

SAIL PORT STEPHENS BAY SERIES W/L RACING

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

3rd – 5th May 2024

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club (NCYC), as the organising authority, will conduct Sail Port Stephens 2024 on Port Stephens and nearby waters from Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th May 2024. 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 2021 – 2024 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing (WS), Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS), all as modified by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 2024 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.

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.
- 3.4 All yachts shall display Sail Numbers as per RRS.

- 3.5 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.
- 3.6 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/bay-series/>
- 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.

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.

7. Schedule of Events

Date	Time	Event
Friday, 3 rd May 2024	8:30am to 9:30am	Registration at Bay Sailing Centre
	9:00am	Regatta Briefing at Bay Sailing Centre (and Sail Port Stephens facebook live stream)
	12:00 noon	First Warning Signal for up to x3 races
	6:00pm	Daily Prizes at Cheeky Dog from 6:30pm
Saturday, 4 th 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 th 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.

8. The Start

- 8.1 The starting line will be between the signal mast, displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel and a port-end starting mark.
- 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 Division Flags will be as follows –

J70 Class	J70 Class Flag
Sportsboat Division	Orange Flag

9. Changing the Next Leg of the Course

- 9.1 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 a soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change, a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

10. Marks Descriptions

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

11. The Finish

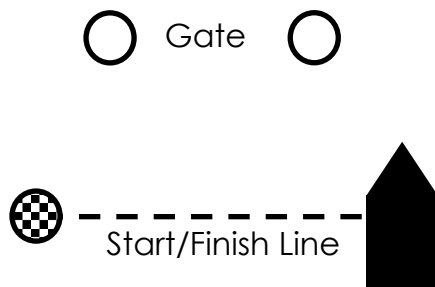
- 11.1 The finishing line will be between the signal mast, displaying a blue flag on the Finishing Vessel and a nearby finishing mark.

12. Courses

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>



Approximate Wind
Direction



- 12.1 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.

13. Time Limit

- 13.1 The Finishing Window is 30 minutes after the first boat in a boat's division has finished or sunset whichever is earliest.
- 13.2 Boats still racing when her finishing window expires will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35, A5.1.

14. Protests and Requests for Redress

- 14.1 Arbitration in accordance with RRS Appendix "T" may be used.
- 14.2 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.
- 14.3 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).
- 14.4 Protests shall be lodged at the Regatta Headquarters, Bay Sailing Centre, within 60 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.
- 14.5 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.
- 14.6 RRS 66 is changed by adding: "On her last day of racing, a party to the hearing may ask for a reopening no later than half an hour after being informed of the decision."
- 14.7 In accordance with RRS 64.2 the Jury may award a disqualification or a scoring penalty which may include no penalty.

15. Scoring

- 15.1 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.

16. Disclaimer of Liability

- 16.1 All those taking part in races conducted by NCYC do so at their own risk and responsibility.
- 16.2 The NCYC is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.
- 16.3 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.
- 16.4 Attention is drawn to WS Fundamental Rule 3: Decision to race: "A boat is solely responsible for deciding whether or not to start or to continue racing."

17. Prizes and Trophies

Prizes will be presented as soon as practical after racing on Sunday 5th May 2024 at Cheeky Dog, Bannisters Port Stephens.

18. Internet Site

- 18.1 The event website for Sail Port Stephens 2024 is located at –
<https://www.sailportstephens.com.au/bay-series/>
Information regarding the event including results and notices to competitors may be obtained from this site.

19. Mooring Arrangement Facilities

- 19.1 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.
- 19.2 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.

20. For Further Details Contact:

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