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Port Stephens Yacht Club
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Port Stephens Yacht Club as the organising authority, in conjunction with the Australian Sports Boat Association (ASBA) invites entries from eligible yachts in the Australian Sports Boat National Titles to be held on the waters of Port Stephens NSW on 26th to 29th May 2022.

1. RULES

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024 including Australian Sailing Special Regulations for Category 6 Racing.

1.2. Other rules that will apply to all boats are as follows:

1.2.1. The Australian Sports Boat Association Constitution is available at www.asba.org.au

1.2.2. The Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing, Part 1, Category 6 shall apply.

1.2.3. 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 SMS Certificate that the racing incorporates hiking devices.

1.2.4. Outboards of at least 3hp must be permanently mounted in ready to operate position.

1.2.5. Competitors must wear buoyancy vest/aids to Australian Sailing Standard while racing.

1.3. RRS 50.2 and 50.3 will be amended so that fixed and retractable spinnaker poles and bowsprits will be permitted for the purpose of setting asymmetrical spinnakers.

1.4. Port Stephens Yacht Club or ASBA may amend any detail of this Notice of Race and amendments will be published on the ASBA web site: www.asba.com.au and ASBA Facebook page: www.facebook.com/sportsboatsaus

1.5. Any boat or skipper who has not paid the nomination fees or ASBA membership fees or has no proof of payment by the 1st race will score a DNC (which will not be exonerated) in each race until payment or proof of payment is received by the ASBA.

1.6. Competing boats must carry a working VHF radio, handheld or fixed, capable of communication and monitoring of channels 16 and 77.

2. ADVERTISING

2.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority or ASBA.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1. The regatta is open to all boats that meet the requirements of the Australian Sports Boat Association which includes Sports Boats with a minimum SMS rating of 0.755 and a current SMS rating certificate or an exemption granted by the ASBA committee

3.2. Entries can be made online via the ASBA web site: www.asba.org.au

3.3. Late entries may be accepted with an additional fee.

4. FEES

4.1. All boats: \$375 for early entries submitted before 5pm, 6th May 2022.

4.2. All boats: \$425 for entries received after 5pm, 6th May 2022.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1. Racing will be a series of up to 14 races conducted over 4 days; Thursday 26th May to Sunday 29th January 2022.

5.2. There will be windward/ leeward races scheduled each day with one passage race also to be sailed at the regatta. Four Windward / Leeward races will be scheduled for Thursday and Friday, two windward/ leewards for and passage race on Saturday and three windward / leewards for Sunday. Up to six races can be scheduled on any day. The first warning signal for Saturday 22nd is scheduled for 1:30pm.

5.3. No race will be started after 1500 hours on the last day of the regatta.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available on the ASBA website: www.asba.org.au by 1800 hours on Monday 16th of May 2022.

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VENUE

7.1. The host club is Port Stephens Yacht Club Soldiers Point NSW, www.psync.com.au

7.2. Racing will be conducted on the waters of Port Stephens NSW.

8. THE COURSES

8.1. The courses to be sailed will be windward/ leeward returns races and passage style races and will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

9.1. The scoring penalty, rule 44.3, will not apply.

9.2. The Two-Turns Penalty is changed to a One-Turns Penalty in all races. Except the two turns penalty will apply within the zone of a rounding mark (amends RRS 44.1 and 44.2).

10. SCORING

10.1. The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply.

10.2. Five races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

10.3. When from five or six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

10.4. When seven to ten races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst race. When eleven or more races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst two race scores.

11. BERTHING

11.1. Wet berthing is available at Soldiers Point Marina.

12. RADIO COMMUNICATION

12.1. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions nor receive radio communications while racing. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. VHF channel number 77 will be used by the race committee.

13. PRIZES AND DIVISIONS

13.1. Prizes will be given as follows:

13.1.1. 1st, 2nd and 3rd on SMS.

13.1.2. 1st, 2nd and 3rd on ASBA LTP Handicap.

13.1.3. Other categories, divisions and prizes may be determined by the organising authority.

13.1.4. Prizes will be awarded as soon as possible after racing on Sunday 29th of May 2022 at the PSYC clubhouse.

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

14.1. Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk and responsibility.

14.2. By lodging an entry, participants agree that they will release, hold harmless and indemnify ASBA and the BBYC and their officials from all liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

14.3. The entrant shall provide each crew member with a copy of these conditions of entry and the attached BBYC Risk Warning.

14.4. Attention is drawn to Australian Sailing Fundamental Rules 3, Acceptance of the Rules and 4, Decision to Race.

15. INSURANCE

15.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10M per incident or the equivalent.

16. PRESENTATION

16.1. The Port Stephens Yacht Club invites competitors, their family and friends to a presentation of trophies to be held at the PSYC clubhouse on Sunday 29th May 2022 immediately following completion of racing.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

17.1. For further information please contact ASBA at info@asba.org.au Event website: www.asba.org.au