Newcastle and Hunter Trailer Yacht Association Inc.

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 OOD Tri Hard	04 Oct 24 6hr Race OOD TBA

6 EQUIPMENT and MEASUREMENT CHECKS

6.1 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.

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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 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).

14.2 At the discretion of the Sailing Committee, other prizes may be given out.

15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

16 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.

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 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).

19 FURTHER INFORMATION

19.1 For further information please contact:

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