



Off The Beach (OTB) NOTICE OF RACE –2021/22

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 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 be scored DSQ.

5 RACE SERIES

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

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 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.
- 7 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 20/21 season are:

30 or 31 Oct 21	12 or 13 Feb 22
13 or 14 Nov 21	26 or 27 Mar 22
18 or 19 Dec 21	07 or 08 May 22
15 or 16 Jan 22	07 or 08 May 22

8 EQUIPMENT and MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 8.1 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.

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

10 VENUE

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

11 THE COURSES

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

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 Rule 44.1 (page 29) is changed so that the “Two Turn Penalty” is replaced by the “One Turn Penalty”.

13 SCORING

- 13.1 The primary scoring system will be based on the Australian Sailing Dinghy and Catamaran Yardsticks for the 2020-21 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.
- 13.2 The secondary scoring system will be based on the personal handicap (PHC) results of the skipper.
- 13.3 Low point scoring system described in A4.1 will apply.
- 13.4 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 4 best scores. This can only be applied once per race series.
- 13.5 Any Series Ties to be resolved using clause A8.

14 THE START and SUPPORT BOATS

- 14.1 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.

15 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 15.1 N/A

16 PRIZES

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

17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 17.1 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.

18 INSURANCE

- 18.1 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.

19 PERSON IN CHARGE

- 19.1 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).

20 COVID-19 SAFETY

- 20.1 *GET IN, SAIL, GET OUT applies;*
- 20.2 *Stay home if you are unwell;*
- 20.3 *Practice good hand hygiene before, during and after sailing;*
- 20.4 *Avoid physical distancing where possible and maintain social distancing;*
- 20.5 *Do not share drinks, towels, clothing, etc..;*
- 20.6 *If possible, arrive dressed, ready to sail (refer 24.1 above);*
- 20.7 *Ensure the NHTYA Race Officer obtains your contact details, and the contact details of everyone sailing on your boat;*
- 20.8 *NHTYA encourages the use of the COVIDSafe app for everyone whilst at this NHTYA activity;*
- 20.9 *Maintain the one person per 4 square metres rule when ashore to ensure sufficient physical distancing between people.*

21 FURTHER INFORMATION

21.1 For further information please contact:

- Commodore Kevin Newman 0411 157 137
- Vice Commodore Garry Chalmers 0490 777 627
- Race Organiser Chris Keevers 0437 181 446
- Race Handicapper Brian Harrison 0421 979 452



ENTRY FORM

SPRING SERIES RACES 2021

Helmsman's Name: _____

Vessel's Name: _____

Class/Make: _____

Sail No: _____

Spinnaker Do you intend to use a spinnaker during any race in the
Spring 2021 and Autumn 2022 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	2021 year	\$30.00
Autumn race series fee	2022 year	\$30.00
Sailing Australia fees	2021-2022 years	\$40.00
		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 \$30.00 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 Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 2020 (RRS), the Special Regulations, the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions and all other Rules that govern this Series. I acknowledge that Rule 4, Decision to Race, places the sole responsibility on each crew for deciding to participate in a race or continue racing, and accept the organising 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: _____