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Aye Sea Red - Ken making it look easy
Spring Racing starting 6th Sept

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General Meeting Notice

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

**Tuesday 7pm on 19th August
2025 at
Club Macquarie and via ZOOM**

If you have information for the next
newsletter, please email by 7th
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Commodores Muse

A fantastic Presentation Night was held at Valentine Bowling Club by all who attended! From the finger food, the fancy set up tables (thanks Pam!), the great PowerPoint of winners, the yummy meal and desert, and don't forget the banter and chit chat all around the room! Well done Hart and Pam and have a look at the photos in the newsletter on who got which trophies from Peter Melbourne, Brian Harrison and Phil Sparkes. The Trivia showed who spends way too much time looking at boats! Don't forget that it's the On-Shore Cruise coming up this weekend. Hart has changed the location due to the recent rain, Its still in Wollombi, but on a different property, and it'll be fun for all attending!

Mark your calendar! Yes, its Audit Day on Saturday 23 August – only 2 weeks away, so be like me and download the Audit Sheet off the website, under the Racing section! Look for the Cat 7 Audit form and have a dry run through this weekend to see what you need to fix, or purchase! Remember the date on the sticking plasters! More details to follow shortly.

And why is the Audit Day important? Because 2 weeks later Race 1 & 2 is kicking off from Styles Point. Yahoo!! The battle royal on the start line, the smell of gunpowder as the starting canon goes off, the heeling as pointing into the wind as close as possible, the thrill of the spinnaker pushing the boat into turbo, “Starboard, what do you mean Starboard!”, and the excitement as the hooter sounds as you cross the finish line!

Followed by the all-important analysis at Happy Hour!

But wait, there's more!! Val and Brian are going to lead the September Cruise on Lake Macquarie in September! I'm not going to give anything away but put your lifelines on for a great weekend!!

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

Ken

Agenda for General Meeting 15 July 2025

Welcome by Meeting Ken Hill

Meeting Opened: 7.05 pm.

ATTENDANCE

Apologies: Phillip & Kim Sparkes, Tania Hill, John & Lisa Pateman, John & Dot Haig, Simon Gregson, Peter Armitage & Paul & Jennifer Webster.

Attendance: Via Zoom - See recording. Hart Peters, Karen Armitage, Jennifer Gregson, Peter Melbourne, Brian & Val Harrison, John & Jennina Boer, Robert Rimington, Wayne Bacon, David & Linda Younger, John & Carol Parker.

Attendance at Club Macquarie: Ken Hill, Greg Cross & Jodee Davey

Visitor/s: Nil

Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of meeting held 17 June 2025 as printed in the July 2025 Newsletter be accepted.

Moved: Karen Armitage

Seconded: Ken Hill

Any matters arising from the previous minutes: Nil

Any items to be discussed in General Business: Nil.

Mailbox: Nil.

Correspondence In: Nil

Email: Nil

Action Taken –

Outwards: Nil

Treasurers Report was presented by Jennifer Gregson 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: Jennifer Gregson **Seconded:** Robert Rimington

Approval to pay Australian Sailing Club Affiliation Fees 1 July 2025 to 30 Jun 2026 in the sum of \$735.00.

Moved: Jennifer Gregson **Seconded:** Jennina Boer

➤ **Jennifer Gregson**

- Annual membership is due 1 August 2025. Does NHTYA send out renewal forms & or invoices for membership?
 - Text message will be sent out reminding people Membership is due.
- At the last General Meeting on 17 June 2025 it was agreed to raise the membership fees :
 - \$100 per boat (two people) including Sailing Australia
 - Race fees \$40 per season (Autumn/ Spring)

The NHTYA web site membership renewal fees need to be updated to include the new fees for 2025/2026.

Website to be updated including updating of online Membership form. Greg Cross to do this.

Item –

Racing Report

➤ **Peter Melbourne**

- Main preparations underway for the October long weekend. Brian is going to be Officer of the Day on the Saturday for the 3 hour race. That's the one with the handicap start, but we will need an Officer of the Day on the Sunday which is the 6 hour race. Please contact me. Needs to be a boat start.
- There will be 3 divisions. One of the divisions will be the Castle yachts that will be racing.
- Made a suggestion a couple of months ago about including the Toronto Mark (it's off the swimming pool jetty area). We would then head back towards the Cardiff Mark.
- Got in contact with Race Officer from the Lake Macquarie Yacht Club and asked if we could use that mark for that event. They said it was their pleasure for us to use it. They are not racing that long weekend.
- When the Sailing Instructions come out it will have the waypoint information on it as well.
- Brian and I are going to be pretty busy organising the racing part. The social part on the Sunday night will need to be organised by someone else. Usually it's either the Cruising or the Social person who is the main contact for that.

- I still have some medals that need to be presented from races on Presentation Night.
- Have we got a Cruise Leader as yet? Will be drafting the Calendar for the next 6 months. I'll do the draft and send it to Ken before sending through to the Committee Members.

➤ **Brian Harrison OTB**

- Need Calendar done so I can get OTB Calendar done.

Cruising Report and Upcoming Cruises

➤ **Hart Peters**

- Onshore Cruise - Flyers been done. 4 people so far have got back to me. It's a Hipcamp and people will need to book online. I will be there from the Friday night.

Membership update

➤ **Phillip Sparkes** - Not in attendance.

Update for Facebook & Website

Website –

➤ **Greg Cross**

- Have added pictures of people on the Committee. Added some Newsletters, Treasurer's Report.
- When I get the info regarding the Program & Membership Form I will do that.

General business

➤ **Hart Peters**

- Update on Presentation Night and numbers attending.
 - 28 attending.
 - 7 have said they won't be attending.
 - Will be phoning to check on others if they are coming or not.

➤ **Karen Armitage**

- Will be away in Vietnam for next Meeting in August. Will need someone else to take Minutes please. Jennina & John Boer have volunteered. I will send form through to them.

➤ **John & Carol**

- Have sold boat and it is going to Victoria. Took the new owner for a test run. Put up the sails, put up the spinnaker and not a drop of wind. New owner saw the funny side of it.

➤ **Robert Rimington**

- Checked out sail pass. You can register with Australian Sailing Australia through their website. People would be covered. Just need a temporary membership with the Club.

➤ **Peter Melbourne**

- Had a heart scare in March. Follow up with cardiologist mid June. Everything good. Doesn't need to see me for 5 years.

➤ **Brian & Valerie Harrison**

- Brian has been retired for 2 weeks now.
- Valerie has 3 Mondays to go.

➤ **Greg Cross**

- Top Yacht. Hart will chase that up.

No other business.

Meeting Closed: 7.55 pm

Karen Armitage

NHTYA Secretary

Presentation Night

Presidents Bell	2023-2024	Robin Parker passed to Ken
Bungwahl Bucket	Liquid Lunch	John & Carol Parker
The Myall Cup	Black Magic	Peter & Karen Armitage
Lake Macquarie Sonata Challenge	Sailaway	Peter & Jackie Armstrong
Sparkes Social Trophy	Sail Away	Phil & Kim Sparkes
Club Champion	Plastique	B&V Harrison
Neville & Judy Heaps Boules	Full Of rascals	David & Linda Younger
3 Hour Race	Crosswind	G Schubert
6 Hour Race	Aye Sea Red	Ken & Tania Hill
Spring Race Series	Aye Sea Red	Ken & Tania Hill
Summer Race Series	Araluen	R & B Tickoft
Most Improved Skipper	Black Magic	Peter & Karen Armitage
Combined Spring-Summer Series	True North	Peter & Kerry Melbourne
Combined Class Basic Handicap	True North	Peter & Kerry Melbourne
Off the Beach Racing - Yardstick	Not So Sirius	B Harison
Off the Beach Racing-Pers Handicap	Catatonic	W Parrott

Individual Trophies

3 Hour Race

1st Crosswind

G Schubert

2nd 42

Johnathon Vandervoort

3rd Aye Sea Red

Ken & Tania Hill

6 Hour Race

1st Aye Sea Red

Ken & Tania Hill

2nd Plastique

Brian & VaL Harison

3rd Wanderer

John Pateman & Matt Gillard

Spring Racing Series

1st Aye Sea Red

Ken H, Rob M, Dale W

2nd Jocimo

John & Dot Haige

3rd True North

Peter & Kerry Melbourne

Summer Series

1st Araluen

Rob & Beville Tikoft

2nd Plastique

Brian Harison

3rd True North

Peter & Kerry Melbourne

Combined Racing Series

1st True North

Peter & Kerry Melbourne

Personal Handicap

2nd Tick Tack/Plastique

Brian Harison

3rd Amerthyst

Will Hardcastle

Combined Racing Series

1st True North

Peter Melbourne

Class basic Handicap

2nd Araluen

Rob & Bev Tikoft

3rd Amerthyst

Will Hardcastle

Off the Beach Racing series

1st Not as Sirius

Brian Harrison

Yardstick Handicap

2nd Laser

Roger York

3rd Knot Normal

To Howell

Off the Beach Racing Series

1st Catatonic

Warren Parrott

Personal Handicap

2nd Lifted

Andrew Dyce

3rd Sea Horse

Craig O'Brian







RACING UPDATE – August 2025

By Peter Melbourne, Race Officer



HOW TO WIN A SERIES TROPHY

The Presentation Night was a great night with trophies and awards presented and photos taken. So how do you earn a racing series trophy?

The main way to do this is to turn up to as many racing weekends as possible. Just this act alone will put you in the running. The series results do allow for two races to be discarded which means you could miss one weekend or have your worst two results removed.

The next thing is to keep improving. Try to be consistent by not making big mistakes while racing. They say a race is an accumulation of mistakes so improved performance is making less mistakes and the ones you do make are less consequential. You make less mistakes if you keep concentrating for the whole race. Ask questions from experienced sailors in the club, read articles and watch YouTube videos. It takes years to really understand and sail your boat well so there is always room for improvement.

Most importantly, enjoy your sailing and don't stress too much.

SPRING SERIES STARTING 6&7 SEPTEMBER 2025

It's time to start prepping your boat for the next racing series. For many of us, including me, it is also prepping the trailer!

The Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions will soon be available on the Website (Racing Documentation). It is important that you read these and fill in the Entry Form and send it to me or give it to me at the first race weekend.

You will need to pay your club fees and the series fees.

Mostly, importantly, you need to get your Safety Equipment Audit completed before the first race.

Audit Day is Saturday 23 August 2025 at Rathmines hard stand near F Jetty.

We understand that it is difficult for those travelling a longer distance (eg Bathurst and Forster) to attend but it helps everybody if local Lake Macquarie and Hunter boats turn up for audit on this day. Please fill out the audit checklist before you request sign-off by the Auditors.

Make sure you inspect and sign off your PFDs and check use by dates on the first aid items such as saline tubes and Disprin.

CLASS BASIS HANDICAP

The NHTYA has always emphasised PBH rating results. However, CBH results are an indicator of how well you are sailing towards your boat's potential.

In 2019, Australian Sailing made a major shift in the calculation of trailer sailer class handicaps, from one based on many years of accumulated race results, to a system that is based purely on boat measurements and a secret rating

formula. Unfortunately, there have been some significant anomalies with some classes being too favourably considered and other being heavily penalised. Because of the significant cost of measurements already incurred, Australian Sailing have indicated a reluctance to tweak the rating formula to be more accurate. The Yachting Victorian Trailable Yacht Division, the largest trailer sailer racing body in Australia, have decided to stay with the old handicap system.

At the NHTYA, we have trialled the new rating system since September 2020, making some changes for the obvious anomalies. After an extensive analysis of the old system, the new one, plus previous club ratings, the Racing Committee has settled on an adaption of the new Australian Sailing ratings. Part of that adaption is settling on a standard 5% rating difference for spinnaker and non spinnaker boats. The changes to what we have used over the past five years is mostly subtle and reflects reality. The ratings will be reviewed each year for further refinement if necessary.

For transparency, the CBH handicap ratings will be published in the Newsletter and will be on the Racing Documents website page."

OFFICER OF THE DAY ROSTER

06 Sep 25 OOD Wanderer	Race 1	07 Sep 25 Full Of Rascals	Race 2
18 Oct 25 OOD Jocimo	Race 3	19 Oct 25 OOD True North	Race 4
15 Nov 25 OOD Amethyst	Race 5	16 Nov 25 OOD Bidy Too	Race 6
06 Dec 25 OOD Deja vu	Race 7	07 Dec 25 OOD Ivy May	Race 8

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Spring Series 2025 V1.1

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 in accordance with the following.

SPINNAKERS

- 1.3 All boats (spinnaker and non-spinnaker) will race within their same divisions.
- 1.4 Boats nominating to use a spinnaker are to demonstrate that they have appropriate insurance coverage.
- 1.5 Boats must nominate before the race series if they are racing "spinnaker" or "non-spinnaker".
- 1.6 In the 5-minute preparatory time before her start, a yacht will not fly her spinnaker until she has actually crossed the start line. Testing a spinnaker before her start may be done provided she is at least 200 metres clear of, and on the start side of, the start line.
- 1.7 Spinnakers cannot be flown on single handed boats.
- 1.8 Gennakers/mistresses/MPS etc. are classified as spinnakers.

NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 1.9 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the venue which will be F-Jetty for races 1 & 2 and Styles Point for races 3 to 8.

CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 1.10 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before the briefing on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted in the club magazine prior to the next race.

SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 1.11 Signals made ashore will be as notified at the pre-race briefing.

SCHEDULE of RACES

Dates for races 2025

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- 1.12 The scheduled time of the race briefing signal for Saturday is 11.30am and Sundays is 10.30am. The schedule time for the race warning signal for Division 1 shall be about one hour after the race briefing. Race start times are:-
- 1.12.1 Saturday Division 1:- 12:30am Division 2:- 12:40am Division 3:- 12:50am. The fleet may be directed to a scratch start at 12:30. At the discretion of the Race Organiser, boats with a very low handicap number may elect to start early as Division 4 at 12:10pm.
- 1.12.2 Sunday Division 1:- 11:30am, Division 2:- 11:40am Division 3:- 11:50am. The fleet may be directed to a scratch start at 11:30. At the discretion of the Race Organiser, boats with a very low handicap number may elect to start early as Division 4 at 11:10am.
- 1.13 Each race is required to have a minimum of 4 boats signed on to start the race and actually cross the start line.
- 1.14 Postponement or abandonment will be notified at the briefing or by a radio call on VHF Channel 72 to the "Catalina Fleet".
- 1.15 If a single race, or even a whole weekend of races is not run, the race numbers in the series will continue in chronological order with 2 races being run on the following Saturday race days. Saturday start time of 12:30 will still apply and the second race will commence by flag signals, nominally 10 minutes after the last boat completes the first race. If there are not sufficient Saturday race days to make up any races cancelled or not run, then the Race Committee may elect to also run catch-up races on Sunday race days. Sunday start time of 11:30 will still apply and the second race will commence by flag signals, nominally 10 minutes after the last boat completes the first race.
- 1.16 Saturdays and Sundays will be used for re-running of abandoned races and if there is more than one race abandoned, they be re-run on consecutive Saturday race days. If required, catch-up races may also be sailed on Sunday race days.

RACING AREAS

- 1.17 Addendum A shows the location of the racing areas.

THE COURSES

- 1.18 The Addendums A and B, plus any other maps issued in the future, show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left. A windward leeward triangle course may be used if conditions are suitable.
- 1.19 The course will be indicated at briefing starting approximately 60 minutes prior to the first boat starting or as in supplementary sailing instructions.
- 1.20 Course buoys or marks will be identified at the briefing or in the supplementary instructions.
- Note: - Maritime Cardinal and Navigation buoys on the course must be obeyed.
- 1.21 At the discretion of the Race Organiser alternate courses may be utilised and will be indicated at the race briefing.
- 1.22 All yachts shall round each mark on the designated side.

THE START

- 1.23 Races will be started using Rule 26, with the warning signal made **5 minutes** before the start signal for each division.
- 1.24 The class flag for each division will use the corresponding pennant i.e Division 1 will use pennant 1, Division 2 will use pennant 2, and so on.

- 1.25 The start will be between an Association buoy and a flag on the start boat, unless otherwise notified at the briefing. Preference is for the start boat to be stationed at the starboard end of the start line.
- 1.26 A yacht's engine shall not be used in the 5 minute period prior to its starting time i.e. after her warning signal.
- 1.27 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the start sequence for other divisions.
- 1.28 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing.

CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 1.29 If it is considered by the "Officer of the Day" (O.O.D.), who is conducting the race, that the lead boat may not finish within three and a half (3 ½) hours, or there is a change in the weather conditions which may affect the safety of the competitors, the O.O.D. will consult the Race Organiser and/or the Assistant Race Organiser as soon as possible, to consider shortening of the course.
- 1.30 The Race Organiser and/or the Assistant Race Organiser may shorten the course. This will be notified over the radio, on VHF Channel 72, by the O.O.D or the Race Organiser using the call sign "Catalina Fleet".
- 1.31 The fleet will then be told at which buoy the shortened course will take effect. Yachts will then sail from that buoy to the finish line.

THE FINISH

- 1.32 The finish will be between a buoy and the O.O.D.'s boat or as notified at the race briefing. Competitors are not to re-cross the finish line. Yachts which do re-cross the finish line will receive a penalty of 2 minutes added to their finish time. In addition, yachts are requested to keep clear of the general area of the finish line after finishing.

TIME LIMITS

- 1.33 Boats failing to finish within 5 hours of the Division 1 scheduled start time will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. Boats failing to finish within 2 hours after the first boat sails the course will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes rule 35.
- 1.34 Should a race be abandoned for any reason, at the discretion of the Club Race Officer, the race may be re-run as part of the 2025 Spring Series on another date.

PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 1.35 Protest forms are available from the Race Organiser.
- 1.36 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat has crossed the finish line.
- 1.37 Under rule 61 a list of protests will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors, who are still near the briefing area, of hearings in which they are parties, or named as witnesses.
- 1.38 Decisions of the protest committee will be final.
- 1.39 The protest Committee will be made up from committee members or of financial members of the club chaired by a qualified Race Officer.
- 1.40 On completion of the race the "Handicap Officer" shall work out the corrected times from the finish times as recorded by the Officer of the Day.

SCORING

- 1.41 The scoring system will be based on both personal handicap (PHC) and Class Basic Handicap (CBH) results using the Top Yacht Club Score software.
- 1.42 Any boat not listed within the Australian Class Based Handicap (CBH) Rating System listing will be given a CBH at the discretion of the handicapper and will not form grounds for a protest.
- 1.43 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.
- 1.44 Series Racing Penalty System as per clause A9.
- 1.45 Any Series Ties to be resolved using clause A8.
- 1.46 A racing yacht that renders assistance to another vessel in distress will be allocated the average of her 4 best scores meaning that yacht will be scored as a DUTY boat.
- 1.47 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 Series and must be applied for prior to the event.
- 1.48 Any member who participates in "The Buddy System" to guide a new member will be scored as a "DUTY" boat and receive an average of her 4 best scores.
- 1.49 Series points are calculated on the best 80% of points received in the series.
- DNS, DNF, DSQ and DNC can be dropped from the series for the purpose of calculating the series points.

PERSON in CHARGE

All yacht skippers must have current:

- Members of NHTYA must have current NHTYA club membership paid. This fee includes the Australian Sailing membership fee.
 - Race fees paid,
 - Failing any of these, the yacht will be scored as DSQ (Disqualified).
- 1.50 Visiting yachts that elect to race can participate, however it is anticipated that visiting yachts shall become members prior to participating in more than three club races. There is no visiting yacht participation fee. Visiting yachts are not eligible to participate in the Series Score Prize.

SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 1.51 All boats are to sign the "Race Sign-On Sheet" before crossing the start line. For late arrivals, the boat may contact the start boat before crossing the start line, to both sign on and receive course information however the return of course information may be delayed by the starter attending to race signals.
- 1.52 In addition to the sign-on described in clause 16.1, prior to the race start, the OOD will call each yacht on VHF channel 72. Acknowledgement of the OOD radio call by each competing yacht will be noted on the sign-on sheet by the OOD, completing the sign-on process. Failure to acknowledge the OOD's radio call may be recorded as a DNS for that yacht.
- 1.53 All yachts are deemed to have signed off when they cross the finish line or have contacted the OOD of their retirement. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race OOD as soon as possible. Failure to do so will result in the boat being disqualified.
- 1.54 Category 7 Equipment Safety Audits must be verified by a Club Auditor and finalised before the first race entered in this Spring Series 2025. If a boat has not got a completed and finalised Category 7

Equipment Safety Audit before their first race entered in the 2025 Spring Series, the boat will be scored DSQ (disqualified) until compliance is achieved.

- 1.55 New club members who join during the series will have until their second “race weekend” to submit and completely finalise their Category 7 Equipment Safety Audit. However, they must pay Australian Sailing Membership fees, NHTYA Membership fees and race fees before entering a race. Until these requirements are completed they will be scored DSQ.
- 1.56 Engine and Fuel: all yachts must be fitted with a motor in good working order. Outboard motors shall be mounted at all times. The mounting may be raised but not removed. The motor may be tilted but not removed.
- 1.57 All boats must at all times comply with the “Roads and Maritime Boating Handbook.
- 1.58 If the weather forecast for Lake Macquarie, as viewed on the “Meteye” site (<http://www.bom.gov.au/australia/meteye>) is for extreme conditions, or winds are predicted to exceed 25 knots inshore during the time of the race, the race **may be** cancelled by the race organiser.
- 1.59 Cancellation of Sailing for the weekend. To facilitate members who travel long distances when foul weather is predicted, the Race Organiser shall monitor the B.O.M./MetEye website forecast for the upcoming race weekend. Should (in the opinion of the Race Organiser) the forecast weather for the weekend not be conducive to safe racing, or if cancellation for other factors is deemed necessary by the race organiser, the Race Organiser shall cancel the weekend’s racing. The cancellation shall be advised by SMS messages, the club’s website and Facebook Page two days prior to the event.
- 1.60 All crew on yachts that have no lifelines must at all times wear a Category 7 complying lifejacket.
- 1.61 When a competing yacht’s crew elects to reef sails during a race because of the prevailing weather conditions, the crew of the yacht will don a Category 7 complying lifejacket prior to reefing, if not already wearing a lifejacket. If the subsequent prevailing weather conditions abate to allow the yacht to remove the reefing described above, lifejackets may be removed if deemed appropriate by the yacht’s master.
- 1.62 All crew are to check the location of the activation toggle on any manually activated inflating lifejackets prior to donning.
- 1.63 Keels/centreboards must remain down during the race.

EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 1.64 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.

OFFICIAL BOATS

- 1.65 Official boats will be the “Officer of the Day” (OOD) boat and Committee member boats.

RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 1.66 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”.
- 1.67 Changes to race conditions from the Officer of the Day will be broadcast using the club call sign “Catalina Fleet”.

CLUB BURGEE

- 1.68 Flying the club burgee is required as it will assist in identifying starting yachts as participating in an organised race, particularly at marks where the Racing Rules of Sailing will apply between clubs.

PRIZES

1.69 Prizes will be given as follows:

Medal for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd placing in each race based on Personal Handicap (PHC), and
Husband and wife/partner trophy for the first husband and wife/partner to finish on corrected time.

1.70 Trophies will be as follows:

Winner of the Spring Series based on PHC.

Winner of the Combined Spring and Autumn Series based on PHC.

Winner of the Combined Spring and Autumn Series based on CBH.

1.71 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.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY - Competitors participate in races and regattas 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.

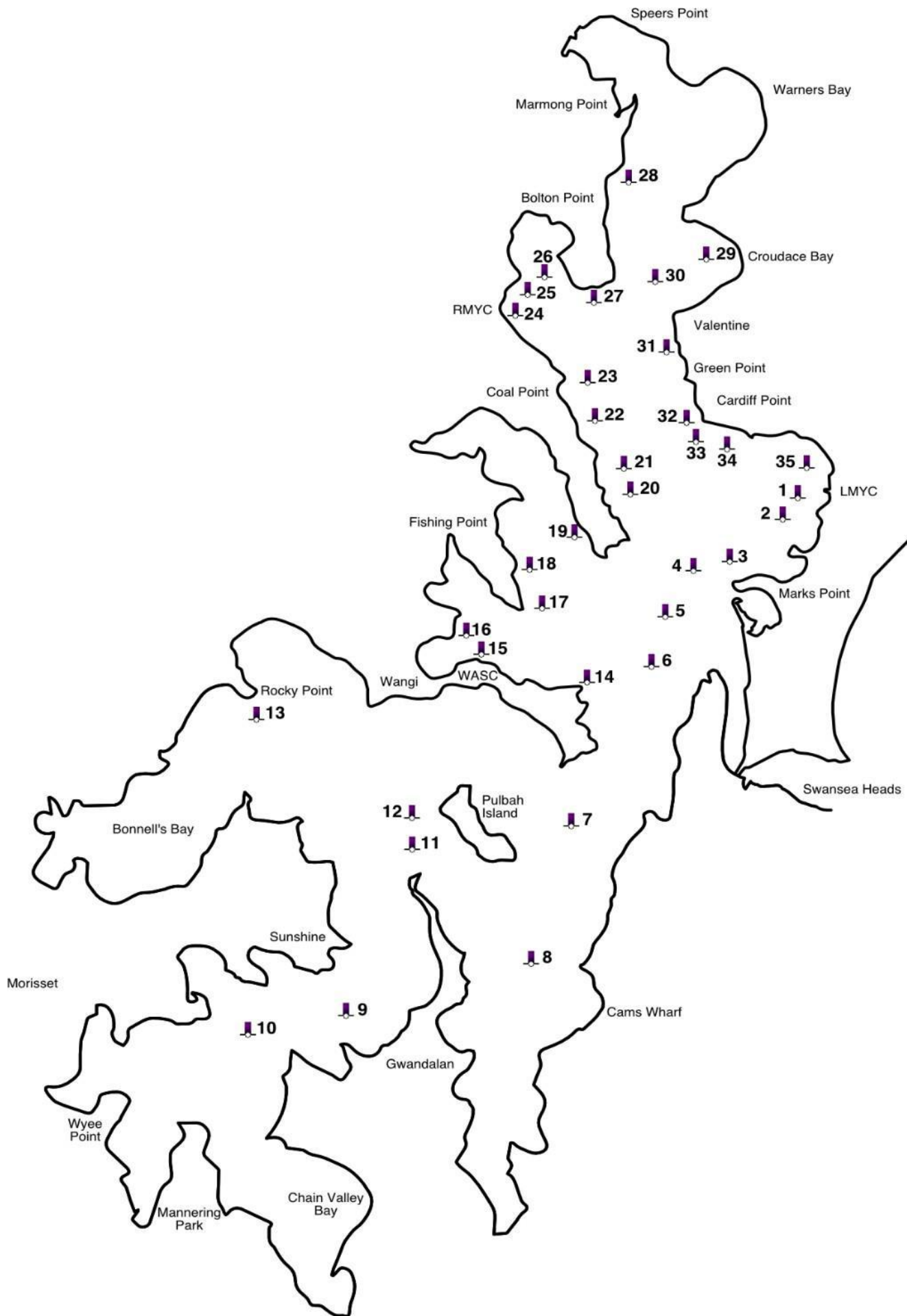
INSURANCE - Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000.00 per event or the equivalent.

1.72 The club conducts races where competitors may use a spinnaker and all entrants must ensure that they have adequate and appropriate insurance cover.

FURTHER INFORMATION

1.73 Please contact the:

Commodore	Ken Hill	0400 208 553
Race Organiser	Peter Melbourne	0412 278 567
Race Handicapper	Brian Harrison	0421 979 452






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ADDENDUM B

Note: - Waterways Cardinal and Navigation buoys are to be treated as Marks on the course.

Channel Mark to be treated as a **West Cardinal Mark** in all courses

COURSES

<u>North:</u> Start Swansea (P) Cardiff Point (S) Andersons (S) Marks Point (S) Slip (P) Finish	<u>North-East:</u> Start Fishing Point (P) Albert (P) Cardiff Point (P) Coal Point (P) LMYC (S) Finish	<u>East:</u> Start LMYC (S) Marks Point (S) Coal Point (S) Andersons (S) Finish
<u>South - East:</u> Start Swansea (P) Slip (P) Carey Bay (P) Marks Point (S) Coal Point (P) Finish	<u>South:</u> Start Fishing Point (P) LMYC (P) Carey Bay (P) Swansea (S) Finish	<u>South - West:</u> Start Fishing Point (P) Slip (P) Coal Point (P) Swansea (P) Albert (P) Finish
<u>West:</u> Start Andersons (P) Coal Point (S) Cardiff Point (S) LMYC (S) Marks Point (S) Finish	<u>North – West:</u> Start Swansea (P) Carey Bay (S) Andersons (S) Swansea (S) Coal Point (P) Finish	

Reference	Mark	South	East
ST/FIN	Start/Finish		
1	LMYC	33° 02.418	151° 39.048
2	Andersons	33° 02.609	151° 38.854
3	Marks Point	33° 02.992	151° 38.345
4	Channel	33° 03.117	151° 37.854
6	Swansea	33° 04.149	151° 37.421
17	Fishing Point	33° 03.486	151° 36.186
20	Coal Point	33° 02.377	151° 37.192
22	Carey Bay	33° 01.658	151° 36.896
32	Cardiff Point	33° 01.672	151° 37.785
34	Slip	33° 01.936	151° 38.227
35	Albert	33° 02.102	151° 39.116

Marks used are Lake Macquarie Yacht Club Marks.



NOTICE OF RACE – Spring Series 2025 V1.1

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 \$40.00, or \$10 per race till \$40.00 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 2025, and designated OOD:

06 Sep 25 OOD Wanderer	Race 1	07 Sep 25 Full of Rascals	Race 2
18 Oct 25 Race 3 OOD Jocimo		19 Oct 25 OOD True North	Race 4
15 Nov 25 OOD Amerthyst	Race 5	16 Nov 25 OOD Biddy Too	Race 6
06 Dec 25 OOD Deja vu	Race 7	07 Dec 25 OOD Ivy May	Race 8

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 F-Jetty for races 1 & 2 and Styles Point for races 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8. 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 2025 Spring Series and the 2026 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.
 - Husband and wife/partner trophy for the first husband and wife/partner across the finish line in each race.
- 15.2 Trophies as follows:
- Winner of the Spring 2025 Series based on PHC.
 - Winner of the combined Spring 2025 & Autumn 2026 Series based on PHC.
 - Winner of the combined Spring 2025 and Autumn 2025 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	Peter Melbourne	0412 278 567
• Race Handicapper	Brian Harrison	0421 979 452

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2025/2026

I hereby apply to renew our membership of the Newcastle and Hunter Trailer Yacht Association Inc. In the event of my admission as a member I agree to be bound by the rules of the Association in force, including the constitution and all adopted Club Documents.

Waiver of Liability

By completing this form, we hereby agree and understand that we are signing a waiver of liability, prior to taking part in all activities being organised by the Newcastle and Hunter Trailer Yacht Association:

- that we accept that these activities are dangerous and can result in Death and/or Injury; and
- that we accept the risks involved and are responsible for our actions and/or involvement.

Annual subscriptions are due on the 1st August 2025. The subscription for the 2025-2026 year is \$100

If your subscription is not paid by the 1st October 2025, your membership will cease.

In the unlikely event that you are not renewing your membership, we would appreciate your advice on this form, alternatively, a telephone call to the Membership Officer, Phillip Sparkes on 0414 223654 or an email to info@nhtya.com would be appreciated.

PERSONAL DETAILS			
Name [party 1]:		Mob-No:	DOB: __/__/__
Name [party 2]:		Mob-No:	DOB: __/__/__
Address:			
Suburb:		P/Code:	
Email [party 1]:	@	Sailing Australia No	
Email [party 2]:	@	Sailing Australia No	
Waterways Lic. No:			

Please cross this box if you do **NOT** want your address/phone number on the club Social List

Please cross this box if you do **NOT** want your Photo on the Web Site

<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>

YACHT DETAILS			
Vessel Name:			
Vessel Type:		Sail No:	
Hull Colour:		Hull Stripes:	
Waterways Rego. No:		Expiry Date:	
Vessel Insurer:			
Policy No:		Expiry Date:	

FEES			Code
NHTYA membership	2025-2026 year	\$100	M
S.A. fees are now part of your membership			
Race fees	Spring 2025	\$40	SR
Race fees	Autumn 2026	\$40	AR
Race fees	OTB [off the beach] 2025-26	\$10	OTB
TOTAL			\$

You are required to notify the secretary of any changes to the above information
 Direct deposit to BSB 062822, Account No 17418617 (use your name and code as ID)
 post to NHTYA, PO Box 210, Boolaroo, 2284
 or email to info@nhtya.com

Member Signature:		Member Signature:		Date:	
Treasurer receipt:		Membership officer:		Public Officer:	
				Secretary:	



Newcastle and Hunter Trailer Yacht Association Inc.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP 2025/2026

I hereby apply for membership of the Newcastle and Hunter Trailer Yacht Association Inc. In the event of my admission as a member I agree to be bound by the rules of the Association in force at the time including the Constitution and all Club Documents adopted under the said Constitution.

Waiver of Liability

By completing this form, we hereby agree and understand that we are signing a waiver of liability, prior to taking part in all activities being organised by the Newcastle and Hunter Trailer Yacht Association:

- that we accept that these activities are dangerous and can result in Death and/or Injury; and
- that we accept the risks involved and are responsible for our actions and/or involvement.

PERSONAL DETAILS					
Name [party 1]:		Mob-No:		DOB	__/__/__
Name [party 2]:		Mob-No:		DOB	__/__/__
Address:					
Suburb:			P/Code:		
Email [party 1]:	@		Sailing Australia No:		
Email [party 2]:	@		Sailing Australia No:		
Waterways Lic. No:					

Please Cross this box if you do **NOT** want your address/phone number on the club Social List

Please cross this box if you do **NOT** want your Photo on the Web Site

<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>

Sailing Experience and qualifications:
.....PTO if necessary

YACHT DETAILS			
Yacht Name:			
Yacht Type:		Sail No:	
Hull Colour:		Hull Stripes:	
Waterways Rego. No:		Expiry Date:	
Yacht Insurer:			
Policy No:		Expiry Date:	

FEES			Code	
NHTYA membership		\$100	M	
Club race fees	Spring Series 2025	\$40	SR	
Club race fees	Autumn Series 2026	\$40	AR	
Club race fees	OTB [off the beach] 2025-26	\$10	OTB	
		TOTAL	\$	

You are required to notify the secretary of any changes to the above information
Direct deposit to BSB 062822, Account No 17418617 (use your name and code as ID)
post to NHTYA, PO Box 210, Boolaroo, 2284
or email to info@nhtya.com

Proposed member 1:		Signature:		Date	
Proposed member 2:		Signature:		Date	
Name of proposer:		Signature:		Date	
Name of seconder:		Signature:		Date	
Approved for membership by:		Signature:		Date	
Treasurer receipt:		Membership officer:		Public Officer:	
				Secretary:	



Newcastle and Hunter Trailer Yacht Association Inc.

ENTRY FORM

SPRING SERIES RACES 2025

Helmsman's Name: _____

Vessel's Name: _____

Class/Make: _____

Sail No: _____

Spinnaker Do you intend to use a spinnaker during any race in the Spring 2025 and Autumn 2026 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	2025 year	\$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 \$40.00 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 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: _____



Newcastle and Hunter Trailer Yacht Association Inc.

NOTICE OF RACE – 2025 3 & 6 Hour Races V2

Incorporating the Castle Yacht Association of Australia New South Wales Championships

Conducted by:

Newcastle and Hunter Trailer Yacht Association inc

04 & 05 October 2025

20 RULES

- 20.1 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.
- 20.2 All races will be "Mixed Class Races" and spinnakers may be flown.
- 20.3 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.

21 ADVERTISING

- 21.1 Advertising will be restricted to Category A as noted in Clause 80.

22 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 22.1 The races are open to all NHTYA members and visitors.

23 FEES

- 23.1** There is no charge to NHTYA members for the 3 & 6hr races.

24 SCHEDULE

- 24.1 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.
- 24.2 Dates of racing 2025, and designated OOD:

04 Oct 25	3hr Race	05 Oct 25	6hr Race
OOD Plastique		OOD TBA	

25 EQUIPMENT and MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 25.1 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.

26 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

27 VENUE

- 27.1 The races will be conducted on Lake Macquarie in New South Wales.
- 27.2 The venue will be Styles Point.
- 27.3 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.

28 THE COURSES

- 28.1 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.
- 28.2 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.

29 PENALTY SYSTEM

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

30 SCORING

- 30.1 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.
- 30.2 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.
- 30.3 All Castle 650 & 550's are to start at the same time for races 1 & 2.

31 THE START and SUPPORT BOATS

- 31.1 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.
- 31.2 3hr Race will start no earlier than 1230 on Saturday 04 Oct 24.
- 31.3 6hr Race will start no earlier than 1000 on Sunday 05 Oct 24.

32 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 32.1 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".

33 PRIZES

- 33.1 The presentation of trophies will occur at the NHTYA presentation night (only NHTYA members are eligible for trophies).
- 33.2 At the discretion of the Sailing Committee, other prizes may be given out.
- 33.3 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 for the series, shall be eligible for an individual award.

34 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

35 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.

36 INSURANCE

36.1 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.

37 PERSON IN CHARGE

37.1 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).

38 FURTHER INFORMATION

38.1 For further information please contact:

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|-----------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| ◦ Commodore | Ken Hill | 0400 208 553 |
| ◦ Race Officer | Peter Melbourne | 0412 278 567 |
| ◦ Race Handicapper | Brian Harrison | 0421 979 452 |

On Shore Cruise



15th-17th August
Cranky Rock Camping



2214 Wollombi Rd
Hart and Pam 0417 674 687
Farr & Beyond

MERCHANDISE

Stocks of NHTYA Club caps, coolers and Burgees - contact Phillip 0414 223654

Caps \$25 each



Stubby Holders \$5 each



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2025			Activity	Location	Contact	Pts	Extra Info
Aug	2 - 3	Sat - Sun					
Aug	9 - 10	Sat - Sun					
Aug	16 - 17	Sat - Sun	On Shore Cruise	Cranky Rock	Hart 0417674687		
Aug	19	Tue	General Meeting	Club Macquarie	Ken Hill 0400 208 553		
Aug	23	Sat	Audit Day	Rathmines	Hart Peters 0417 674 687		Local race boats expected
Aug	30 - 31	Sat - Sun					
Sept	6 - 7	Sat - Sun	Race 1 & 2	Styles Pt (F Jetty?)	Peter Melbourne 0412 278 567	2	
Sept	13 - 14	Sat - Sun	OTB	F Jetty	Brian Harrison 0421 979 452		
Sept	16	Tue	General Meeting	Club Macquarie	Ken Hill 0400 208 553		
Sept	20 - 21	Sat - Sun	Cruise	Lake Macquarie	?	2	
Sept	27 - 28	Sat - Sun					
Oct	4 - 6	Sat - Mon	3/6hr Regatta	Styles Pt	Peter Melbourne 0412 278 567	2	NRL Grand Final BBQ Sunday night
Oct	11 - 12	Sat - Sun					
Oct	18 - 19	Sat - Sun	Race 3 & 4	Styles Pt	Peter Melbourne 0412 278 567	2	
Oct	21	Tue	General Meeting	Club Macquarie	Ken Hill 0400 208 553		
Oct	25 - 26	Sat - Sun	OTB	F Jetty	Brian Harrison 0421 979 452		
Nov	1 - 2	Sat - Sun	Cruise	?	?	2	
Nov	8 - 9	Sat - Sun					
Nov	15 - 16	Sat - Sun	Race 5 & 6	Styles Pt	Peter Melbourne 0412 278 567	2	
Nov	18	Tue	General Meeting	Club Macquarie	Ken Hill 0400 208 553		
Nov	22 - 23	Sat - Sun	Cruise			2	
Nov	29 - 30	Sat - Sun	OTB	F Jetty	Brian Harrison 0421 979 452		
Dec	6 - 7	Sat - Sun	Race 7 & 8	Styles Pt	Peter Melbourne 0412 278 567	2	Xmas Party Saturday Night
Dec	13		OTB	F Jetty	Brian Harrison 0421 979 452		
Dec/Jan	27 - 3	Sat - Sat	Myalls Cruise	Myall Lakes	?	2	New Year's Eve Party

2026			Activity	Location	Contact	Pts	Extra Info
Dec/Jan	31-1	Wed-Thu	Cruise	Myalls	?	2	
Jan	3-4	Sat-Sun					
Jan	10-11	Sat-Sun	OTB	F Jetty	Brian Harrison 0421 979 452		
Jan	17-18	Sat-Sun	Race 1&2	Styles	Peter Melbourne 0412278567	2	
Jan	24-26	Sat-Mon	Cruise	Lake Macquarie	?	2	Australia Day Weekend
Jan/Feb	31-1	Sat-Sun					
Feb	7-8	Sat-Sun	Race 3&4	Styles	Peter Melbourne 0412278567	2	
Feb	14-15	Sat-Sun	OTB	F Jetty	Brian Harrison 0421 979 452		
Feb	17	Tue	Meeting	Club Macquarie	Ken Hill 0400208553		
Feb	21-22	Sat-Sun	Cruise	?	?	2	
Feb/Mar	28-1	Sat-Sun					
Mar	7-8	Sat-Sun	Race 5&6	Styles	Peter Melbourne 0412278567	2	Marlay Point Overnight Race
Mar	14-15	Sat-Sun	OTB	F Jetty	Brian Harrison 0421 979 452		
Mar	17	Tue	Meeting	Club Macquarie	Ken Hill 0400208553		
Mar	21-22	Sat-Sun	Cruise	?	?	2	
Mar	28-29	Sat-Sun					
Apr	3-6	Fri-Mon	Cruise	Myalls?	?	2	Easter Cruise
Apr	11-12	Sat-Sun	Race 7&8	Styles	Peter Melbourne 0412278567	2	
Apr	14	Tue	Meeting	Club Macquarie	Ken Hill 0400208553		
Apr	18-19	Sat-Sun	OTB	F Jetty	Brian Harrison 0421 979 452	2	
Apr	25-27	Sat-Mon	Cruise	?	?	2	Anzac long Weekend
May	3-4	Sat-Sun					Bay to Bay
May	9-10	Sat-Sun	OTB	F Jetty	Brian Harrison 0421 979 452		Mothers Day
May	16-17	Sat-Sun	Race 9&10	F Jetty	Peter Melbourne 0412278567	2	
May	19	Tue	Meeting	Club Macquarie	Ken Hill 0400208553		
May	23-24	Sat-Sun	Cruise ?	?	?	2	
May	30-31	Sat-Sun					
Jun	6-8	Sat-Mon	Away Race	Keepit Dam	Brian Harrison 0421979452		King's Birthday
Jun	13-14	Sat-Sun					

Jun	16	Tue	Meeting	Club Macquarie	Ken Hill 0400208553		
Jun	20-21	Sat-Sun					
Jun	27	Sat	Presentation Night				

AUSTRALIAN SAILING (AS)
SPECIAL REGULATIONS EQUIPMENT AUDIT FORM



CATEGORY 7	MONOHULLS & MULTIHULLS	Short races in sheltered waters in daylight hours only with effective rescue availability
DATE OF AUDIT / /	SAIL NO:	BOAT NAME:

This section to be completed and **ticked or initialled** by person in charge (P) and auditor(A). If item not applicable, mark 'n/a' or dash '-'

Reg	Structural Fixed Deck Items	P	A
2.03.1	Equipment functions & adequate for intended use		
2.03.2	Ballast & heavy equipment secured		
3.06.1	(b) Enclosed cabin, ≥ 5.5m LH, and carrying fuel below decks, 2 exits		
3.08.8	Multihull minimum drain sizes after allowance for screen 20 cm ² per m ³ of cockpit		
3.20.6	Bilge pump not to discharge into closed cockpit		
3.20.7	Bilge pump not connected to cockpit drains		
If Fitted	Bilge pump minimum suction bore 25 mm		
	Bilge pump & strum boxes accessible		
3.28.1	Hull Identification, min 50 mm; name & state rego; OR name, sail number & club		
4.01.1	Sail numbers as per RRS 77 and Appendix G		
Reg	Structural/Fixed Items Below	P	A
	(a)(i) Lifelines uncoated stainless steel wire, or		
	(a)(iii) HMPE rope of minimum diameter		
3.12.6	(b) Loose sleeve permitted		
If fitted	(d) Gap secured by lanyard ≤ 100 mm; Lanyard replaced annually		
	(e) Total lifeline system ≥ strength of required wire		
	Lifeline size minimum: LH < 8.5 m: 3 mm; LH 8.5 m – 13 m: 4 mm; LH > 13 m: 5 mm		
	Cooking stove/heating appliance safe use in seaway e.g. Gimballed with accessible shutoff		
3.17	Gas or methylated spirits only fuels for cooking		
If fitted	"REMEMBER Turn Off Gas At Bottle" sign		
	Gas detection for permanent pilot light		
	Disposable gas canisters ≤ 225 grams		
	Gas bottle, spare canisters in separate compartment ventilated overboard		
3.24.6	Dedicated starter battery if electric starter is only method of starting		
If fitted			
3.24.7	Separate generators, if carried, securely covered and permanently installed		
If fitted			
3.24.8	Fuel tank shut off valve/cock if fuel can escape or siphon		
If fitted			
	(a) Petrol tanks – see regulation		
	(b) Diesel tanks metal or other certified material		
3.24.9	(c) Fuel lines comply		
If fitted	(d) Outboard tanks secured on deck or ventilated compartment; manufacturer supplied or recognised national standard		
	(e) Petrol not below decks in portable containers		
	(f) Flexible fuel tank not permitted		
Reg	Portable Equipment	P	A
3.20.9	2 x 8 litre buckets, stout construction with lanyard		
3.24.10	If no motor & <5.5m LH, oars or paddles x 2; blade area 0.04m ²		
4.04.2	If motor or stove fitted: 1 x fire extinguishers 1A:10BE dry powder min or equiv.		
If fitted			
4.04.4	Fire blanket (for cooking device with open flame)		
	(a) Anchors & ground tackle as per Table 1		
4.05.1	(b) Anchor & warp sizes Table 2 or Table 3		
	Anchor 1 Type.....kg/size.....		
4.07.4	First aid kit, waterproof container; contents as listed at end of this form (alternative brands permitted)		
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4.07.9 First Aid Kit Contents List – within expiry date		
NON-PRESCRIPTION	P	A
Soluble Aspirin (e.g. Disprin) x 20		
Disposable gloves x 10		
Crepe bandages 75 mm x 1.5 m x 2		
Low absorbency non-adherent dressing/plain gauze (e.g. Melolin) x 5		
Band-aids or equivalent rollof bandaid x 20		
Normal saline 30 ml x 2		
Sunscreen 30+ 250 ml x 1		
Scissors, stainless steel x 1		
CPR mask or 6 face shields		

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DETAILS

OWNER/S NAME:			
OWNER/S CLUB:			
BOAT DETAILS			
TYPE OF BOAT	Small open ballasted boat < 6.1m _____ Small trailable boat < 5.2m _____ Dinghy _____ Skiff dinghy _____ Multihull dinghy _____ Sailboard _____		
LOA:		HULL COLOUR:	
HULL MATERIAL:		DECK COLOUR:	
DECK MATERIAL:		HULL NUMBER:	
NO. OF CREW:		SAIL NUMBER:	

DECLARATION BY OWNER/PERSON IN CHARGE

I have read and understand my obligations as set out in the current AS Special Regulations (<https://www.sailingresources.org.au/safety/specialregs/>), in particular SRs 1.02.1, 1.02.2, 1.02.3 (Responsibility of the person in charge), and SR 2.02.1 (Function of equipment). I understand that this audit is carried out only as a guide to persons in charge and race organising authorities. I understand that an auditor does not limit or reduce the complete and unlimited responsibility of the person in charge as defined in SRs 1.02.1, 1.02.2, 1.02.3 and 2.03.1. I undertake that I will maintain in good working order all of the boat's equipment as specified in the current AS Special Regulations, and ensure it will be on board for each race.

Items designated with a shaded box  are for the Owner/Person in Charge to ensure compliance when racing and must be initialised by the Owner/Person in Charge.

Signed by Owner/Person in Charge:

Date:

EQUIPMENT AUDITOR DECLARATION

I have checked the abovementioned boat in accordance with SR 2.02.1, as summarised in the following list, and the items listed were compliant as per the AS Special Regulations at the time and date of this audit.

Audited by (print name):	Signed by Equipment Auditor:
AS Number:	Date:

OUTSTANDING ITEMS - This audit is not valid until the outstanding items have been re-inspected.

Outstanding Item	Re-Inspected by	AS No.	Date

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This section to be completed and ticked or initialled by person in charge (P) and auditor(A). If item not applicable, mark 'n/a' or dash '-'

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