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Club Champions 2025-26

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General Meeting Notice

Notice is hereby given of the
Newcastle and Hunter Trailer Yacht
Association.

**Tuesday 7pm on
21st July 2026 at
Club Macquarie and via ZOOM**

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Commodore's Muse

Greetings to you all.

What a great Presentation Night! A big thank you goes out to the subcommittee who worked tirelessly pulling all the bits into place to make it a special event, and it was special catching up with other members I hadn't seen for a while.



What a fascinating life our guest speaker Ruth has had, and she had me captivated from the moment she started regaling us with her stories! Congratulations to all the trophy recipients and more on that later in the newsletter.

The 'Onshore Cruise' is coming up shortly from 24-26 July! I know John and Lisa Pateman's have got a great place lined up at the Gloucester Show Ground, so dig out your winter woollies, grab your beanies and a bag of firewood, and be prepared to have fun! Please let them know if you are coming by Sunday 19 July! Yes, you can sleep in your boat on the trailer if you don't have a caravan or RV, or even in the local motel!

Let's hope there are a few photos from Keepit Kool at Lake Keepit in the newsletter! I happen to have heard a few things, and I'm looking forward to the stories and hopefully photos.

The presentation after the June meeting was on Trailer Maintenance. That's a topic that everyone can relate to, from simple lube jobs through to rust repairs or replacement. Greg is going to put all the presentations up on the website shortly, so you can go back and study them in more detail.

And that leads into getting your boat ready for AUDIT day on Saturday 22 August at the Rathmines Boat ramp. There will be a Gazebo and BBQ going so you can have a chin wag after passing your audit! A big thanks to the Auditors in advance for their time. Please get the Category 7 Audit Form off the Race Documents section on the website and start self-auditing to make sure you have everything ready for the audit.

Even if you're not a racer, it's good to get your boat audited so you know you have all the relevant safety equipment on board.

The OTB season is getting ready to start at the end of August, and our Spring series Race 1 & 2 will kick off on the 5th & 6th of September!!

And who has a great idea for a cruise! Go on, you've been thinking of going somewhere, I know, so lead us all there!

Fair winds to you all, and see you at the ramp soon!

Ken. Your Commodore

Minutes for General Meeting

16 June 2026

Welcome to Meeting: Ken Hill

Meeting Opened: pm

ATTENDANCE

Apologies: Kim & Phil Sparkes, Derek & Leanne Tracey, Tania Hill, Kathy & Barry White, John & Jennina Boer, Simon Gregson, Brian & Val Harrison, John & Lisa Pateman

Attendance: Via Zoom Sue & Will Hardcastle, Jennifer Gregson, Chris Keevers, Wayne Bacon, Robert Rimington, Warren Parrot, Peter & Kerry Melbourne. John & Lisa Pateman joined during the meeting.

Attendance at Club Macquarie: Ken Hill, Greg Cross,

Visitor/s: Nil

Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of meeting held 19 May 2026 as printed in the May 2026 Newsletter be accepted.

Moved: Ken Hill

Seconded: Greg cross

- **Any matters arising from the previous minutes:**
 - Nil
- **Any items to be discussed in General Business:**
 - Nil.

Correspondence In:

Mailbox: Nil.

Email: Nil

Action Taken – NA

Outwards: Nil

Treasurers Report

- **Treasurers Report resented by Jennifer Gregson and shared on the screen.**

The full Treasurers Report is available to Members in the "Members Only" section of the website.

Thank you.
Jennifer Gregson.
Treasurer.

Treasurers Report Moved: Jennifer Gregson

Seconded: Will Hardcastle

➤ **2026-27 Membership fee proposed structure. Presented by Jennifer Gregson and shared on the screen.**

- 2025/2026 membership fee decreased from \$130 to \$100, however cost have still increased and exceed membership fee income.
- Motion as presented to increase membership \$10 to \$110 – 2 people PLUS Sailing Australia membership; Spring Racing increase \$5 to \$45; Autumn Racing increase \$5 to \$45; OTB – no change at \$10. This is the same total amount as members paid for 2024/25.

Moved: Jennifer Gregson

Seconded: Will Hardcastle.

All present agreed.

Racing Report

➤ **Will Hardcastle – welcomed into the role by Ken**

- In winter recess, so there have not been any races.

OTB

➤ **Will Hardcastle on behalf of Brian Harrison**

- In winter recess, so there have not been any races.

Cruising Report and Upcoming Cruises

➤ **Ken Hill on behalf of John Pateman.**

- **Onshore Cruise.** 25 – 26 July! See flyer for details.

Membership update

➤ **Jenny Gregson**

- Nil. Invoices will be sent out after Presentation.

Update for Facebook & Website

➤ **Greg Cross**

- Latest newsletter has been published on the website. Val's first as the new editor!
- Onshore Cruise flyer has also been published on the website. RSVP by 19 July please. Is there a firepit? – John P to confirm.

GENERAL BUSINESS

➤ **Ken** - Presentation Night. Thanks to those who have replies yes or no. To date there are 31 attending at Swansea RSL.

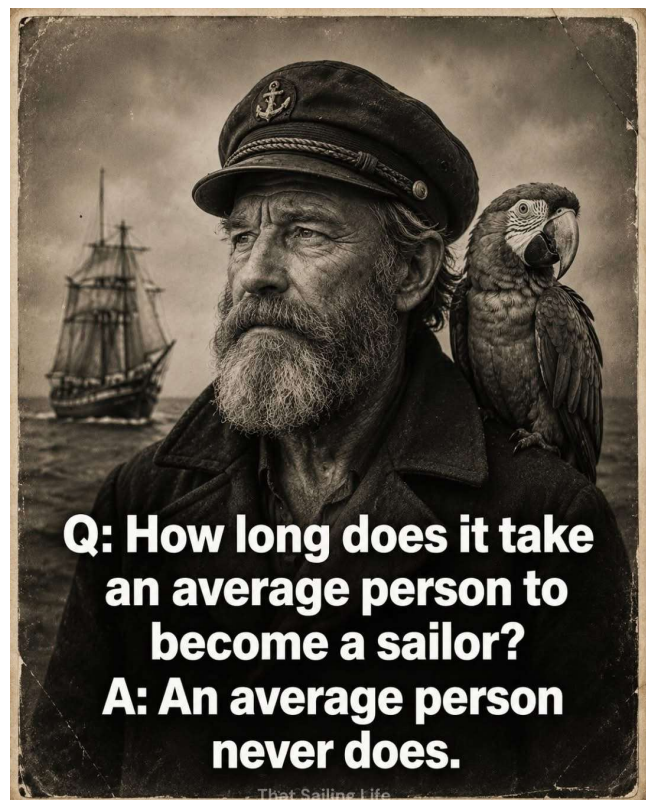
- **Chris** thanks to Greg for polishing the Presentation. Greg asked if it's ok to go onto the website.
- **Peter M** at Yamba in car to join the meeting. Ken advised all that Val has volunteered to be Secretary as well as Editor, and the Committee has endorsed that offer with thanks.
- **Greg** re Lake Keepit where Brian lost the back section of the other pontoon, as another Trimaran ran into the back of his boat!
- **Wayne** – found both of the presentations worthwhile and relevant, and great to go onto the website. When Wayne went to look at a Noelex, the first thing he did was look at the length of the ladder to see if he could board when swimming!
- **Jenny** – No fire ban in place for the Onshore cruise.
- **Robert** – Car issues.
- **Warren** – Lake Mac Raid had a fire at Styles Point, and concern that they may be considered to be part of NHTYA. Ken to contact Stephen re be aware of fire ban.
- **Discussion** - on what the Lake Macquarie Raid is, and then on not allowed to have fires on Council reserve. Not sure if a fire to cook on is allowed, and if yes, does it have to be put out after eating?
- **John** – if those attending the Onshore cruse could contact him by 19 July please. Can have fires there, and please bring a bag of firewood.
- **Ken** – the following presentation will be on Trailer Maintenance!

There being no other business.

Meeting Closed: 7.38 pm

Ken Hill on behalf of Val Harrison

NHTYA Secretary



NHTYA 2026 **Presentation Night**

From all reports a great night was had by all at Swansea RSL (sorry to have missed it due to surgery). I was especially disappointed to have missed hearing the exploits of our guest speaker – Ruth Boydell.



Ruth first sailed into adventure at seventeen years of age, embarking on a sailboat voyage halfway around the world. She eventually found a small boat of her own and voyaged halfway round the globe a second time.

Ruth continued her adventure in Newcastle NSW Australia, teaching sailing, seamanship, and navigation.

Now Ruth helps others plan and navigate the end of life as a death doula and educator.

While she found her spirit, her strengths and followed her dreams, it was not all smooth sailing.

Heavy weather, health challenges, loneliness, and relationship and life lessons were all part of her journey.

We heard how this young woman from the comfortable suburbs of Sydney became a solo sailor, crossing oceans in her own small craft. A great and inspiring story.

Although many of us couldn't make it this year - we all congratulate the achievements of this year's award recipients.

In no special order I present the following-

The Myall Cup- Peter and Karen Armitage on 'Inspiration'





***The Bungwahl Bucket –
Gary and Cathy Chalmers on “Coconut Duck”***

***Heap Summer Bocce Challenge-
Wayne Bacon on ‘Aquila’***



***Lake Macquarie Sonata Challenge
- John and Lisa Patemen on ‘Wanderer’***

***Sparkes Social Trophy-
Phil And Kim Sparkes on ‘Gypsea’***

***Most Improved Skipper
Tom Howell on ‘Second One’***





**3hr Race – 2nd
6 hr Race – 3rd
Autumn series 1st
Combined PBH – 1st
Combined CBH- 2nd**

*John and Jennina Boer
on 'Biddy II'*



**3hr Race – 1st
Autumn series 3rd
Combined PBH- 3rd**
*Ken and Tanya Hill
on 'Aye Sea Red'*



CLUB CHAMPION
**Spring series 3rd
Combined CBH- 1st**
*Will and Sue Hardcastle on
'Amethyst'*



**Spring series 1st
Combined CBH- 3rd**
*Chris Keevers
on 'Deja Vu'*

**3hr Race - 3rd
6hr Race – 2nd
Autumn series 2nd
Combined PBH- 2nd**
*Rob and Beville Tikoft
on 'Araluen II'*



6hr Race – 1st
*Peter and Kerry
Melbourne on
'True North'*



Spring series 2nd
*John and Dorothy
Haig on 'Jocimo'*



On Shore Cruise 24th-26th July



Gloucester Show Ground-\$30 per night
Caravan, RV, Trailable yacht etc

Option to stay in a motel in Gloucester if you like.
For motel accommodation info contact
Gloucester Information Centre 1800 802 692

Dogs allowed on leash and off leash on oval

There will be no 4wding but could be dirt and water crossings
and possibly visiting National Park for lunch
(Please note dogs are not allowed in NPs)

Need to know numbers by Sunday 19th July and powered sites
could be available- Just let me now if needed
John 0425361849 & Lisa 0425361850

NOTICE OF RACE – Spring Series 2026

1 RULES

- 1.1 The races will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing Category 7 and any amendments, each yacht's Class Rules (except where any of these are altered by the Sailing Instructions), and the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 All races will be "Mixed Class Races" and spinnakers may be flown.
- 1.3 Each race is required to have a minimum of 4 boats signed on to start the race (excluding the Officer of the Day). If less than 4, the race will not be part of the race series.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising will be restricted to Category A as noted in Clause 80.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The races are open to all NHTYA members and visitors.

4 FEES

- 4.1 Required fees are as follows: 8 Race Series \$45.00, or \$10 per race till \$45.00 has been accrued. Fees are to be paid prior to participating in any race or the yacht will be scored DSQ.

5 RACE SERIES

- 5.1 The race series will consist of 8 races.

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Registration is on the day of the race prior to briefing time. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the race briefing is Saturday 11.30am and Sunday 10.30am.
- 6.2 Dates of racing 2026, and designated OOD:

01 Sep 26 OOD Deja Vu	Race 1	02 Sep 26 OOD Inspiration	Race 2
17 Oct 26 OOD Crosswind	Race 3	18 Oct 26 OOD Gundaroo II	Race 4
07 Nov 26 OOD Biddy Too	Race 5	08 Nov 26 OOD Amerthyst	Race 6
05 Dec 26 OOD Jocimo	Race 7	06 Dec 26 OOD True North	Race 8

- 6.3 Number of races:

Division Numbers	Races per day
Divisions 1 to 3	One race on Saturdays and one race on Sundays. Except re-run races conducted as a second race on the next Saturday race day, or Sunday race day if required.

7 EQUIPMENT and MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 7.1 A boat or its equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Sailing Instructions. On the water a boat may be instructed by a Race Committee Officer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1 The sailing instructions will be available on the NHTYA web site www.trailersailer.org

9 VENUE

- 9.1 The races will be conducted on Lake Macquarie in New South Wales.
- 9.2 The venue will be Styles Point for races 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 and F-Jetty for races 7, 8, 9 and 10. F Jetty races can be accessed by the ramp adjacent to F Jetty.
- 9.3 Directions for visitors: F-Jetty is at Rathmines NSW and is accessed by Dorrington Road or Stilling Street, with trailer yacht launching at Styles Point ramp. Styles Point is at Rathmines NSW and is accessed by Dorrington Road then Overhill Road. At the northern end of Overhill Road take the right turn into the park.

10 THE COURSES

- 10.1 The courses to be sailed will be selected from the Club Courses or as determined at the race briefing. (see the Sailing Instructions Addendum B). The race organiser will use the B.O.M/Meteye site for weather assessments.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 Rule 44.1 (page 29) is changed so that the "Two Turn Penalty" is replaced by the "One Turn Penalty".

12 SCORING

- 12.1 The primary scoring system will be based on personal handicap (PHC) results utilising the "Top Yacht Club Score" software.
- 12.2 The secondary scoring system will be based on Class Basic Handicap (CBH) results utilising the "Top Yacht" software and is to be calculated by utilising each boat's elapsed time for each race conducted within the 2026 Spring Series and the 2027 Autumn Series and multiplied by the CBH for that class of boat. 80% of the best results for that boat to count towards the series. Class handicap ratings for the combined Spring and Autumn series will be those published on the NHTYA website at the date of the first Spring race.
- 12.3 In consultation with the Sailing Committee, and upon review of previous season's CBH race results, some minor CBH rating adjustments may be made by the Club Handicapper in order to address rating anomalies.
- 12.4 Low point scoring system described in A4.1 will apply.
- 12.5 The Officer of the Day (OOD) shall be scored as a DUTY boat. DUTY boat can only be awarded on one occasion each series. Occasion being meant as one day's racing activities.
- 12.6 Any NHTYA Club Member absent from an NHTYA race because they are participating in another club's race on the same day will be scored as a "DUTY" boat and receive an average of her 4 best scores. This can only be applied once per race series.
- 12.7 Any Series Ties to be resolved using clause A8.

13 THE START and SUPPORT BOATS

- 13.1 The start will be between an Association buoy and a flag on the start boat, unless otherwise notified at the briefing. Committee Boats will be used as support boats as required.

14 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 14.1 All boats will monitor VHF Channel 72 while racing. A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. The club call sign is "Catalina Fleet".

15 PRIZES

- 15.1 Prizes will be given as follows:
- Medal for 1st, 2nd & 3rd in each race on PHC.
- 15.2 Trophies as follows:
- Winner of the Spring 2026 Series based on PHC.
 - Winner of the combined Spring 2026 & Autumn 2027 Series based on PHC.
 - Winner of the combined Spring 2026 and Autumn 2027 Series based on CBH.
- 15.3 The crew of a prize winning boat (not being a spouse/partner of the owner):
- Having paid club membership, and
 - Having paid race fees, and
 - Participated in a minimum of 80% of the races on that boat in that series shall be eligible for an individual award.

16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 16.1 Competitors participate in races entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. 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 the series races.

17 INSURANCE

- 17.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid third-party liability insurer with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000.00 per event or the equivalent.

18 PERSON IN CHARGE

- 18.1 All yacht skippers must have current:
- Sailing Australia membership.
 - Race fees paid.
 - Members of NHTYA must have current NHTYA club membership.
 - Failing any of these, the yacht will be scored as DSQ (Disqualified).

19 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 19.1 For further information please contact:
- | | | |
|--------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| • Commodore | Ken Hill | 0400 208 553 |
| • Race Officer | Will Hardcastle | 0416 258 271 |
| • Race Handicapper | Brian Harrison | 0421 979 452 |



ENTRY FORM

SPRING SERIES RACES 2026

Helmsman's Name: _____

Vessel's Name: _____

Class/Make: _____

Sail No: _____

Spinnaker Do you intend to use a spinnaker during any race in the
Spring 2026 or Autumn 2027 race series? YES NO

YA Membership No: _____

Email: _____

On shore contact _____

RACE FEES due before the start of race 1 in each series		
Spring race series fee	2026 year	\$45.00
		Total

Please make cheque payable to "Newcastle and Hunter Trailer Yacht Assoc." Or
Direct deposit to Commonwealth Bank, Account name NHTYA,
BSB 062822, Account No 17418617 (use your name as reference ID)
Or post to NHTYA, PO Box 210, Boolaroo, 2284

Entry Fee \$10 per race or \$45.00 for the Series

Insurance: Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid third-party liability insurance policy of not less than AUD\$10,000,000. All owners/competitors who sign this Entry Form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover.

Category 7 Safety Audit Audits must be completed before entering your first race in this series. Failure to comply will be scored as Disqualified (DSQ) until the audit has been completed.

Declaration: I agree to be bound by the current Racing Rules of Sailing, the Special Regulations, the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions and all other Rules that govern this Series. I acknowledge that Rule 3, Decision to Race, places the sole responsibility on each crew for deciding to participate in a race or continue racing, and accept 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 the event.

Signed: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

CLUB BOAT & SOCIAL TROPHY 2025/2026

Final

SURNAME	KNOWN AS	BOAT TYPE	BOAT NAME	CLUB BOAT	SOCIAL CRUISES ONLY
HARDCASTLE	Will & Sue	Cygnet 20	<i>Amethyst</i>	16	4
PATEMAN	John & Lisa	Sabre 25	<i>Wanderer</i>	15	6
HILL	Ken & Tania	Noelex 25	<i>Eye Sea Red</i>	14	2
BOER	Jon & Jennina	Castle 650	<i>Bibby Too</i>	14	0
HARRISON	Brian & Valerie	Ostac Tri	<i>Tri Hard</i>	13	0
SPARKES	Phillip & Kim	Clubman 8	<i>Gypsea</i>	12	10
MELBOURNE	Peter & Kerry	Castle 650	<i>True North</i>	12	2
ARMITAGE	Karen & Peter	Ultimate 23	<i>Inspiration</i>	11	2
KEEVERS	Chris & Glennis	Farr 6000	<i>déjà vu</i>	11	0
WEBSTER	Paul & Jennifer	Gem 550	<i>The Cubby</i>	10	4
GREGSON	Simon & Jennifer	Noelex 25	<i>Zam</i>	10	0
TICKOFT	Robert & Bevillee	Castle 650	<i>Araluen II</i>	10	0
DYCE	Doug	RL24	<i>Gunundaroo II</i>	9	0
RIMINGTON	Rob & Sharon	Sonata 7	<i>Sallywag</i>	9	0
ARMSTRONG	Peter & Jacque	Sabre 25	<i>Sailaway</i>	8	6
DAVEY	Jeff & Jodee	Ross 780 mk3	<i>Eyelyn</i>	8	6
HAIG	John & Dorothy	Noelex 25	<i>Jocimo</i>	8	0
SCHURBERT	Graeme	Clubman 8	<i>Crosswind</i>	7	0
HOWELL	Tom	Boomerang 20	<i>Bustard Custard</i>	5	0
BERRY	Richard and Emma	Farr 6000	<i>Farr Haven</i>	5	0
PETERS	Hart & Pam	Farr 7500	<i>Farr n Beyond</i>	4	4
YORK	Roger & Ann	Austral 20	<i>Moonlighting</i>	4	0
WHITE	Barry & Kathy	Noelex 25	<i>Free Spirit</i>	4	0
CHALMERS	Garry & Cathy	Sonata 7	<i>Coconut Duck</i>	3	2
VANDERVOORT	Jonathan	Cygnet 20	<i>42</i>	3	0
PARROTT	Warren & Leanne	Macgregor 26m	<i>Macnifique</i>	2	2
PARKER	John & Carol			2	2
BACON	Wayne	Cole 19	<i>Aquila</i>	2	2
TRACEY	Derek & Leanne	Magnum 8.5	<i>Tub Thumper</i>	2	2
YOUNGER	David & Linda	Castle 650	<i>Full Of Rascals</i>	2	0
HART	Chris & Candee	Spider 24 mk2	<i>Heart Beat</i>	2	0
WINESTOCK	Geoffery & Louise	Cygnet 20	<i>Missee Lee</i>	2	0
DYCE	Andrew	Maricat 4.3	<i>Ninja</i>	0	0

Equipment Audit Day

SAT August 22nd 2026

A reminder to all members that our Equipment Audit Day will be held on Saturday Aug 22nd at the Rathmines Concrete Parking area, east of the F Jetty between 1000hrs and 1400hrs.

YES- There will be a BBQ.

A reminder that the Category 7 Audit Form must be filled out with all applicable information and initialled by the Auditor. We request that you also provide a copy of your boating insurance.

For those wishing to fly spinnakers in the club's racing series, evidence must be shown on your insurance policy, to say that you are insured to race with spinnakers.

If you are unable to make this date, please make alternative arrangements with an Auditor.

Hart Peters – Auditor
0417 674 687



Keepit Kool Regatta at Lake Keepit-

Every year members of NHTYA have been attending this winter regatta. Usually there are some 70 boats on the water drifting/sailing in next to no breeze. However, this year numbers were less than half. Possibly due to memories of last year when it blew and consequently the wind chill was extreme, or perhaps the fuel crisis! Anyways the regatta was held with typically 'Keepit' weather.



NHTYA had 3 members and one pre member attend. We (Brian and Val Harrison) on the Ostac Trimaran. Tom Howell on his Maricat, Craig O'Brien was crew on an Adams 21 and Pam Shipway sailed her Windrush on a sail pass.

The camping and of course the campfire was fantastic as usual.

Pam managed to get one race in before her steering broke...

Tom had a superb regatta and was leading going the last race. End score was a tie with Simone- but on count back he came second overall. They (Tom and Simone) did manage to take the opportunity of an impromptu race around the Tri in no wind before the river race on Sunday was cancelled.

The sailing was different for the Trimaran as for some reason they put us in the fast cat division. Hmm on the last day the race officer came over to us expecting to offer us a tow and was surprised to see we had a motor and accommodation and galley and weigh 7 times more etc..... YES, we are a trailerable not a planning F18 !!!

Anyways hopefully next year !!



Off The Beach (OTB) NOTICE OF RACE –2026/27 V1.1

20 RULES

- 20.1 The races will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing Category 7 and any amendments, each yacht's Class Rules (except where any of these are altered by the Sailing Instructions), and the Sailing Instructions.
- 20.2 All races will be "Mixed Class Races" and spinnakers may be flown.
- 20.3 Each race is required to have a minimum of 3 boats signed on to start the race. If less than 3, the race will not be part of the race series.

21 ADVERTISING

- 21.1 Advertising will be restricted to Category A as noted in Clause 80.

22 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 22.1 The races are open to all NHTYA members and visitors.

23 FEES

- 23.1 Required fees are as follows: \$10.00 for the Series, or \$5 per race day till \$10.00 has been accrued. Fees are to be paid prior to participating in any race or the yacht will not be scored DSQ.

24 RACE SERIES

- 24.1 The racing will consist of 10 events with each event having a maximum of 3 races conducted.

25 SCHEDULE

- 25.1 Registration is on the day of the race prior to briefing time. The scheduled time for race briefing is 1130 on the day of the race.
- 26 Racing will be undertaken over the weekend of the dates listed below. The Saturday of the listed weekend is the preferred race day. However, if in the opinion of the OTB Division Race Organiser, Saturday's weather is not conducive to safe sailing, the Sunday will be used instead. Dates of racing for the 25/26 season are:

27

29 or 30 Aug 26	TBA Jan 26
26 or 27 Sep 26	TBA Feb 26
24 or 25 Oct 26	TBA Mar 26
14 Nov 26	TBA Apr 26
12 or 13 Dec 26	TBA May 26

28 EQUIPMENT and MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 28.1 A boat or its equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Sailing Instructions. On the water a boat may be instructed by a Race Committee Officer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

29 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 29.1 The sailing instructions will be available on the NHTYA web site www.trailersailer.org

30 VENUE

- 30.1 The venue will be in Kilaben Bay within the immediate vicinity of the large concrete apron near F-Jetty.

31 THE COURSES

- 31.1 The courses to be sailed for each race will be traditional Triangle – Windward/Leeward – Triangle courses.

32 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 32.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the "Two Turn Penalty" is replaced by the "One Turn Penalty".

33 SCORING

- 33.1 The primary scoring system will be based on the Australian Sailing Dinghy and Catamaran Yardsticks for the 2024-25 season. Scoring will be based on the skipper (not the boat) across the season, this enables skippers to try multiple OTB sailing craft across the season.
- 33.2 The secondary scoring system will be based on the personal handicap (PHC) results of the skipper.
- 33.3 Low point scoring system described in A4.1 will apply.
- 33.4 Any NHTYA Club Member absent from an NHTYA race because they are participating in another club's race on the same day will be scored as a "DUTY" boat and receive an average of her 6 best scores. This can only be applied once per race series.
- 33.5 Any Series Ties to be resolved using clause A8.

34 THE START and SUPPORT BOATS

- 34.1 The start will be between an Association buoy and a flag on the start boat, unless otherwise notified at the briefing. Committee Boats will be used as support boats as required.

35 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 35.1 N/A

36 PRIZES

- 36.1 No prizes for individual races will be awarded.
- 36.2 Trophies as follows:
- 1st, 2nd & 3rd place of the season's series based on Yardstick.
 - 1st, 2nd & 3rd place of the season's series based on PHC.
 - Any skipper eligible for a trophy on Yardstick is not eligible for a trophy on PHC.
 - No prizes for crew.

37 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 37.1 Competitors participate in races entirely at their own risk. See rule 3, Decision to Race. 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 the series races.

38 INSURANCE

- 38.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid third-party liability insurer with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000.00 per event or the equivalent.

39 PERSON IN CHARGE

- 39.1 All yacht skippers must have current:
- Sailing Australia membership.
 - Race fees paid.
 - Members of NHTYA must have current NHTYA club membership.

Failing any of these, the yacht will be scored as DSQ (Disqualified).

40 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 40.1 For further information please contact:

◦ Commodore	Ken Hill	0400 208 553
◦ Race Officer	Will Hardcastle	0416 258 271
◦ OTB Race Organiser & Handicapper	Brian Harrison	0421 979 452



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2026			Activity	Location	Contact	Pts	Extra Info
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July	4 - 5	Sat - Sun					
July	11 - 12	Sat - Sun					
July	21	Tue	General Meeting	Club Macquarie	Ken Hill 0400 208 553		
July	18- 19	Sat - Sun					
July	25 - 26	Sat - Sun	Shore Cruise	Gloucester Show Ground	John and Lisa Pateman	2	
Aug	1 - 2	Sat - Sun					
Aug	8 - 9	Sat - Sun					
Aug	15 - 16	Sat - Sun					
Aug	18	Tue	General Meeting	Club Macquarie	Ken Hill 0400 208 553		
Aug	22	Sat	Audit Day	Rathmines	Hart Peters 0417 674 687		Local race boats expected
Aug	29	Sat	OTB	Rathmines ramp	Brian Harrison 0421 9794 52		
Sept	5 - 6	Sat - Sun	Race 1 & 2	Styles Pt (F Jetty)	Will Hardcastle 0416 258 271	2	
Sept	12 - 13	Sat - Sun					
Sept	15	Tue	General Meeting	Club Macquarie	Ken Hill 0400 208 553		
Sept	19 - 20	Sat - Sun	Cruise?	?	?	2	
Sept	26	Sat	OTB	Rathmines ramp	Brian Harrison 0421 979 452		
Oct	3- 5	Sat - Mon	3/6hr Regatta	Styles Pt	Will Hardcastle 0416 258 271	2	NRL Grand Final BBQ Sunday night
Oct	10 - 11	Sat - Sun					
Oct	17 - 18	Sat - Sun	Race 3 & 4	Styles Pt	Will Hardcastle 0416 258 271	2	
Oct	20	Tue	General Meeting	Club Macquarie	Ken Hill 0400 208 553		
Oct	24	Sat	OTB	F Jetty	Brian Harrison 0421 979 452		
Oct/Nov	31 - 1	Sat - Sun	Cruise?	?	?	2	
Nov	7 - 8	Sat - Sun	Race 5 & 6	Styles Pt	Will Hardcastle 0416 258 271	2	
Nov	14	Sat	OTB	Rathmines ramp	Brian Harrison 0421 979 452		
Nov	14 - 15	Sat - Sun					Castle Nationals Lake Illawarra
Nov	17	Tue	General Meeting	Club Macquarie	Ken Hill 0400 208 553		
Nov	21 -22	Sat - Sun	Cruise?	?	?	2	
Nov	28-29	Sat					
Dec	5 - 6	Sat - Sun	Race 7 & 8	Styles Pt	Will Hardcastle 0416 258 271	2	Xmas Party Saturday Night
Dec	12	Sat	OTB	Rathmines ramp	Brian Harrison 0421 979 452		
Dec/Jan	27 - 3	Sat - Sat	Myalls Cruise	Myall Lakes	?	2	New Year's Eve Party

Please be aware these dates may change- please refer to details in newsletter or sailing instructions (on web site) for individual events.