

# Sail Port Stephen Invitation

**Friday 8 April to Sunday 10 April**

## Information and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

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***Please confirm you are attending on our Facebook page for this Event***

NHTYA has again been invited to participate in the Sail Port Stephens Regatta, in a special trailer sailer event on Saturday and Sunday, in a different direction to the main regatta fleet. This is not the Sports Boat Race referred to on their website.

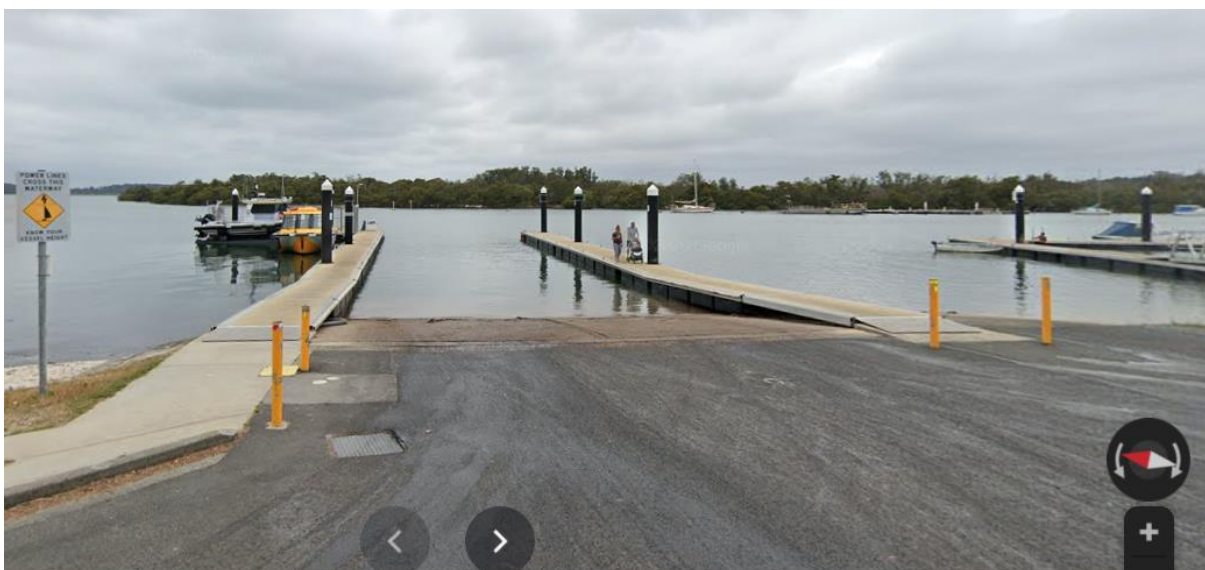
While the normal cost to enter Sail Port Stephens Regatta is \$350, we have a subsidised rate of \$50 covering both days, which includes entrance to social events, & access to the beach for our boats!

We will be advised of the course on Saturday, depending on the wind etc. It will be up the harbour, turning around and finishing with the tide and coming in around the time of the fleet. The course will be about 2+ hours. Sunday will be 1 round of the event course.

When is high tide and how will this affect the course? On Saturday 9 April, sunrise is at 6:07 am & sunset is at 5:38 pm. High tide is at 1.28 am & at 2.39 pm. Low tide is at 8.40 am & 7.55 pm. On Sunday 10 April, sunrise is at 6:07 am & sunset is at 5:37 pm. High tide is at 2.37 am & at 4.01 pm. Low tide is at 9.49 am & 9.18 pm.

### Where can we rig and put in?

Lemon Tree Passage was used last year and is great! It has a lot of room for rigging and 3 jetties and makes a nice sail / motor to d'Albora Marina. Little Beach has a lot of sand on the ramp currently and is very busy with impatient fishos and has limited parking.



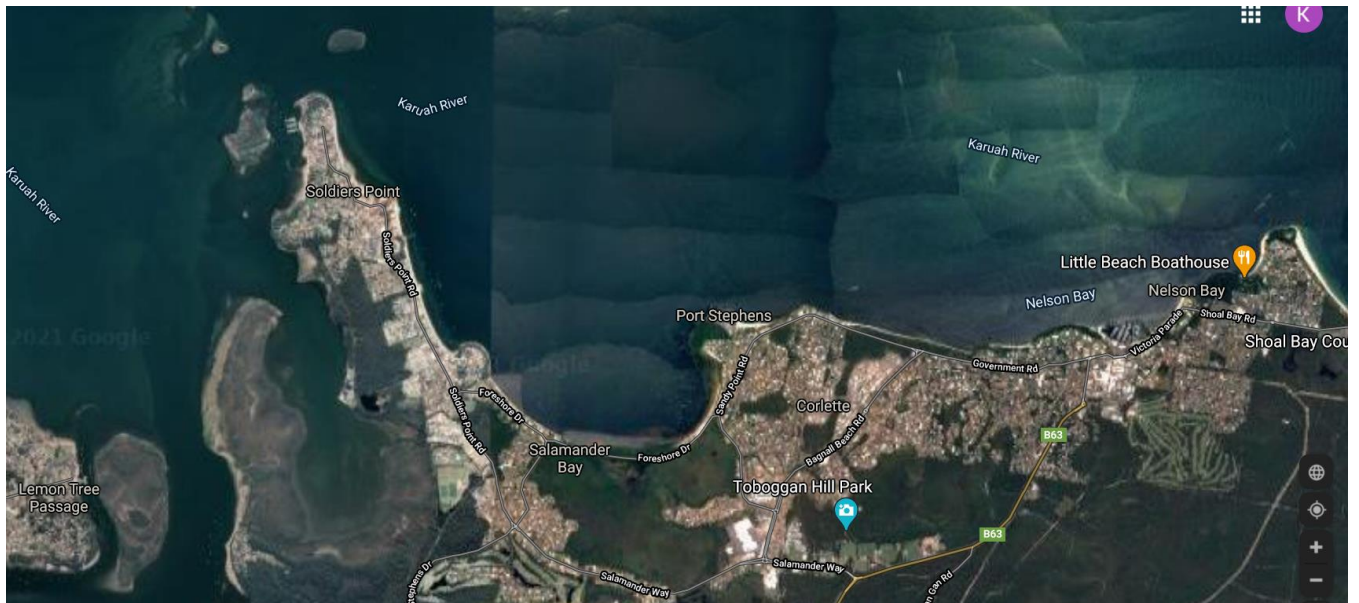
*Lemon Tree Passage boat ramps & jetties*



*Lemon Tree Passage boat ramp parking.*

Ken will be putting Aye-Sea Red in at Lemon Tree Passage Friday afternoon & sailing around to Nelson Bay.

**Please confirm** where and the time you are rigging and putting in, as we may cruise to Nelson Bay together!



*Lemon Tree Passage to Nelson Bay marina*

Like last year, NHTYA members will be beaching stern into the grass/beach between the sea wall and the mooring jetty inside the marina. Have a look at the photo below.

There is a Public berth at the little jetty on the seawall for 2-3 boats which will be used by the racing committee, so please do not go there, and the jetty is also used by Tea Gardens ferry. They will use their horn to move you!

**NHTYA members are to fill out a paper registration form with the Sail Port Stephen registration team on Saturday morning in the race office.**

The registration desk is open from 8.30am. NHTYA will gather at 9.30 to complete registration and have a pre-race briefing by the Sail Port Stephen team.

At the NHTYA registration, skippers will need to complete the registration form, i.e. skipper and crew names, name of boat and sail number, and sign a stat dec stating that you have insurance for your boat, you are part of a club which is registered with Sailing Australia, you have Sail Australia membership, and you have completed a Cat 7 audit. We will need our handicaps to inform them.



*Heaps of room for your boats!!*



## Official Sail Port Stevens Social program, which NHTYA are invited to attend.

**Friday 8 April** is Day 1 of the Port Stephens Trophy including NSW IRC Championships and Flagstaff Marine Performance divisions.

- NHTYA @ Lemon Tree Passage rigging & launching & cruise sail to d'Albora Marina, sunset is at 5.40pm.
- NHTYA boats stern into beach inside Marina.
- Cash Bar opens at 4pm at Broughtons, upstairs in the Marina. Daily results and Prizes from 5pm. NHTYA are ok to attend.
- You can go out for dinner ie the Seabreeze Hotel, or we can gather by the boats for great fish n chips from the marina!

**Saturday 9 April** is 'Sailebration' Day Regatta - Day 2 Port Stephens Trophy series (all divisions) starts at 11-11.30 ish TBC

- Any NHTYA @ Lemon Tree Passage rigging & launching & cruise sail to d'Albora Marina?.
- NHTYA Trailer Sailer starts at 11-11.30 ish TBC after the main race starts.
- 5 pm Broughtons at the Bay when back in the marina for daily results and prizes from 6pm. Cash bar operating. **NHTYA are to attend in club polos.**
- Hicky's Happy Hour from 6pm at Broughtons. NHTYA Happy Hour and dinner gathering by the boats on the picnic tables like last year! We may have the option of using a beach BBQ.



**Sunday 10 April** We will participate in Day 3 of the Port Stephens Trophy start at 11-11.30 ish TBC. Ours is 1 lap of the harbour course.

- After breakfast we will put on a NHTYA Trailer Sailer display & promotion, wearing club Polos.
- After the race NHTYA cruise back to Lemon Tree Passage to derig and head home.
- Is anyone staying longer?
- Trophy presentations for all divisions at Broughtons at completion of racing if anyone staying.



*Race office and prizegiving is at Broughtons at the Bay on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor in the Marina 1*

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

The regatta boat crews normally have matching uniforms, from polos to Hawaiian shirts. So, let's get into the spirit of things on each boat! And fly the club burgee!

Yes, you can go for a cruise sail if you don't want to race. You can even cruise the same course as our racing boats.

No, you don't have to bring your insurance documents for registration, however you will need to sign a stat dec that you are insured.

There are toilets just long at the breakwater and at the marina.

There are cafes, a Woolworths, and BWS on the marina or in the village 10 minutes walk away.

A tender isn't needed.

We will be beached just off a public walkway, so yes, lock up your boat if going ashore. Suggest locking outboard to pushpit.

On Sunday morning, yes, it would be nice if you could let people have a look inside your boat when we have the NHTYA Trailer Sailers display & promotion on the walkway beside our boats, with our club Polos on! No problem if you don't want to have people on board.

Yes, Day Crew are more than welcome to visit and sail either day, especially if Rear Admirals are going shopping and cafeing.

