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September 2026



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Spring 2026 Race Series*

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General Meeting Notice

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

**Tuesday 7pm on
15th September 2026 at
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Commodore's Muse

Greetings all, isn't it great to be back out on the water!



Audit Day had a great turn out and we had a lot of people come and have a look at our boats, with 2 or 3 looking at becoming members!



Thanks to Hart, Phil, Tom and Rob for all the auditing, and thanks to the BBQers for the sausage sizzle. There are still a few boats to be audited, so book an auditor in for your next race!

The planning for the October Long Weekend 3 and 6 hr Races is complete!!

What a great weekend this is, so make sure October 3rd to the 5th is in your Calander for Styles Point! The race documents are all up for it, if you want to have an early read. Don't forget the theme is 'Hero's & Villain's', so get dressed up, & we'll be watching the Footy Final on the big sheet!? Have a look at the flyer and be there!



The OTB season got off to a good start on 29 August with a slightly shortened course due to the wind, and not my sailing ability as some think!! It reminded me of learning to drive a manual car, I went to change gear and stalled!! There were a good number of boats in attendance, with more expected in a couple of weeks on September 26.

Trailer Sailer Races 1 & 2 had a great turnout of boats on both days, with a number of visitors crewing on boats. Rob had a couple of beginners plus Hart on Scallywag, and I had Ken from Melbourne on Aye Sea Red on Sunday. F Jetty was full of our boats, with even a couple rafting up to fit on. Sunday was interesting to watch with all the Castles racing together, us Noelex's changing places, and a Flotilla of Farr 6000's duelling away!

Remember we're not racing for sheep stations but for fun, and to make sure you know the rules and follow them, especially where there have been changes to those rules. It is your responsibility to keep clear.

Races 3 & 4 are 2 weeks after the long weekend on 17 & 18 October from Styles Point, so come along and have fun.

Brian and Val have put their Cruise Leaders hat on for a weekend cruise on Lake Macquarie leaving F Jetty Saturday 19 September – have a look at the flyer on the website and in this newsletter. It's a 'Where the wind takes us' cruise, so come provisioned for self-catering on Saturday night on board just in case! They will be staying overnight on Friday at F Jetty if anyone else wants to rig and put in early! Yes, we do have council permission to stay there.

So it is an action packed month coming up for us all to enjoy!

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

Ken. Your Commodore

Minutes for General Meeting- 18 August 2026

Welcome by Meeting Chair Ken Hill

Meeting Opened: 7pm, 6.30 in South Australia.

ATTENDANCE

Apologies: Kathy & Barry White, Garry & Cathy Chalmers, Paul & Jennifer Webster, Wayne Bacon, Peter & Kerry Melbourne, Tania Kelland, John & Dot Haig.

Attendance: Via Zoom Brian & Val Harrison, Jennina Boer, Robert Rimington Ken Hill, Doug Dyce, Hart Peters.

Attendance at Club Macquarie: Greg Cross, Phillip & Kim Sparkes, Derek & Leanne Tracey, John & Lisa Pateman, Ben Arkinsaw

Visitor/s: Nil

Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of meeting held 21 July 2026 as printed in the August 2026 Newsletter be accepted.

Moved: Ken Hill

Seconded: Will Hardcastle

Any matters arising from the previous minutes: Nil

Any items to be discussed in General Business: Nil

Mailbox: Nil as at 2 weeks ago.

Correspondence In: Nil

Email Correspondence In: Gallagher insurance acknowledging insurance. Colin Cane re membership.

Action Taken –

Outwards: Greg's reply to Colin's email.

Treasurers Report was presented by Greg Cross 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: Greg Cross

Seconded: Jon Boer

Racing Report

➤ **Will Hardcastle**

- 3 & 6 hr Sailing Instructions are out
- Race 1 & 2 are on 5 and 6 September.
- Jeninna re fixed keel Globe 580 boat – Phil said that we have provision for a keel boat, however they would race in a separate division after Division 3.

➤ **Brian Harrison**

- LMYC has changed the location of all their new buoys. Brian will do a tour to check the written locations are correct. Need to update GPS coordinates
- 2 weeks to OTB Race 1 & Tom not available to Audit. Please turn up with OTB Audit form completed.
- Jan to June programme to be confirmed please asap as OTBs season runs though.

Cruising Report and Upcoming Cruises

➤ **John Pateman**

- Beautiful Onshore cruise, see the newsletter for the full write up.
- Will would like to cruise to Broughton Island off Port Stephens coast. Day trip out there, stay the night, trip back the next day. Looking at the New year. Skippers to check that their insurance covers coastal sailing.

Membership update

➤ **Phillip Sparkes**

- Elonora crews on Zam and Crosswind, and is a member of LMYC – approved.
- Matt Gillard renewal notice and will race on Lola – approved.
- 17 forms out of 53 members so far. Phil to contact Jenny to send reminder invoices out.

Update for Facebook & Website

➤ **Greg Cross**

- Aust Sailing No. can now be recorded on the online form.
- Treasures report is added to Members section.
- 3 & 6 Hour race info added including the racing SI's.
- Latest Newsletter added.
- Trailer Sailer events section Added.
- Knowledge Library nearly ready to be launched in Members Page of all Presentations!

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Audit Day is this Saturday 22 August 2026. Audit day is set up so people can have their boat checked to enable them to race. And gives them time to rectify any areas identified as not meeting standards.
 - There is a poll on our Facebook group to allow Hart to plan for Saturday. 10 replies so far.
 - Only 4 boats have indicated they will be there. Plus 2 replies direct.
 - 6 boats have said they will get audited later – how and when?
 - 2 live out of town. 2 are away. 2 are local
 - There should not be an expectation that the Auditors will be there to audit your boat before race 1 or race 2! They should only be auditing people who live out of town or are away.
 - We may get visitors to look at our boats and ask questions!
- Our Lake Macquarie Trailer Sailers group has 116 members!
- Racing Forms to Will. Can print out from the last newsletter, or off the Racing SI.
- Brian looking at Globe 5.8 Video on racing around the world.
- Phil re Rev Sport for SA registrations and number. however, he can't see if they already have a number. So may end up with a 2nd SA number.
- Ken will get a register of people who want to do a presentation at the monthly meetings going, so members can see what's coming up.

No other business.

Meeting Closed: 7.53.

No Presentation tonight.

Valerie Harrison. **NHTYA Secretary**

NHTYA 3 & 6 hr Regatta Oct Long weekend.



Basing ourselves and launching at Styles Point. Many put their boats in on the Friday. This year our race committee has put together a great weekend.

SATURDAY - The 3 hour race will be in the form of s 'STERN CHASER'.

This means a handicap start and you'll be given your own personal start time. Basically, he who crosses the line first wins. You either chase the 'Stern' of the next boat or they are chasing your 'Stern'! Loads of fun!!

Saturday night- there is a plethora of choices. However many of us end up at Rathmines bowling club which is walking distance away from Styles Point.

SUNDAY- The 6 hour race will be in the form of a part circumnavigation of our great lake. Make sure you pack your lunch and plenty of water and sunscreen.

Sunday night - as per tradition, the Sunday BBQ dinner whilst watching the NRL grand final on a large outdoor screen is on.

\$25 a head for adults and \$10 per child (under 15), includes Sunday night BBQ (bring a salad /dessert to share) plus Monday bacon & eggs breakfast.

Payment EFT online as;

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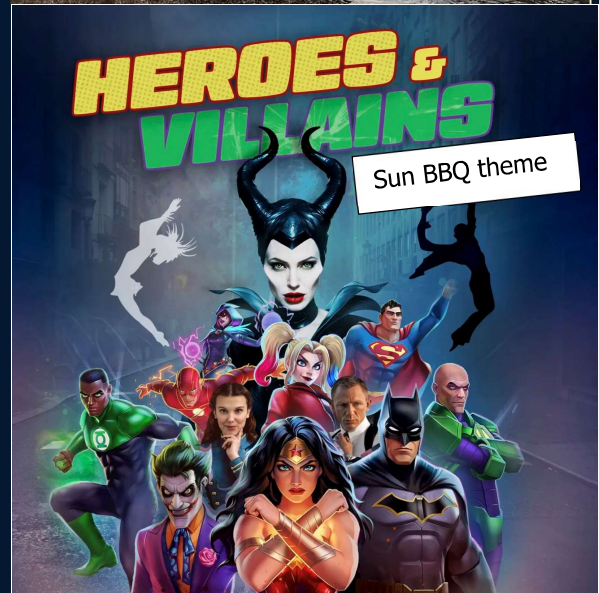
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MONDAY- BBQ Bacon and Eggs to greet the morning !

Some go home today and for some this is a day to explore and cruise our great lake.

Visitors Welcome

Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions are on the web site.



Not a racer ?

You can still put your boat in and join us. Cruisers are most welcome to join in with either day. You can follow the racers out the bay and head to Toronto for lunch or ?

Although the 6 hour looks enticing ! You can do the circumnavigation ending up back at Styles for dinner and catch the NRL grand Final.

NOTICE OF RACE – 2026 3 & 6 Hour Races
03 & 04 October 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. 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 There is no charge to NHTYA members for the 3 & 6hr races.

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 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 11.30 and Sunday 0900.
- 5.2 Dates of racing 2026, and designated OOD:

03 Oct 24	3hr Race	04 Oct 24	6hr Race
OOD Tri Hard		OOD TBA	

6 EQUIPMENT and MEASUREMENT CHECKS

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.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 The sailing instructions will be available on the NHTYA web site www.trailersailer.org closer to the event.

8 VENUE

- 8.1 The races will be conducted on Lake Macquarie in New South Wales.
- 8.2 The venue will be Styles Point.
- 8.3 Directions for visitors: 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 and follow to the end.

9 THE COURSES

- 9.1 3 Hr Race - The course 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.
- 9.2 6 Hr Race will be a 'circular' passage course utilizing a combination of LMYC marks & Pulbah Island. The specific course will be detailed in the relevant Sailing Instructions.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

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

11 SCORING

- 11.1 3 hr Race – This race will be conducted as a 'Sternchaser' using the Personal Handicap of each boat. The Club Handicapper will produce a list of individual boat start times (taking into consideration the length of the course, wind conditions etc), with the order of boats finishing the race being their respective finish order. Changes in conditions etc will not form grounds for a protest.
- 11.2 6 hr Race - The primary scoring system will be based on personal handicap (PHC) results utilising the "Top Yacht Club Score" software. Low point scoring system described in A4.1 will apply.

12 THE START and SUPPORT BOATS

- 12.1 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.
- 12.2 3hr Race will start no earlier than 1230 on Saturday 03 Oct 24.
- 12.3 6hr Race will start no earlier than 1000 on Sunday 04 Oct 24.

13 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 13.1 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".

14 PRIZES

- 14.1 The presentation of trophies will occur at the NHTYA presentation night (only NHTYA members are eligible for trophies). At the discretion of the Sailing Committee, other prizes may be given out.

15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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.

16 INSURANCE

- 16.1 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.

17 PERSON IN CHARGE

- 17.1 All participating sailors must have current:
 - Sailing Australia membership.
 - Members of NHTYA must have current NHTYA club membership.

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

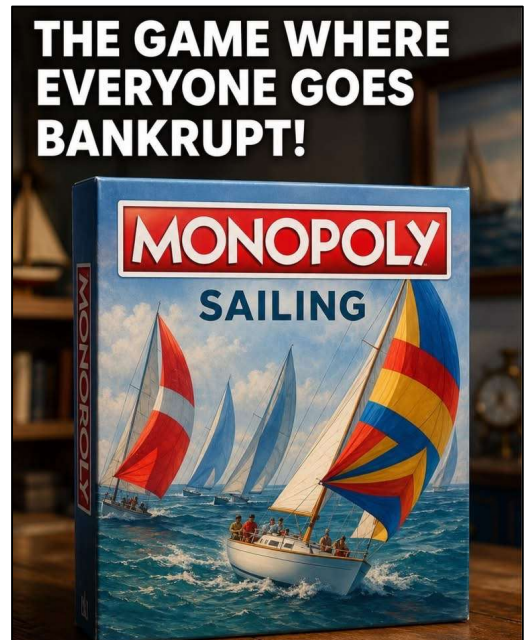
18 FURTHER INFORMATION

18.1 For further information please contact:

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| ◦ Race Officer | Will Hardcastle | 0416 258 271 |
| ◦ Race Handicapper | Brian Harrison | 0421 979 452 |



Guess who's back !!!!!





NHTYA Lake Macquarie Cruise September 19-20 2026

Come join us for a weekend of sailing- cruising our wonderful Lake Macquarie.

Take the time to just relax and enjoy what sailing has to offer. Forget your worries and sail away with us. The destination isn't the goal – it's the journey.

Launching from f-Jetty. We plan to kick off on Sat morning 10am. And sail wherever the breeze takes us. We will launch on the Friday, but the cruise doesn't start until Sat morning. Plenty of time to rig for those who have to work.

Our cruise motto is REACH- RUN – or motor. Why do it hard ! Of course, you can sail upwind if you like.

We will beach in somewhere Saturday night– 'cause we can!! Please be self-sufficient as we cannot guarantee a place for food on Sat night.

Please contact us if you intend to join us.

Brian 0421979452 Val 0435242274

2026 Spring Series Trailerable Race Results

05/06 SEP 2026

Race 1

Personal Handicap

Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Elapsd	AHC	Cor'd T	CHC	Skipper	Class	Fin Tim
1	840	Aye Sea Red	01:53:06	0.480	54:17	0.504	K Hill	Noelex 25	14:23:06
2	327	Araluen II	01:39:24	0.558	55:28	0.586	R Tikoft	Castle 650-No-Spin	14:09:24
3	M112	Amerthyst	01:57:49	0.483	56:54	0.507	W Hardcastle	Cygnnet 20 No SpClas	14:27:49
4	233	Tri Hard	01:51:35	0.555	01:01:56	0.566	B Harrison	OstacTramp	14:21:35
5	88	Scallywag	02:30:04	0.429	01:04:23	0.429	R Rimmington	Sonata 7-No-Spin	15:00:04
6	100	True North	01:58:03	0.547	01:04:34	0.546	P Melbourne	Castle 650-No-Spin	14:28:03
7	154	Biddy Too	02:01:55	0.545	01:06:27	0.537	J Boer	Castle 650-No-Spin	14:31:55
8	132	Lola	02:19:18	0.480	01:06:52	0.471	M Gillard	Sonata6.3nospin	14:49:18
9	5314	Second One	02:06:53	0.528	01:07:00	0.518	T Howell	Sonata 780-No-Spin	14:36:53
10	6753	Fargo	02:18:36	0.490	01:07:55	0.477	M Earl	Farr 6000 No Spin	14:48:36
11	8006	Crosswind	02:09:30	0.529	01:08:30	0.513	G Schubert	Clubman 8-No-Spin	14:39:30
DNF	T4440	ZAM		0.458			J Gregson	Noelex 25-No-Spin	
DUT	2830	Deja vu		0.459			C Keevers	Farr 6000 No Spin	

Class Basic Handicap

Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Elapsd	Skipper	Class	Fin Tim	TCF	TCF Cor d T
1	327	Araluen II	01:39:24	R Tikoft	Castle 650-No-Spin	14:09:24	0.728	01:12:22
2	M112	Amerthyst	01:57:49	W Hardcastle	Cygnnet 20 No SpClass	14:27:49	0.650	01:16:35
3	233	Tri Hard	01:51:35	B Harrison	OstacTramp	14:21:35	0.750	01:23:41
4	840	Aye Sea Red	01:53:06	K Hill	Noelex 25	14:23:06	0.752	01:25:03
5	100	True North	01:58:03	P Melbourne	Castle 650-No-Spin	14:28:03	0.728	01:25:56
6	6753	Fargo	02:18:36	M Earl	Farr 6000 No Spin	14:48:36	0.632	01:27:36
7	132	Lola	02:19:18	M Gillard	Sonata6.3nospin	14:49:18	0.636	01:28:36
8	154	Biddy Too	02:01:55	J Boer	Castle 650-No-Spin	14:31:55	0.728	01:28:45
9	5314	Second One	02:06:53	T Howell	Sonata 780-No-Spin	14:36:53	0.741	01:34:01
10	88	Scallywag	02:30:04	R Rimmington	Sonata 7-No-Spin	15:00:04	0.634	01:35:08
11	8006	Crosswind	02:09:30	G Schubert	Clubman 8-No-Spin	14:39:30	0.744	01:36:21
DNF	T4440	ZAM		J Gregson	Noelex 25-No-Spin		0.714	
DUT	2830	Deja vu		C Keevers	Farr 6000 No Spin		0.632	

Race 2

Personal Handicap

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1	88	Scallywag	03:02:53	0.429	01:18:27	0.444	R Rimmington	Sonata 7-No-Spin	14:32:53
2	5314	Second One	02:32:27	0.518	01:18:58	0.534	T Howell	Sonata 780-No-Spin	14:02:27
3	T4440	ZAM	02:52:40	0.458	01:19:05	0.472	J Gregson	Noelex 25-No-Spin	14:22:40
4	105	Waters Edge	02:36:08	0.535	01:23:32	0.536	D Younger	Castle 650-No-Spin	14:06:08
5	154	Biddy Too	02:36:08	0.537	01:23:51	0.537	J Boer	Castle 650-No-Spin	14:06:08
6	2830	Deja vu	03:02:47	0.459	01:23:54	0.459	C Keevers	Farr 6000 No Spin	14:32:47
7	6753	Fargo	02:56:20	0.477	01:24:07	0.476	M Earl	Farr 6000 No Spin	14:26:20
8	100	True North	02:34:07	0.546	01:24:09	0.545	P Melbourne	Castle 650-No-Spin	14:04:07
9	6998	Farr Haven	02:59:20	0.478	01:25:43	0.473	R Berry	Farr 6000 No Spin	14:29:20
10	233	Tri Hard	02:31:46	0.566	01:25:54	0.559	B Harrison	OstacTramp	14:01:46
11	327	Araluen II	02:28:18	0.586	01:26:54	0.576	R Tikoft	Castle 650-No-Spin	13:58:18
12	840	Aye Sea Red	02:52:35	0.504	01:26:59	0.495	K Hill	Noelex 25	14:22:35
DNS	T3728	Jocimo		0.514			J Haig	Noelex 25-No-Spin	
DSQ	8006	Crosswind		0.513			G Schubert	Clubman 8-No-Spin	
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DUT	M112	Amerthyst		W Hardcastle	Cygnnet 20 No SpClass		0.650	





Race report Race 1 on 5th September 2026

Race 1 on Saturday was a sunny day to start with, however the wind forecast was up to 30 knots gusting 35 kts plus coming in between 2 and 3pm. This meant a safe short 2 laps of a sausage course to Fishing Point mark was the order of the day. Boats were putting in reefs based on the forecast – ops, forgot again!

12 boats had a scratch start past OOD Chris on Déjà vu, on a Starboard reach with the below forecast wind to get past Rathmines Point. Strategies were discussed onboard - do we carry on the starboard tack, or change to a port tack through the fleet to follow the Fishing Point coast?

We gybed a few times to get the feel of the wind. Hang on, what's Araluen doing over there already! And there's Tri Hard on a big Starboard reach heading to the middle of the bay.

Rounding Fishing Point mark we had Araluen, Amethyst and Tri Hard in front, with the wind coming head on, we tacked to see how high we were able to point and set off to chase them down. Most boats had shaken out their reefs back to full sails.



It was a good race back to the mark, with Aye Sea Red getting within cooee, only to see those boats take off again. The 3rd leg started off comfortable trying to keep out of the way of the boats coming up, and then the wind started to strengthen!

By the time we had rounded the Fishing Point mark for the run home we heard 30 kts over the radio. Of course the big decision is do we stay in the middle with the wind, or head to the Coal point side to get a bit of shelter? Bugger, too late to reef now, oh, now blowing 33 kts, is this still good Noelex weather!

Still keeping up with the others, how is Araluen managing so well in this heavy wind! We were well healed over, with Rob playing the sails like a skiff, spray flying over the bow. Let's see if we can catch Amethyst - no chance before the line.

A great race 1st race for the season, nothing broken on board and looking forward to tomorrow Race 2.

*Ken and Rob, **Aye Sea Red***



Rules Revision Part 1 — with Brian Harrison

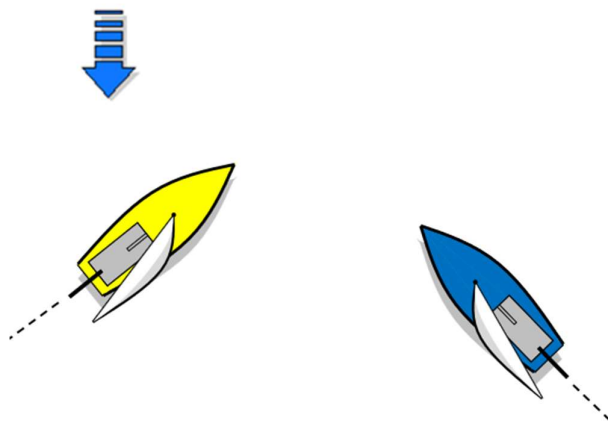
The club has recently had a few situations arise where a more in-depth knowledge of the rules needs to be discussed.

Intent is to introduce a few slides garnered from Paul Pascoe's Smart Sailing presentations to Royal Brighton Yacht Club. Paul has been a National and International Judge since 1986, National Race Officer and Coach of the British Olympic Team in the nineties. So, he knows what he is talking about.

The intent is that each month I will put a few slides from Paul's presentation into the newsletter, and at the next race weekend have a discussion at the Race Briefing. Also, up for discussion will be the 'now what' when you find yourself on the wrong side of a rule and what you can do about it.

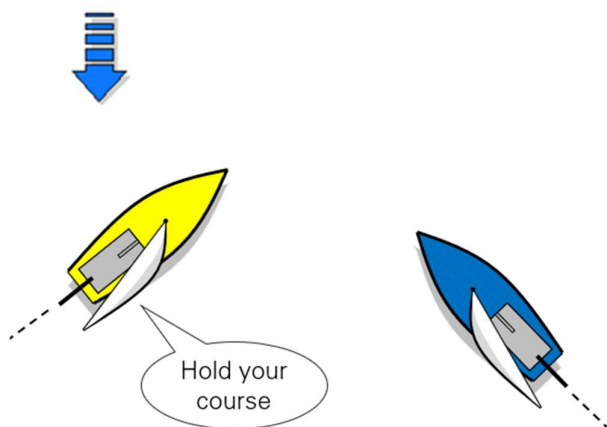
This month we will discuss when two boats approach each other beginning with Port / Starboard.

Port / Starboard



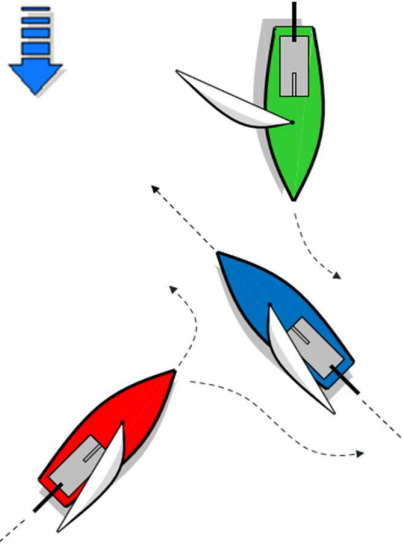
- Rule 10: "When boats are on opposite *tacks*, a *port-tack* boat shall *keep clear* of a *starboard-tack* boat."
- As the two boats get closer, it is the obligation of the port boat to recognise that there is a problem and take avoiding action.
- As they get closer the starboard boat has the obligation to not alter course so as to prevent the port boat from avoiding her
- Case 50: If there is a ***genuine and reasonable apprehension*** of collision on the part of the right of way boat, she shall alter course to avoid contact

Port / Starboard



- What about a hail of "Hold your course" from the port boat?
- Blue may alter course as long as she gives yellow room and opportunity to keep clear
- The silliest call you can make.
- If it goes to protest it just tells the protest committee that you knew that it was going to be tight

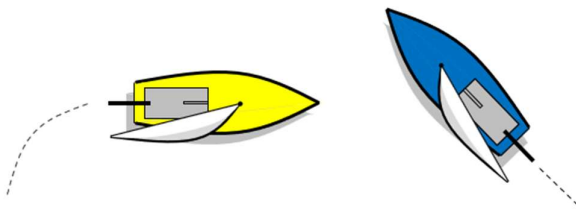
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It doesn't matter if one boat is going upwind and the other is going downwind, the port boat must avoid the starboard boat

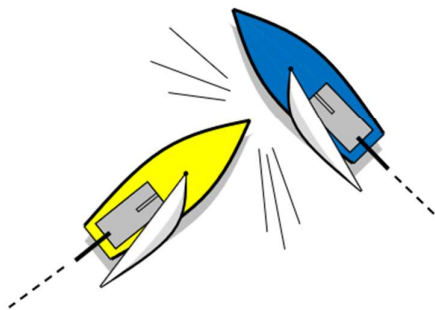
A hail of "starboard" from the blue boat to the port boat is not required, makes no difference in a protest hearing but obviously a good idea especially if you think that the port boat hasn't seen you.

Port / Starboard



- Rule 16.2: " when a *port-tack* boat is *keeping clear* by sailing to pass to leeward of a *starboard-tack* boat, the *starboard-tack* boat shall not bear away

Avoiding Contact



Rule 14: "A boat shall avoid contact with another boat if reasonably possible."

Even if you are the right of way boat, if it becomes obvious that the give way boat is not going to give you room, you need to do everything you can to avoid contact

In this situation, both boats would most likely be disqualified if it went to protest. The port boat for failing to give way to a starboard boat, and both boats for failing to avoid a collision

Importantly: "Doing everything you can to avoid contact" includes having an effective lookout

OTB report for Aug 29th race day

What a glorious day it was. Even though 5 of our die-hard regulars couldn't make it we still had 5 on the water- including our esteemed commodore, Ken, on his first OTB race with his own boat !!



The Windrushes outnumbered the Maricats by a ratio of 2:1 😊

Pam – Windrush

Ken- Windrush

Chris- Maricat

John- Laser

Brian – Weta.

The breeze was a gentle 5-6 knots all day- sun was shining- flat water. Couldn't ask for any better conditions. We sailed all 3 races.



Only one incident at the bottom mark. I thought oh oh this could end in tears- quick get the camera ready. Ken was in irons a lap behind at the mark when Chris and Brian were rounding. All good but I did have the camera ready in case of incident/excitement- lol.

Ken used the first race to practice and reacquaint himself again. By the third race he was giving Chris a hurry up- well done.

Pam is getting better with each race.

I heard a whisper that Brian will arrange capsizing drills, pre-race, for interested parties, when the weather is warmer...

Next race is on Sept 26 and we expect 10-11 boats – whoo hoo.



Off The Beach Racing Results 29 Sep 26

Race 1 Yardstick

Race 1	Race Start	12:44:00							
Name	Boat Name	Class	Sail No	Finish Time	Elapsed Time	Yardstick	Corrected Time	Place	
John Pateman	Brumby VII	Laser	98983	13:19:20	0:35:20	114.0	0:31:00	1	
Brian Harrison	Not as Sirius	Weta 1up SQ No Spin	842	13:17:58	0:33:58	97.4	0:34:52	2	
Chris Keevers	Adenaline	Maricat Sloop	2094	13:18:21	0:34:21	94.0	0:36:33	3	
Pamela Shipway	Snowflake	Windrush SQ Cat	3193	13:23:14	0:39:14	96.0	0:40:52	4	
Ken Hill	Dock of the Bay	Windrush PH Cat	2516	DNF		96.5		5	
Valerie Harrison				OOD					

Personal Handicap

Race 1	Race Start	12:44:00							
Name	Boat Name	Sail No	Finish Time	Elapsed Time	ACH	BCH	CH	CT	Place
John Pateman	Brumby VII	98983	13:19:20	0:35:20	0.7400	0.9613	0.8137	0:28:45	1
Chris Keevers	Adenaline	2094	13:18:21	0:34:21	0.9679	0.9888	0.9749	0:33:29	2
Pamela Shipway	Snowflake	3193	13:23:14	0:39:14	0.8609	0.8658	0.8625	0:33:50	3
Brian Harrison	Not as Sirius	842	13:17:58	0:33:58	1.0237	1.0000	1.0158	0:34:30	4
Ken Hill	Dock of the Bay	2516	DNF		1.0000		1.0000		5
Valerie Harrison			OOD						

Race 2 Yardstick

Race 2	Race Start	13:28:00							
Name	Boat Name	Class	Sail No	Finish Time	Elapsed Time	Yardstick	Corrected Time	Place	
Brian Harrison	Not as Sirius	Weta 1up SQ No Spin	842	13:48:39	0:20:39	97.4	0:21:12	1	
Chris Keevers	Adenaline	Maricat Sloop	2094	13:48:46	0:20:46	94.0	0:22:06	2	
John Pateman	Brumby VII	Laser	98983	13:53:20	0:25:20	114.0	0:22:13	3	
Pamela Shipway	Snowflake	Windrush SQ Cat	3193	13:52:58	0:24:58	96.0	0:26:00	4	
Ken Hill	Dock of the Bay	Windrush PH Cat	2516	13:59:49	0:31:49	96.5	0:32:58	5	
Valerie Harrison				OOD					

Personal Handicap

Race 2	Race Start	13:28:00							
Name	Boat Name	Sail No	Finish Time	Elapsed Time	ACH	BCH	CH	CT	Place
Chris Keevers	Adenaline	2094	13:48:46	0:20:46	0.9749	1.2199	1.0566	0:21:56	1
John Pateman	Brumby VII	98983	13:53:20	0:25:20	0.8137	1.0000	0.8758	0:22:11	2
Brian Harrison	Not as Sirius	842	13:48:39	0:20:39	1.0158	1.2268	1.0861	0:22:26	3
Pamela Shipway	Snowflake	3193	13:52:58	0:24:58	0.8625	1.0147	0.9132	0:22:48	4
Ken Hill	Dock of the Bay	2516	13:59:49	0:31:49	1.0000	0.7962	0.9321	0:29:39	5
Valerie Harrison			OOD						

Race 3 Yardstick

Race 3	Race Start	14:05:00							
Name	Boat Name	Class	Sail No	Finish Time	Elapsed Time	Yardstick	Corrected Time	Place	
Brian Harrison	Not as Sirius	Weta 1up SQ No Spin	842	14:22:49	0:17:49	97.4	0:18:18	1	
John Pateman	Brumby VII	Laser	98983	14:27:50	0:22:50	114.0	0:20:02	2	
Chris Keevers	Adenaline	Maricat Sloop	2094	14:24:48	0:19:48	94.0	0:21:04	3	
Ken Hill	Dock of the Bay	Windrush PH Cat	2516	14:28:04	0:23:04	96.5	0:23:54	4	
Pamela Shipway	Snowflake	Windrush SQ Cat	3193	14:28:21	0:23:21	96.0	0:24:19	5	
Valerie Harrison				OOD					

Personal Handicap

Race 3	Race Start	14:43:00							
Name	Boat Name	Sail No	Finish Time	Elapsed Time	ACH	BCH	CH	CT	Place
Brian Harrison	Not as Sirius	842	14:22:49	0:17:49	1.0861	1.1113	1.0945	0:19:30	1
John Pateman	Brumby VII	98983	14:27:50	0:22:50	0.8758	0.8672	0.8729	0:19:56	2
Chris Keevers	Adenaline	2094	14:24:48	0:19:48	1.0566	1.0000	1.0377	0:20:33	3
Pamela Shipway	Snowflake	3193	14:28:21	0:23:21	0.9132	0.8480	0.8915	0:20:49	4
Ken Hill	Dock of the Bay	2516	14:28:04	0:23:04	0.9321	0.8584	0.9075	0:20:56	5
Valerie Harrison			OOD						

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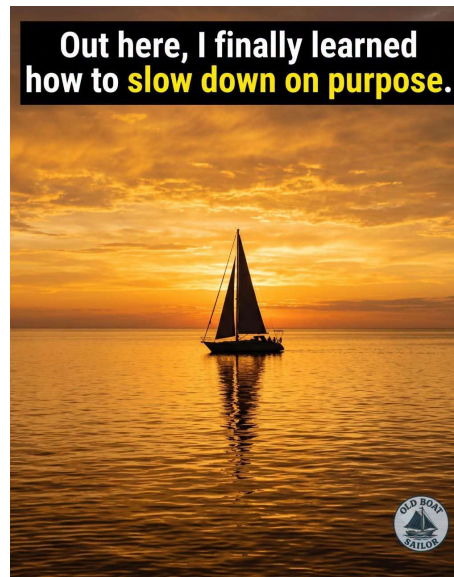
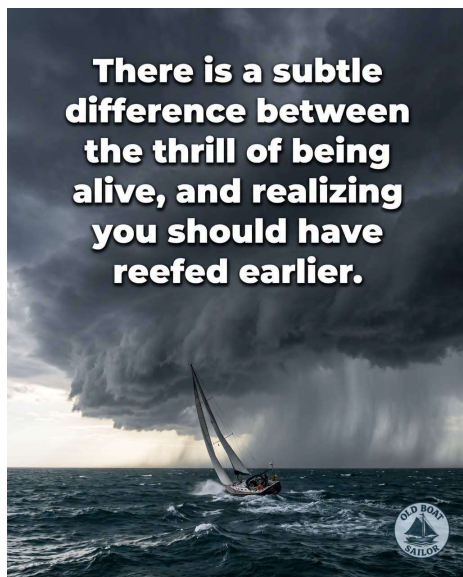
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Sept	12 - 13	Sat - Sun					
Sept	15	Tue	General Meeting	Club Macquarie	Ken Hill 0400 208 553		
Sept	19 - 20	Sat - Sun	Cruise on Lake Macquarie	F-Jetty	Brian Harrison 0421 979 452	2	
Sept	26	Sat	OTB	Rathmines ramp	Brian Harrison 0421 979 452		
Oct	3- 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

NHTYA Program 2027

Date			Activity		Location	Contact - Phone	Pt s	Extra Activity Info
Sat-Sun	2-3	Jan						
Sat-Sun	9-10	Jan	OTB		F-Jetty	Brian Harrison 0421979452		
Sat-Sun	16-17	Jan						
Sat-Tues	23-26	Jan	Cruise	Australia day	Lake Macquarie	TBA	2	
Sat-Sun	30-31	Jan	Race 1&2	Autumn series	Styles	Will Hardcastle 0416258271	2	
Sat-Sun	6-7	Feb	OTB		F-Jetty	Brian Harrison 0421979452		
Sat-Sun	13-14	Feb						
Tuesday	16	Feb	General meeting		Club Macquarie or Zoom	Val Harrison 0435242274		
Sat-Sun	20-21	Feb	Race 3&4	Autumn Series	Styles	Will Hardcastle 0416258271	2	
Sat-Sun	27-28	Feb	Cruise		TBA	TBA	2	
Sat-Sun	6-7	March						Marlay Point
Sat-Sun	13-14	March	Race 5&6	Autumn Series	Style	Will Hardcastle 0416258271	2	
Tuesday	16	March	General Meeting		Club Macquarie or Zoom	Val Harrison 0435242274		
Sat-Sun	20-21	March	OTB		F-Jetty	Brian Harrison 0421979452		
Fri-Mon	26-29	March	Cruise	EASTER	Myall lakes	TBA	2	
Sat-Sun	3-4	April						Daylight saving
Sat-Sun	10-11	April	Race 7&8	Autumn Series	F-Jetty	Will Hardcastle 0416258271	2	
Sat-Sun	17-18	April	OTB		F-Jetty	Brian Harrison 0421979452		
Tuesday	20	April	General meeting		Club Macquarie or Zoom	Val Harrison 0435242274		
Sat-Sun	24-26	April	Cruise	Anzac Day	TBA	TBA	2	Anzac Day
Sat-Sun	1-2	May						Bay to Bay
Sat-Sun	8-9	May	OTB		F-Jetty	Brian Harrison 0421979452		Mother's Day
Sat-Sun	15-16	May	Race 9&10	Autumn Series	F-Jetty	Will Hardcastle 0416258271	2	
Tuesday	18	May	General meeting and AGM		Club Macquarie or Zoom	Val Harrison 0435242274		
Sat-Sun	22-23	May						
Sat-Sun	29-30	May	Cruise		TBA	TBA	2	
Sat-Sun	5-6	June						
Sat-Mon	12-14	June		Keepit Kool Regatta	Lake Keepit	Brian Harrison 0421979452		King's Birthday
Tuesday	15	June	General meeting		Club Macquarie or Zoom	Val Harrison 0435242274		
Sat-Sun	19-20	June						
Sat	26	June	Presentation night		TBA	John Pateman		
Sat-Sun	3-4	July						

Sat-Sun	10-11	July						
Sat-Sun	17-18	July						
Tuesday	20	July	General Meeting		Club Macquarie or Zoom	Val Harrison 0435242274		
Sat-Sun	24-25	July	On-shore cruise		TBA	TBA	2	
Sat-Sun	31-1	July/Aug						
Sat-Sun	7-8	August						
Sat-Sun	14-15	August						
Tuesday	17	August	General Meeting		Club Macquarie or Zoom	Val Harrison 0435242274		
SAT	21	August	AUDIT day		Rathmines	Hart Peters		
Sat-Sun	28-29	August						
Sat-Sun	4-5	September						Father's Day
Sat-Sun	11-12	September	Race 1&2	Spring Series	F-Jetty	Will Hardcastle 0416258271	2	
Sat-Sun	18-19	September						
Tuesday	21	September	General Meeting		Club Macquarie or Zoom	Val Harrison 0435242274		
Sat-Sun	25-26	September	Cruise		TBA	TBA	2	
Sat-Mon	2-4	October	3hr and 6hr regatta	BBQ NRL on Sunday	Styles	Will Hardcastle 0416258271	2	
Sat-Sun	9-10	October						
Sat-Sun	16-17	October	Race 3&4	Spring Series	Styles	Will Hardcastle 0416258271	2	
Tuesday	19	October	General Meeting		Club Macquarie or Zoom	Val Harrison 0435242274		
Sat-Sun	23-24	October						
Sat-Sun	30-31	October	Cruise		TBA	TBA	2	
Sat-Sun	6-7	November	Race 5&6	Spring Series	Styles	Will Hardcastle 0416258271	2	
Sat-Sun	13-14	November						
Tuesday	16	November	General Meeting		Club Macquarie or Zoom	Val Harrison 0435242274		
Sat-Sun	20-21	November						
Sat-Sun	27-28	November	Cruise		TBA	TBA	2	
Sat-Sun	4-5	December	Race 7&8	Spring Series	Styles	Will Hardcastle 0416258271	2	
Sat	4	December	Christmas Party		Styles			
Sat-Sun	11-12	December						
Sat-Sun	18-19	December						
Sat-Sun	25-26	December						Christmas day
TBA	TBA	Dec/Jan	Cruise	New Year's Eve	Myall lakes	TBA	2	

These dates can change! So please check your Newsletter closer to the activity