Newcastle and Hunter Trailer Yacht Association Inc.

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

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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

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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 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: _____