

1 ENTRY

- 1.1 Online entry via the event webpage is required for all entrants – complete with an accurate Crew List in SailSys entry system –
NCYC - <https://www.ncyc.net.au/offshore-racing/ocean-pointscore/>

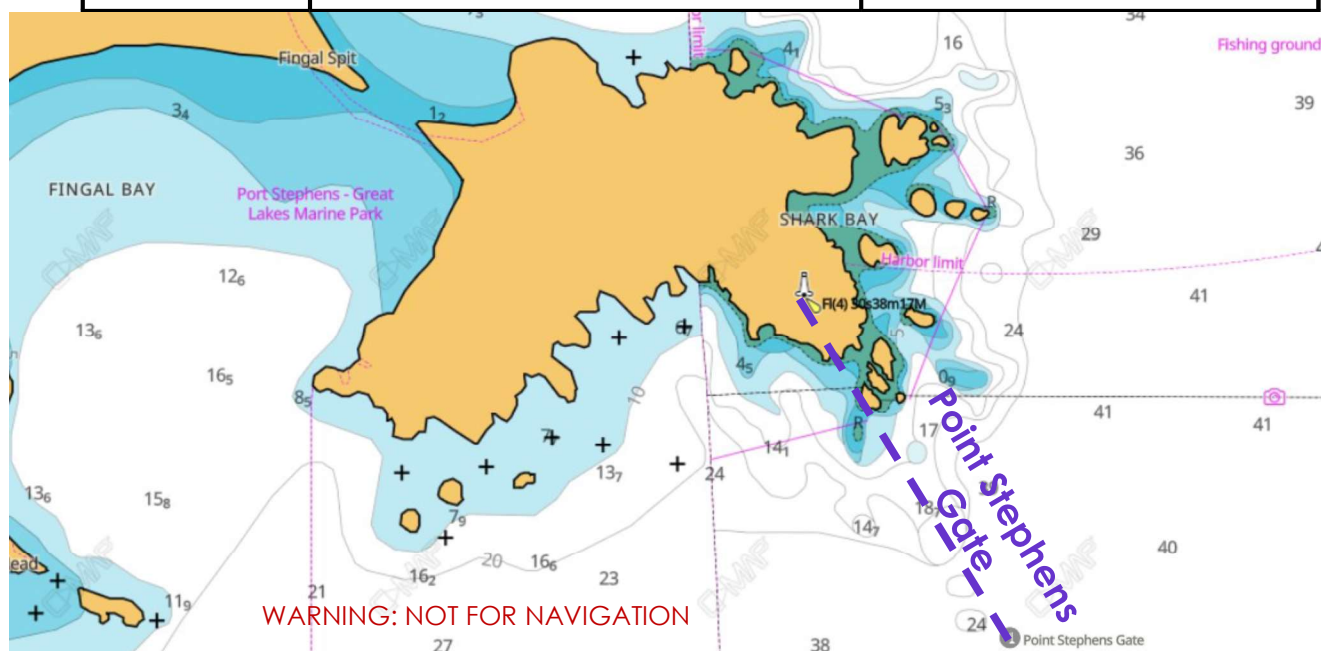
2 THE START

- 2.1 The Warning Signal shall be displayed at 0955 hrs.
2.2 The Start will be between an orange staff displayed on the RCV at the starboard end and a laid mark at the port end. The start line will be east of Queens Wharf.
2.3 The Warning Signal shall be code flag E.
2.4 The Race Committee may use a rolling start. In this case, the RCV will display code flag L and proceed toward Port Stephens until such time that conditions permit a start. A Start Line will then be between an orange staff on the RCV and a nearby mark.

3 THE COURSE

- 3.1 The Course is:
Start – Through Point Stephens Gate – Finish
3.2 Mark Positions:

Point Stephens Gate	an imaginary gate running from Point Stephens Lighthouse at a Bearing of 135° magnetic at a distance of 0.7 nautical miles. The seaward end of Point Stephens Gate is located at approximately 32°45.40 S 152°12.50 E.	To sail through Point Stephens Gate yachts must leave the seaward end of the gate to Starboard (i.e. sail between the seaward end of the gate and Lighthouse).
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4 POSITION REPORTS

- 4.1 All boats shall submit Position Updates via the event webpage as per Sailing Instruction 8. You can scan the QR to submit Position Reports:



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Appendix 2—Newcastle to Port Stephens Race

Saturday, 8th November 2025

5 THE FINISH

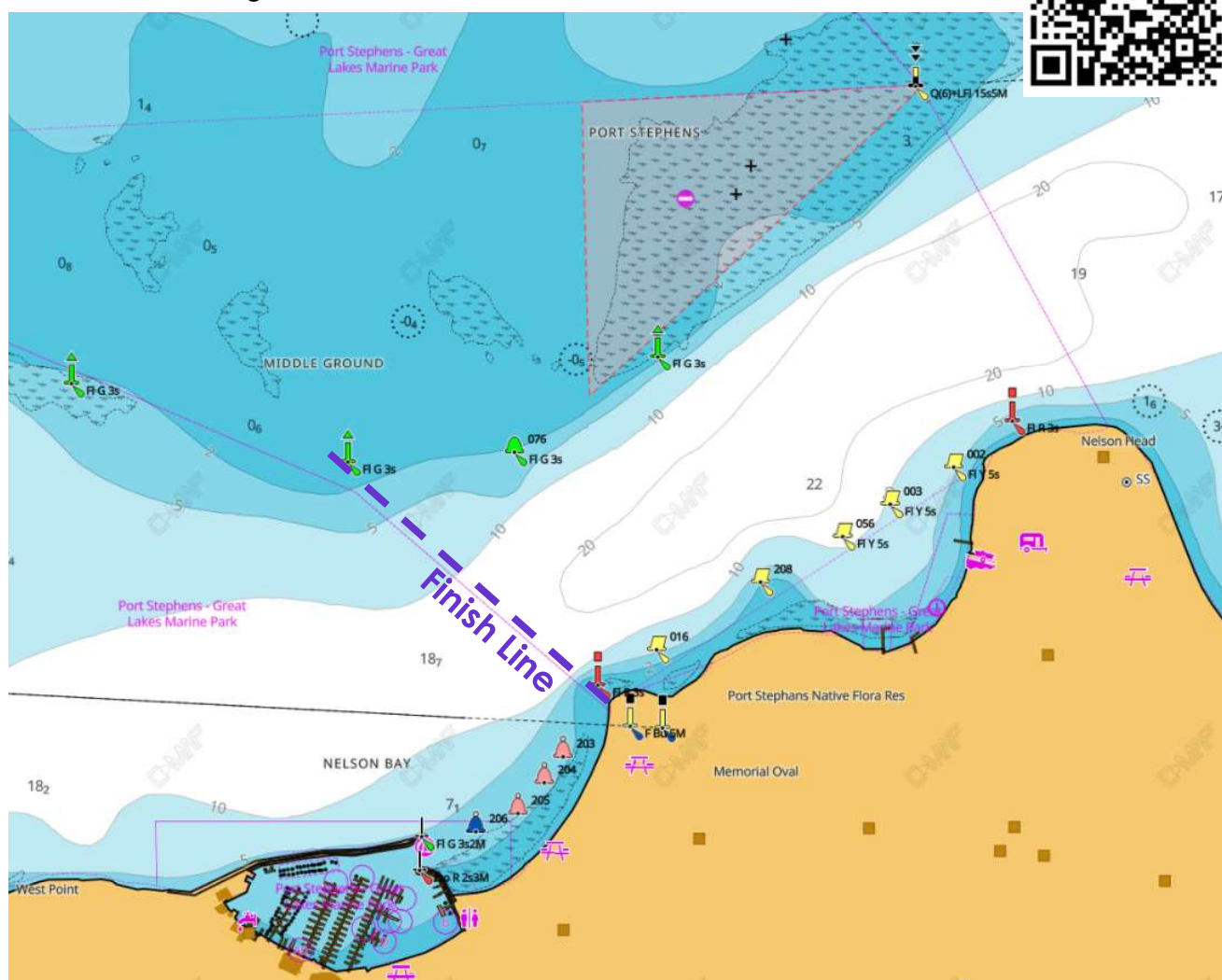
5.1 The Finish will be off Fly Point, Nelson Bay between:

Port Lateral Mark	32° 42.86 S 152° 9.04 E
Starboard Lateral Mark	32° 42.65 S 152° 8.73 E

5.2 All yachts shall finish by crossing the Finish Line in a direction from East to West. That is, by keeping the port lateral mark to port and the starboard lateral mark to starboard.

5.3 Point Stephens Gate may constitute a Finish Line should the Race Committee deem it necessary to shorten the course having regard to the prevailing conditions. The Race Committee may communicate this on VHF Ch 77 prior to or during the race. A Finish Declaration will be expected asap after finishing.

5.4 All boats will declare their Actual (GPS) Finish Time as per Sailing Instruction 10.2. This can be done via the event webpage or scanning the QR:



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Appendix 3—Port Stephens to Newcastle Race

Sunday, 9th November 2025

1 ENTRY

- 1.1 Online entry via the event webpage is required for all entrants – complete with an accurate Crew List in SailSys entry system –
NCYC - <https://www.ncyc.net.au/offshore-racing/ocean-pointscore/>

2 THE START

- 2.1 The Warning Signal shall be displayed at 0955 hrs.
2.2 The Start will be between an orange staff displayed on the RCV at the starboard end and a mark at the port end. The start line will be in the vicinity of Fly Point, Nelson Bay.
2.3 The Warning Signal shall be code flag E.
2.4 The Race Committee may use a rolling start. In this case, the RCV will display code flag L and proceed toward Port Stephens until such time that conditions permit a start. A Start Line will then be between an orange staff on the RCV and a nearby mark.

3 THE COURSE

- 3.1 The Course is:
Start – Finish

4 POSITION REPORTS

- 4.1 All boats shall submit Position Updates via the event webpage as per Sailing Instruction 8. You can scan the QR to submit Position Reports:



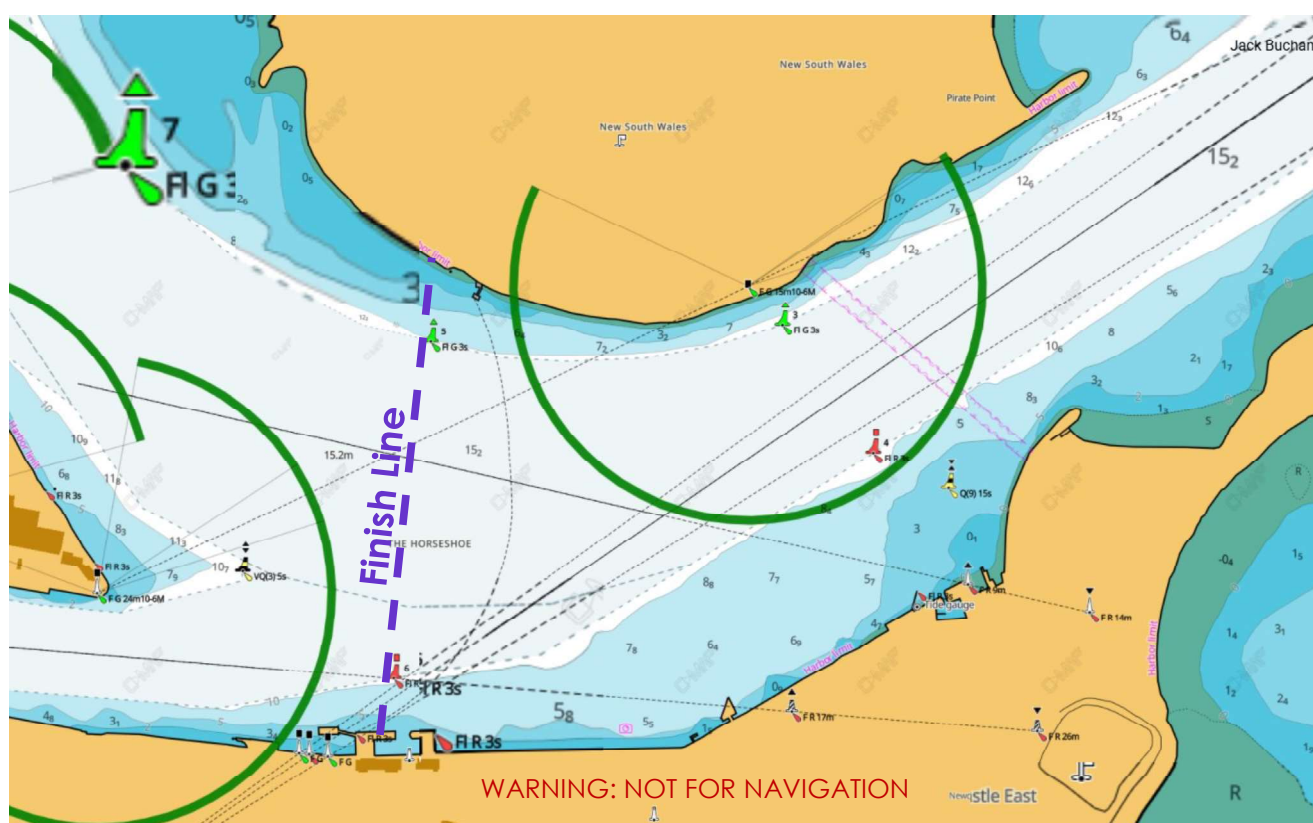
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Appendix 3—Port Stephens to Newcastle Race

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5 THE FINISH

- 5.1 The finish line will be in Newcastle Harbour between the starboard mark No. 5 in the vicinity of the Stockton Ferry Wharf and the port mark No. 6 off the end of Queens Wharf (and their continued transits).
- 5.2 All boats will declare their Actual (GPS) Finish Time as per Sailing Instruction 10.2. This can be done via the event webpage or scanning the QR:



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Appendix 4—Hunter 100 Offshore Overnight Race

Friday, 21st November 2025

1 ENTRY

- 1.1 Online entry via the event webpage is required for all entrants – complete with an accurate Crew List in SailSys entry system –
NCYC - <https://www.ncyc.net.au/offshore-racing/ocean-pointscore/>

2 THE START

- 2.1 The Warning Signal shall be displayed at 1825 hrs.

3 THE START

- 3.1 The Warning Signal shall be displayed at 1825 hrs.

4 THE COURSE

- 4.1 The Course is:
Start – Bird Island (P) - Cabbage Tree Island (S) - Finish

5 RACE DOCUMENTS

- 5.1 Separate Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions will be published for the Hunter 100 Offshore Overnight Race.



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Appendix 5—Bird Island Race

Sunday, 7th December 2025

1 ENTRY

- 1.1 Online entry via the event webpage is required for all entrants – complete with an accurate Crew List in SailSys entry system –
 NCYC - <https://www.ncyc.net.au/offshore-racing/ocean-pointscore/>

2 THE START

- 2.1 The Warning Signal shall be displayed at 0955 hrs.
 2.2 The Start will be between an orange staff displayed on the RCV at the starboard end and a laid mark at the port end. The start line will be east of Queens Wharf.
 2.3 The Warning Signal shall be code flag E.
 2.4 The Race Committee may use a rolling start. In this case, the RCV will display code flag L and proceed toward Port Stephens until such time that conditions permit a start. A Start Line will then be between an orange staff on the RCV and a nearby mark.

3 THE COURSE

- 3.1 The Course is:
 Start – Bird Island (P) – Finish
 3.2 Mark Positions:

Bird Island	33° 13.7 S, 151° 36.1 E	Island
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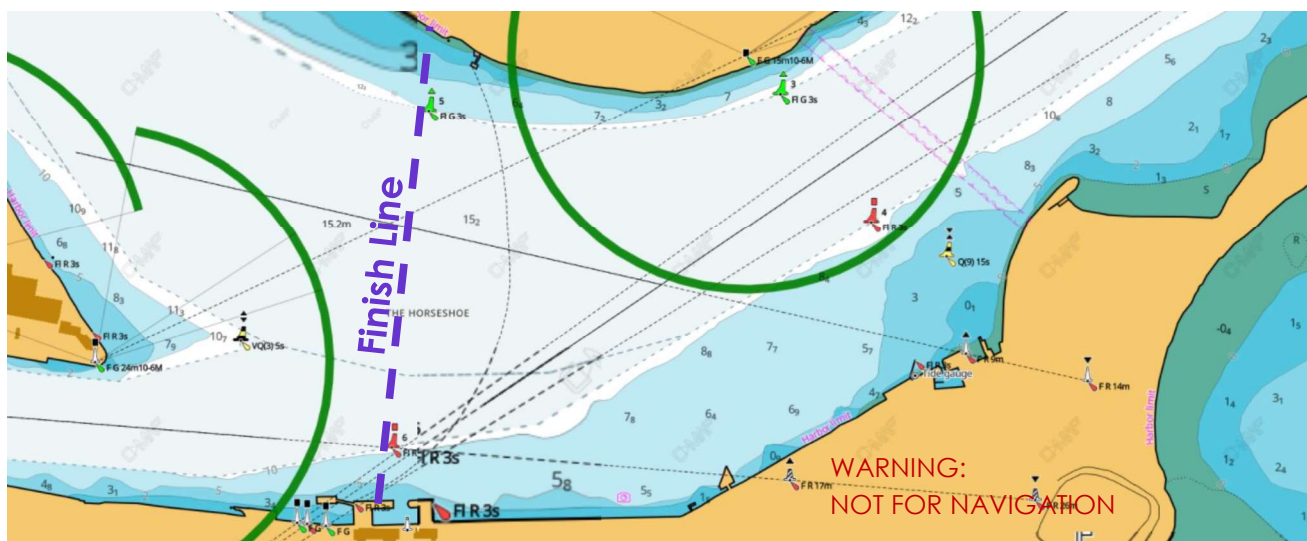
4 POSITION REPORTS

- 4.1 All boats shall submit Position Updates via the event webpage as per Sailing Instruction 8. You can scan the QR to submit Position Reports:



5 THE FINISH

- 5.1 The finish line will be in Newcastle Harbour between the starboard mark No. 5 in the vicinity of the Stockton Ferry Wharf and the port mark No. 6 off the end of Queens Wharf (and their continued transits).
 5.2 All boats will declare their Actual (GPS) Finish Time as per Sailing Instruction 10.2. This can be done via the event webpage or scanning the QR.



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Appendix 6—Moon Islet Race

Sunday, 8th February 2026

1 ENTRY

- 1.1 Online entry via the event webpage is required for all entrants – complete with an accurate Crew List in SailSys entry system –
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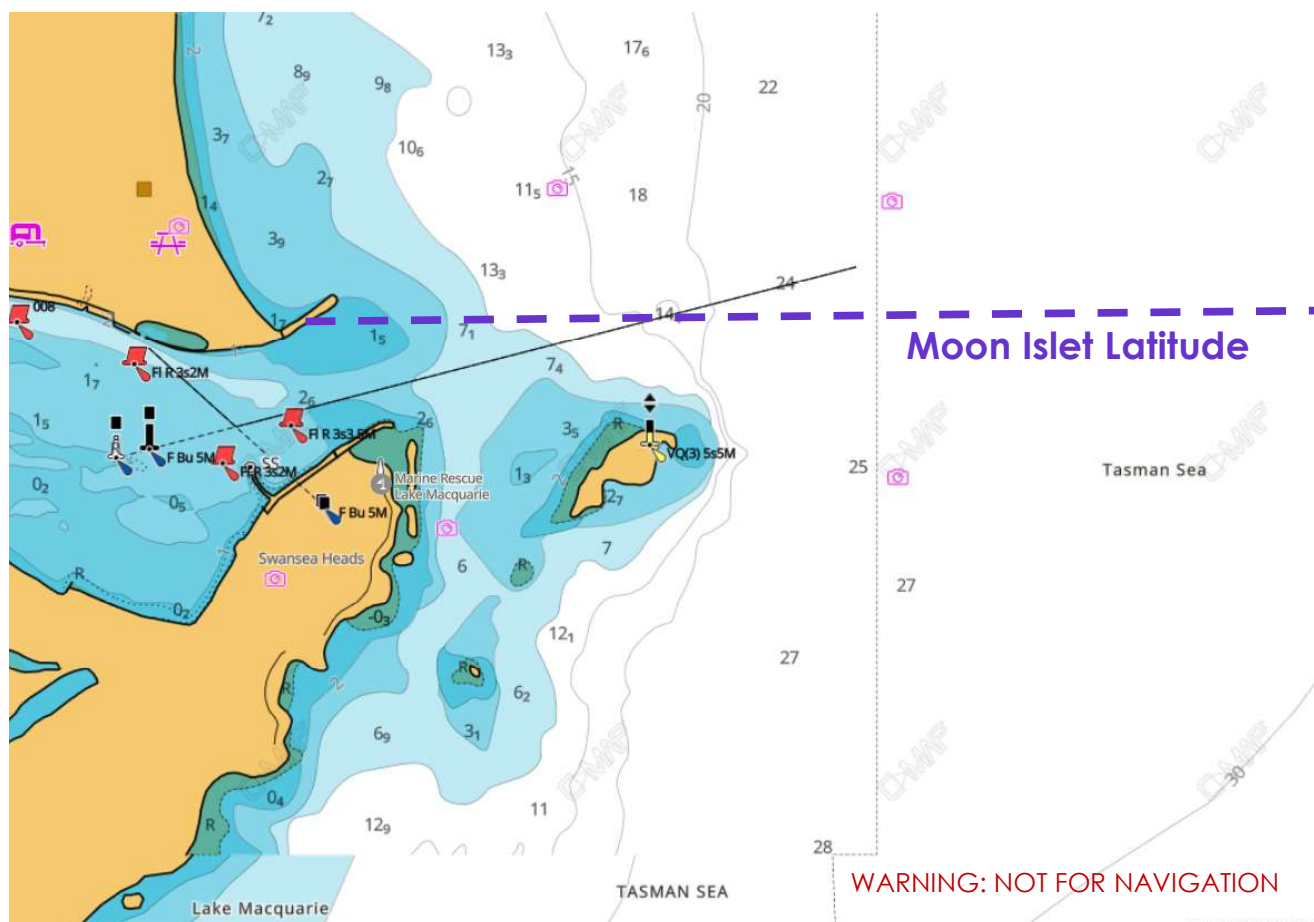
2 THE START

- 2.1 The Warning Signal shall be displayed at 0955 hrs.
 2.2 The Start will be between an orange staff displayed on the RCV at the starboard end and a laid mark at the port end. The start line will be east of Queens Wharf.
 2.3 The Warning Signal shall be code flag E.
 2.4 The Race Committee may use a rolling start. In this case, the RCV will display code flag L and proceed toward Port Stephens until such time that conditions permit a start. A Start Line will then be between an orange staff on the RCV and a nearby mark.

3 THE COURSE

- 3.1 The Course is:
 Start – Moon Islet Latitude – Finish
 3.2 Mark Positions:

Moon Islet Latitude	33° 05.00 S	Cross line of latitude
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Appendix 6—Moon Islet Race

Sunday, 8th February 2026

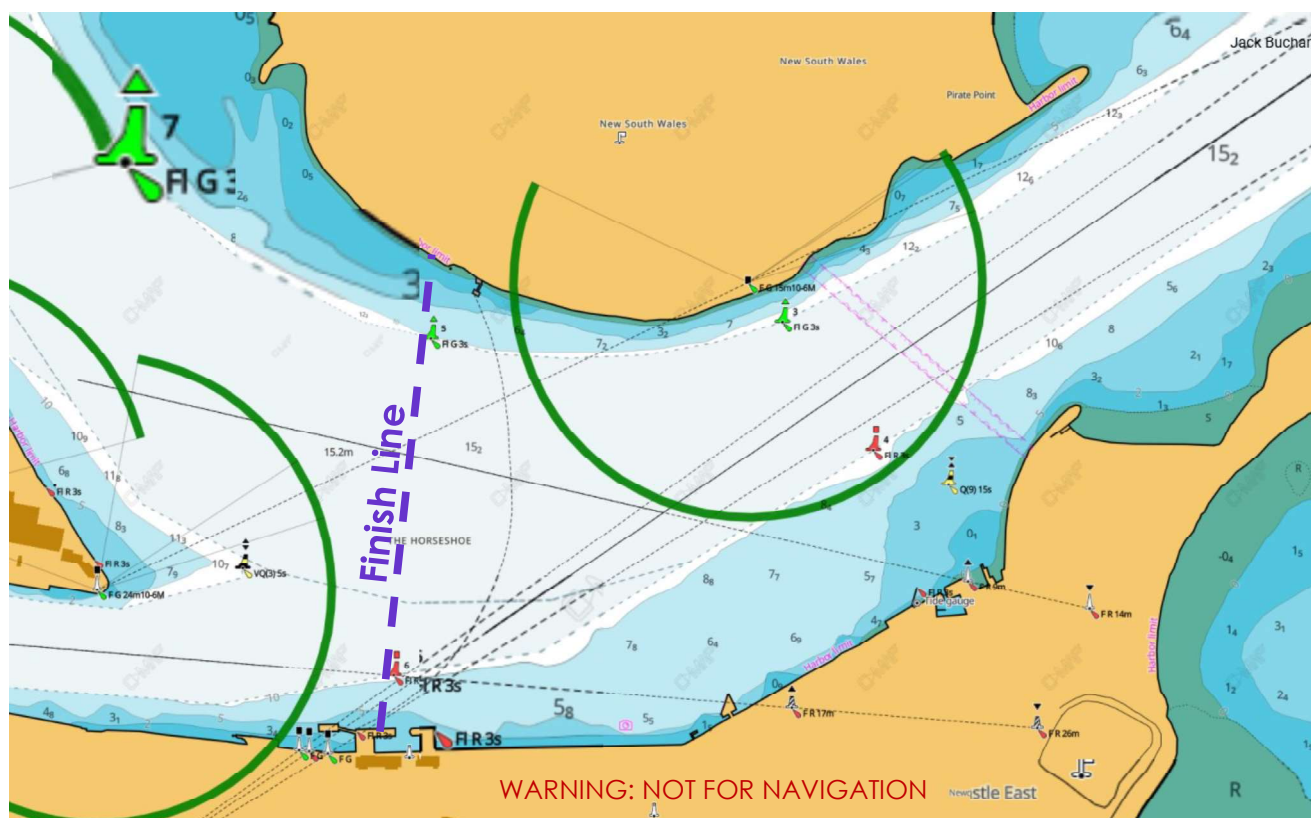
4 POSITION REPORTS

- 4.1 All boats shall submit Position Updates via the event webpage as per Sailing Instruction 8. You can scan the QR to submit Position Reports:



5 THE FINISH

- 5.1 The finish line will be in Newcastle Harbour between the starboard mark No. 5 in the vicinity of the Stockton Ferry Wharf and the port mark No. 6 off the end of Queens Wharf (and their continued transits).
- 5.2 All boats will declare their Actual (GPS) Finish Time as per Sailing Instruction 10.2. This can be done via the event webpage or scanning the QR above.



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Appendix 7—Friendship Cup Race

Saturday, 7th March 2026

1 ENTRY

- 1.1 Online entry via the event webpage is required for all entrants – complete with an accurate Crew List in SailSys entry system –
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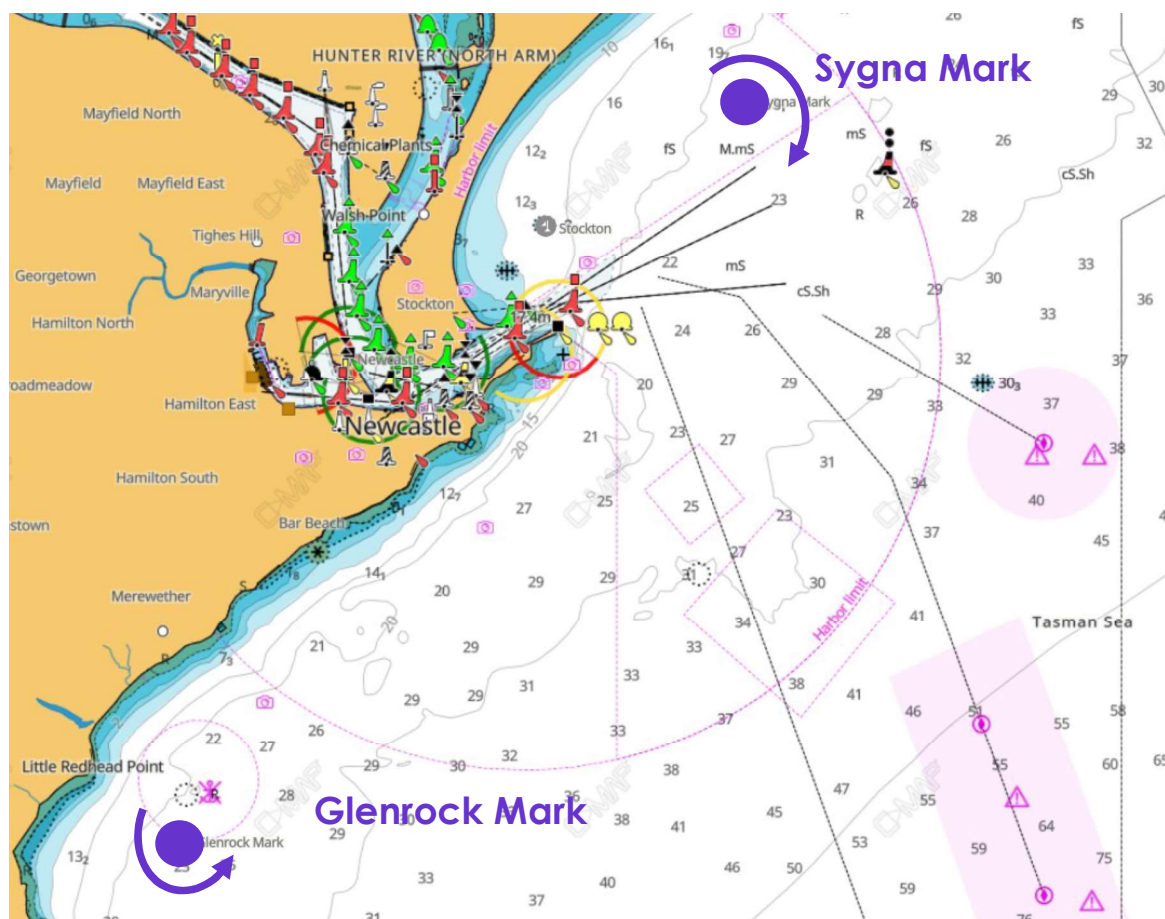
2 THE START

- 2.1 The Warning Signal shall be displayed at 0955 hrs.
 2.2 The Start will be between an orange staff displayed on the RCV at the starboard end and a laid mark at the port end. The start line will be east of Queens Wharf.
 2.3 The Warning Signal shall be code flag E.
 2.4 The Race Committee may use a rolling start. In this case, the RCV will display code flag L and proceed toward Port Stephens until such time that conditions permit a start. A Start Line will then be between an orange staff on the RCV and a nearby mark.

3 THE COURSE

- 3.1 The Course is:
 Start – Sygna Mark (P) - Glenrock Mark (P) – Finish
- 3.2 Mark Positions:

Sygna Mark	32° 53.3 S 151° 49.8 E
Glenrock Mark	32° 58.6 S 151° 45.0 E



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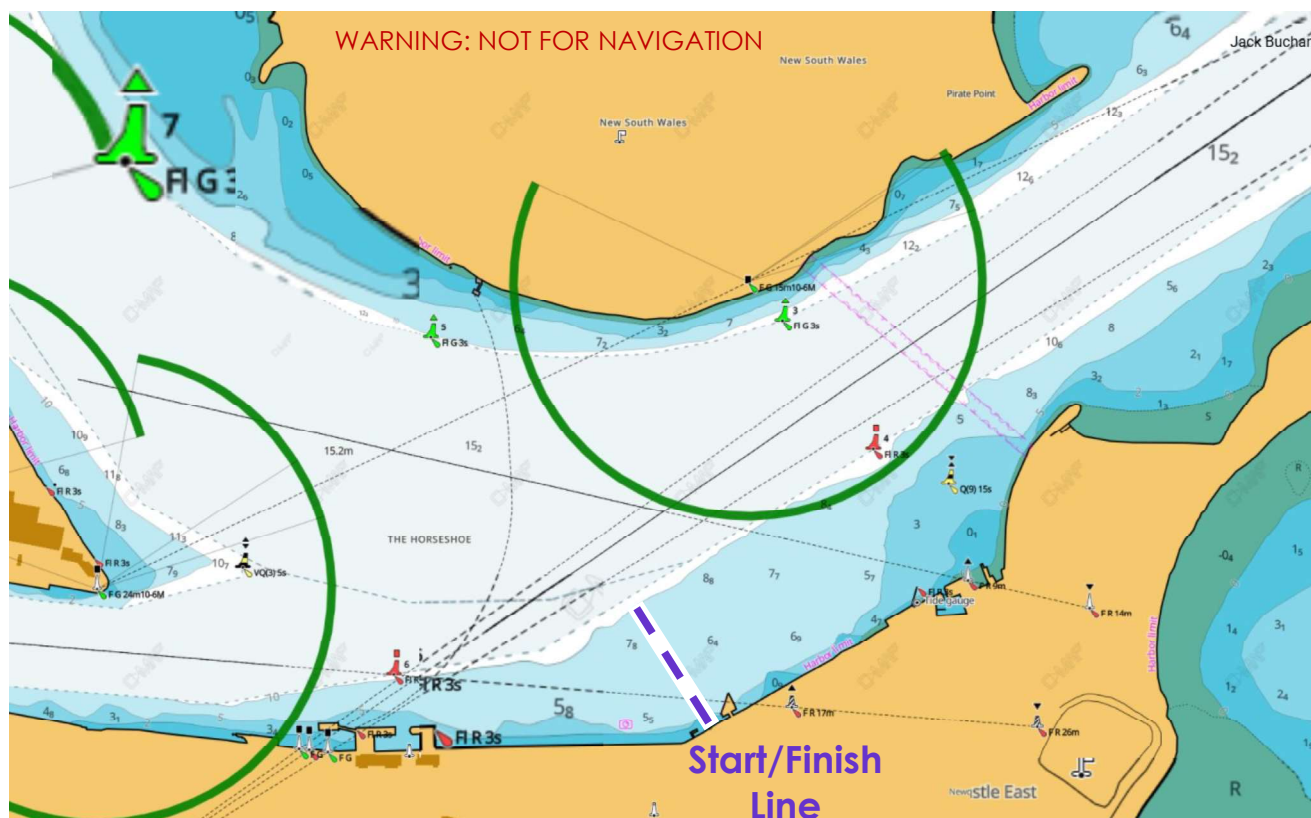
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Appendix 7—Friendship Cup Race

Saturday, 7th March 2026

5 THE FINISH

- 5.1 The finish line will be in Newcastle Harbour between a blue staff displayed on the RCV at the port end and a laid mark at the starboard end. The finish line will be east of Queens Wharf.



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Appendix 8—Bird Island Race

Sunday, 8th March 2026

1 ENTRY

- 1.1 Online entry via the event webpage is required for all entrants – complete with an accurate Crew List in SailSys entry system –
 NCYC - <https://www.ncyc.net.au/offshore-racing/ocean-pointscore/>

2 THE START

- 2.1 The Warning Signal shall be displayed at 0955 hrs.
 2.2 The Start will be between an orange staff displayed on the RCV at the starboard end and a laid mark at the port end. The start line will be east of Queens Wharf.
 2.3 The Warning Signal shall be code flag E.
 2.4 The Race Committee may use a rolling start. In this case, the RCV will display code flag L and proceed toward Port Stephens until such time that conditions permit a start. A Start Line will then be between an orange staff on the RCV and a nearby mark.

3 THE COURSE

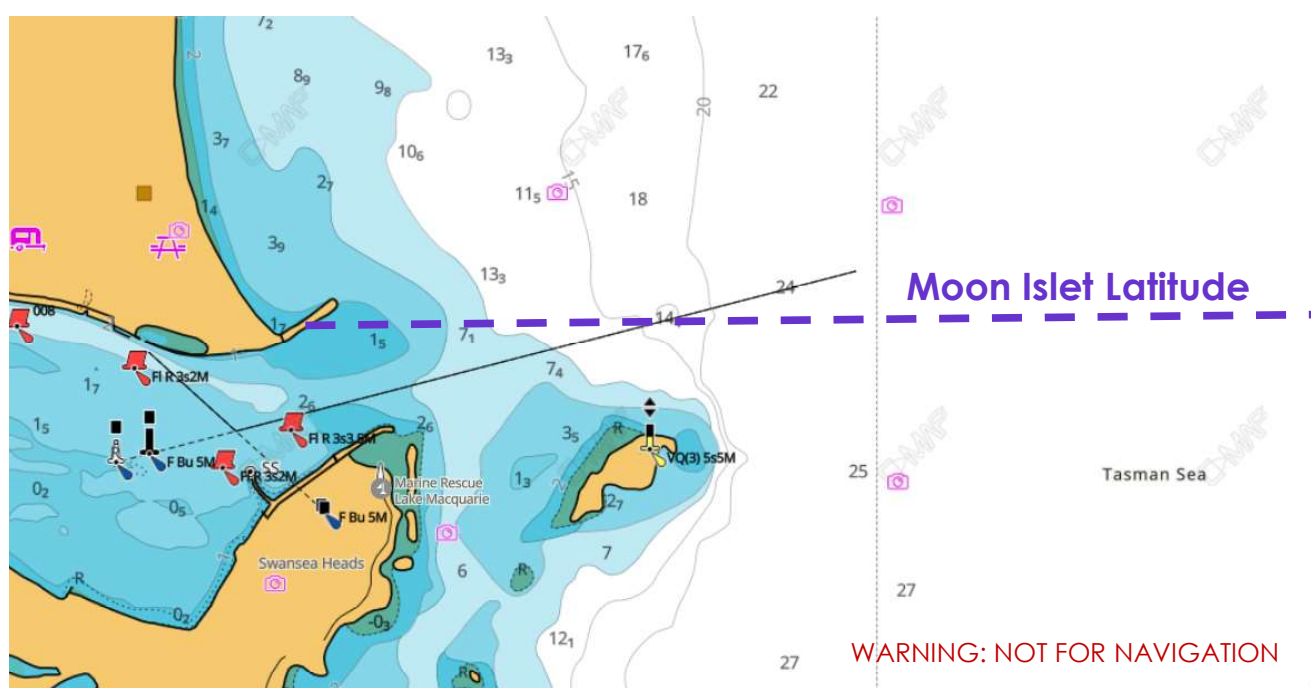
- 3.1 The Course is:
 Start – Bird Island (P) – Moon Islet Latitude – Finish

If Race Committee displays flag S at start, the course shall be:

Start—Catherine Hill Bay Latitude—Moon Islet Latitude (Combined Finish)—Newcastle Finish

- 3.2 Mark Positions:

Bird Island	33° 13.7 S, 151° 36.1 E	Island
Catherine Hill Bay Latitude	33° 09.50 S	Cross line of latitude
Moon Islet Latitude	33° 05.00 S	Cross line of latitude



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Sunday, 8th March 2026

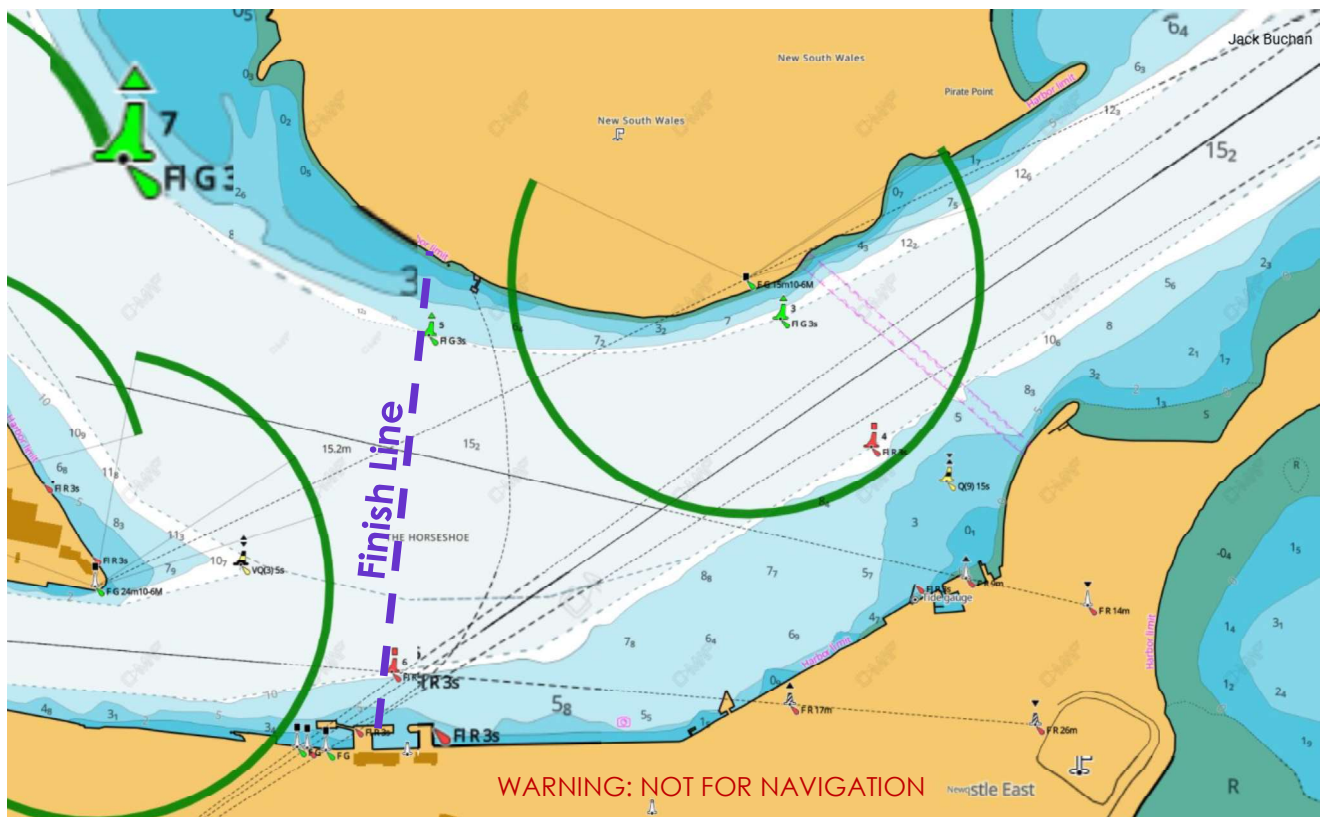
4 POSITION REPORTS

- 4.1 All boats shall submit Position Updates via the event webpage as per Sailing Instruction 8. You can scan the QR to submit Position Reports:



5 THE FINISH

- 5.1 To be scored for a result in the NCYC Ocean Pointscore, the finish line will be in Newcastle Harbour between the starboard mark No. 5 in the vicinity of the Stockton Ferry Wharf and the port mark No. 6 off the end of Queens Wharf (and their continued transits). Boats must declare their finish time at the Newcastle Harbour Finish Line to be scored for the NCYC Ocean Pointscore.
- 5.2 To be scored for a result in the Combined Ocean Pointscore, the finish line will be when boats cross the Moon Islet Latitude (after having rounded Bird Island). Boats must declare their finish time at the Moon Islet Latitude to be scored for the Combined Ocean Pointscore.
- 5.3 All boats will declare their Actual (GPS) Finish Time as per Sailing Instruction 10.2. This can be done via the event webpage or scanning the QR above.



OFFSHORE KEELBOAT RACING

September 2025	Sunday, 14th September Blessing of the Fleet & Sail Past (no racing)
	Sunday, 21st September 11:00am Sailing Season Briefing Spring Short Ocean Pointscore—Race 1
	Sunday, 28th September Spring Short Ocean Pointscore—Race 2
October 2025	Sunday, 5th October (no racing—October long weekend)
	Wednesday, 8th October Twilight race (Fleet Starts 5:00pm & 5:30pm)
	Sunday, 12th October Ocean Pointscore—Anna Bay race
	Wednesday, 15th October Twilight race (Pursuit Start)
	Sunday, 19th October Spring Short Ocean Pointscore—Race 3
	Wednesday, 22nd October Twilight race (Pursuit Start)
	Sunday, 26th October Spring Short Ocean Pointscore—Race 4
	Wednesday, 29th October Twilight Pursuit race (Pursuit Start)
November 2025	Saturday, 1st November Super Racer Cruiser Sydney to Newcastle
	Sunday, 2nd November Spring Short Ocean Pointscore—Race 5
	Wednesday, 5th November Twilight race (Fleet Starts 5:00pm & 5:30pm)

OFFSHORE KEELBOAT RACING

November 2025	Saturday, 8th November Ocean Pointscore— Newcastle to Port Stephens Race
	Sunday, 9th November Ocean Pointscore— Port Stephens to Newcastle Race
	Wednesday, 12th November Twilight race (Pursuit Start)
	Sunday, 16th November Spring Short Ocean Pointscore—Race 6
	Wednesday, 19th November Twilight race (Pursuit Start)
	Friday, 21st November Ocean Pointscore— 'Hunter 100' overnight race
	Sunday, 23rd November SheSAILS Offshore Race
	Wednesday, 26th November Twilight race (Pursuit Start)
	Sunday, 30th November Spring Short Ocean Pointscore—Race 7
December 2025	Wednesday, 3rd December Twilight race (Fleet Starts 5:00pm & 5:30pm)
	Sunday, 7th December Ocean Pointscore—Bird Island Race
	Wednesday, 10th December Twilight race (Pursuit Start)
	Sunday, 14th December Spring Short Ocean Pointscore—Race 8
	Wednesday, 17th December Twilight race (Pursuit Start)
	Sunday, 21st December Spring Short Ocean Pointscore—Race 9

OFFSHORE KEELBOAT RACING

January 2026	Wednesday, 28th January Twilight race (Fleet Starts 5:00pm & 5:30pm)
February 2026	Sunday, 1st February Summer Short Ocean Pointscore—Race 1
	Wednesday, 4th February Twilight race (Pursuit Start)
	Sunday, 8th February Ocean Pointscore—Moon Islet race
	Wednesday, 11th February Twilight race (Pursuit Start)
	13th-15th February No sailing—RPAYC Pittwater Regatta
	Wednesday, 18th February Twilight race (Pursuit Start)
	Sunday, 22nd February—offshore start Summer Short Ocean Pointscore—Race 2 Summer Short Ocean Pointscore—Race 3
	Wednesday, 25th February Twilight race (Pursuit Start)
March 2026	Cancelled: Sunday, 1st March Ocean Pointscore—Bird Island Race
	Wednesday, 4th March Twilight race (Fleet Starts 5:00pm & 5:30pm)
	Saturday, 7th March Ocean Pointscore Friendship Cup Race at Newcastle
	Sunday, 8th March Ocean Pointscore—Bird Island Race
	7th-8th March MHYC Sydney Harbour Regatta

OFFSHORE KEELBOAT RACING

March 2026	SailFest Magic Round: Friday, 13th March—6:00pm start Summer Short Ocean Pointscore—Race 4
	Saturday, 14th March—offshore start Summer Short Ocean Pointscore—Race 5 Summer Short Ocean Pointscore—Race 6
	Sunday, 15th March Summer Short Ocean Pointscore—Race 7
	Wednesday, 18th March Twilight race (Pursuit Start)
	Sunday, 22nd March No sailing
	Wednesday, 25th March Twilight race (Pursuit Start)
	Cancelled: 28th-29th March NCYC SailFest Regatta
April 2026	Sunday, 12th April Newcastle to Port Stephens race
	13th-18th April Sail Port Stephens— Commodores Cup
	24th-26th April Sail Port Stephens— Performance Racing including: InterClub 40s, NSW IRC Championship, ORC Championship, Sportsboats, J70s
May 2026	1st-3rd May Sail Port Stephens— Super Series including: Super Racer Cruisers, Off the beach
	Sunday, 17th May Winter Short Ocean Pointscore—Race 1
	Sunday, 24th May Winter Short Ocean Pointscore—Race 2
	Sunday, 17th May No Sailing—Youth Interclub Challenge

OFFSHORE KEELBOAT RACING

June 2026	Sunday, 7th June (no racing—June long weekend)
	Sunday, 14th June Winter Short Ocean Pointscore—Race 3
	Sunday, 21st June Winter Short Ocean Pointscore—Race 4
	Sunday, 28th June Winter Short Ocean Pointscore—Race 5
July 2026	Sunday, 5th July Winter Short Ocean Pointscore—Race 6
	Saturday, 18th July Annual Celebration and Presentation



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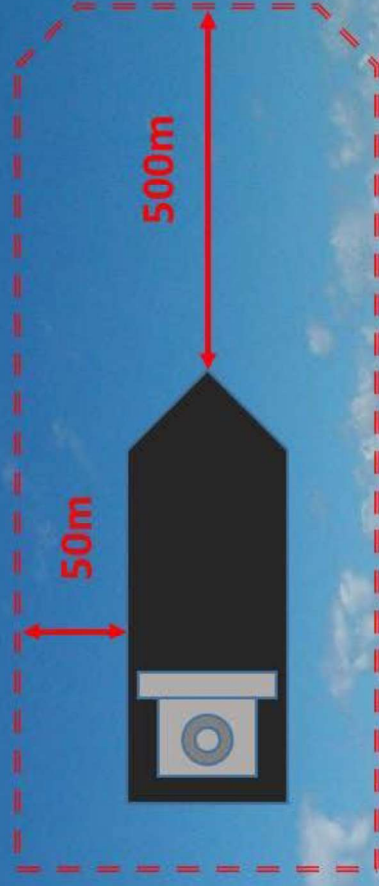


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Minimum Distances



When there is an approaching shipping movement...
"Take Early Action to Remain Clear of it's path"

- The skipper of each participating yacht is responsible for maintaining a vigilant lookout and for keeping clear of the path of an approaching ship.
- Competitors should not cross the bow or position themselves in the path of an approaching ship at any time.



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This includes remaining 200m clear of the path of a ferry and 30m each side and astern.

Minimum Distances

