



## Off The Beach (OTB) NOTICE OF RACE –2023/24

### 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 not be scoredQ.

### 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 23/23 season are:

19 or 20 Aug 23	20 or 21 Jan 24
23 or 24 Sep 23	24 or 25 Feb 24
21 or 22 Oct 23	23 or 24 Mar 24
18 or 19 Nov 24	20 or 21 Apr 24
16 or 17 Dec 23	11 May 24

## **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](http://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 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 2023-24 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 6 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:
- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place of the seasons series based on Yardstick.
  - 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 20.1 For further information please contact:

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