



*Port Hunter Sailing Skiff Club (PHSSC), as the Organising Authority (OA), invites entries from eligible Off the Beach (OTB) dinghies to race on the waters of Newcastle Harbour in the Inshore SailFest Newcastle Regatta. Racing will be held on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2021.*

*The Inshore SailFest Newcastle Regatta will again host the annual Cock of the Harbour race.*

*A family friendly event, SailFest also engages Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club's Sailing Academy – offering FREE 'Try Sailing' experiences for kids and adults throughout the weekend 10am-2pm near the Carrington Boat Ramp.*

*See the event webpage for more info:  
<https://sailfest.com.au/>*



# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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10 APRIL 2021

# SAILFEST NEWCASTLE REGATTA

## PORT HUNTER SAILING SKIFF CLUB

10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2021

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The event shall be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), and the Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS).

### 2 RACE CONDITIONS

- 2.1 Newcastle Harbour is a very busy commercial port. Competitors are required to keep out of the way of commercial shipping (i.e. move out of the channel when a ship is approaching).
- 2.2 If when racing, a competitor receives a “5 horn blast” from commercial shipping (meaning “I am in doubt about your action taken to avoid a collision”), the offending boat may be disqualified from that race without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 and Appendix A5.
- 2.3 The following diagram illustrates the distances that vessels must keep clear of commercial shipping.



### 3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the PHSSC Noticeboard located at the western end of the PHSSC Clubhouse.
- 3.2 The event webpage may duplicate notices to competitors and can be found online: <https://sailfest.com.au/>

### 4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1200 hrs on the day it will take effect.

### 5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the event flag pole located at the western end of the PHSSC Clubhouse.
- 5.2 When flag AP over H is displayed ashore, the next warning signal shall be made not less than 15 minutes after AP over H is removed.

### 6 CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 Warning Signals shall be as follows:

Race	Division	Warning Signal
<i>Cock of the Harbour Race</i>	Single Division	White flag with black rooster (animal) insignia

## 7 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

7.1 *The following schedule is indicative only and may be varied at any time:*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Description</i>
<i>Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2021</i>	1100 hrs	Registration Opens at PHSSC
	1400 hrs	Fist Warning Signal <i>Cock of the Harbour Race</i>
	ASAP After Racing	Sailors BBQ & Prizegiving Ceremony

*\*The OA may make changes to this schedule at any time.*

7.2 No warning signal shall be displayed after 1600 hrs.

## 8 THE START

8.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.

8.2 Entrants not starting within 10 minutes of their start time may be scored DNS.

8.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag from a shore position near the PHSSC Clubhouse, and Mark 3. Alternatively, A Race Committee Vessel may be on station in the vicinity of the starting mark.

## 9 THE FINISH

9.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag from a shore position near the PHSSC Clubhouse, and Mark 3. Boats shall finish by sailing through the finishing line in the direction from the last mark.

9.2 For the Cock of the Harbour Race, after the first boat has successfully completed the course and finished, all boats shall be recorded as finished as they round Mark 3. Finish Times will be extrapolated from the number of laps completed at time of finishing.

## 10 TIME LIMITS

10.1 *Time Limits are as follows:*

<b>Limit Type</b>	<b>Time Limit</b>
Race Time Limit	2 hours
Finishing Window	1 hour

10.2 The *Race Time Limit* is defined as the amount of time allowed for the first boat to finish the race.

10.3 The *Finishing Window* is defined as the amount of time a boat has to Finish after the first finisher in her class/division.

## 12 THE COURSE

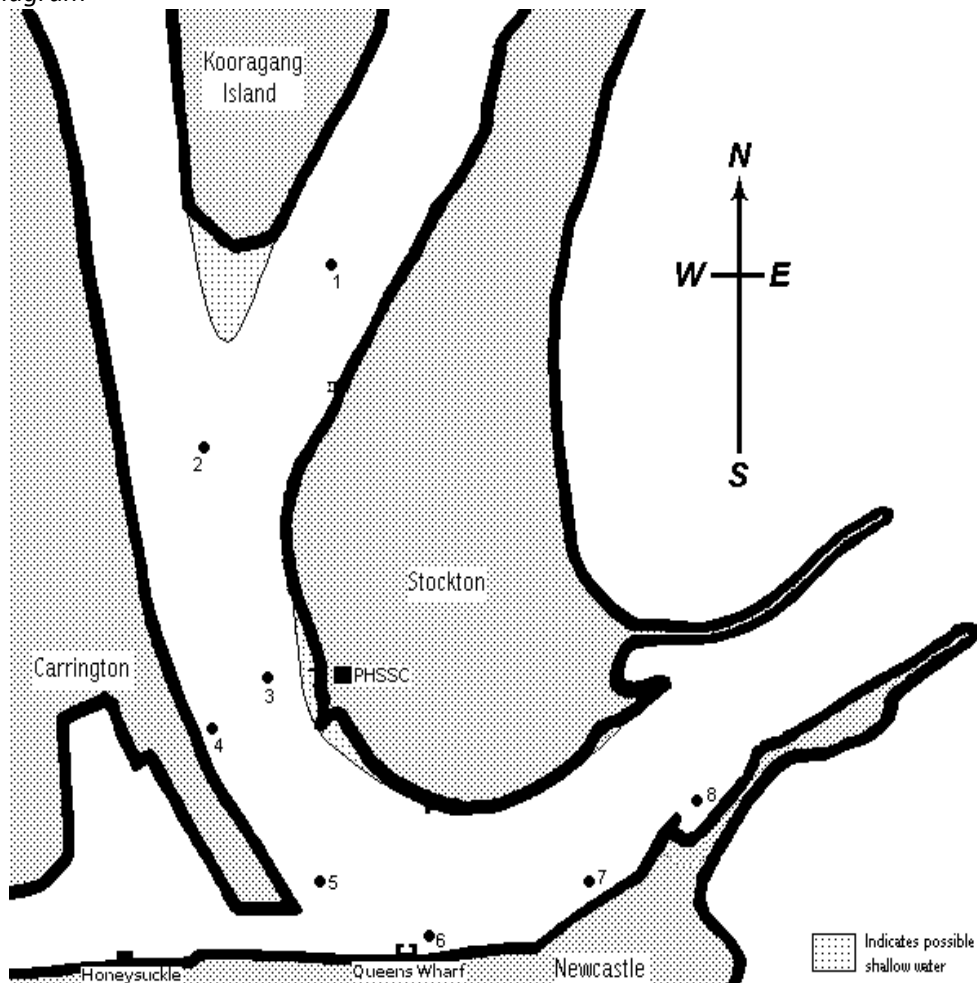
12.1 Marks shall be rounded to Port where indicated by '(P)', or to Starboard where indicated by '(S)'.

12.2 Marks will be pink spherical buoys marked with 'PHSSC'.

12.3 *The Course will be as follows:*

Course Number	Wind Direction	Course
1	E/NE	Start – 5 (P) – 8 (P) – 4 (S) – 3 (S) – 5 (P) – 8 (P) – 4 (S) – 3 (S) – 5 (P) – 8 (P) – 4 (S) – 3 (S) to Finish
2	SE	Start – 7 (S) – 2 (S) – 7 (S) – 2 (S) – 7 (S) – 2 (S) – Finish
3	S	Start – 6 (S) – 1 (S) – 6 (S) – 1 (S) – 6 (S) – 1 (S) – Finish
4	SW/W	Start at 3 (P) – 4 (P) – 8 (S) – 5 (S) – 3 (P) – 4 (P) – 8 (S) – 5 (S) – 3 (P) – 4 (P) – 8 (S) – 5 (S) – Finish
5	NW	Start – 2 (P) – 7 (P) – 2 (P) – 7 (P) – 2 (P) – 7 (P) – Finish
6	N	Start – 1 (P) – 6 (P) – 1 (P) – 6 (P) – 1 (P) – 6 (P) Finish

### 12.4 Course Diagram



## 13 SCORING

- 13.1 The Scoring System will be the Low Points System, RRS Appendix A.

## 14 PROTESTS, ARBITRATION AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 Protest Forms are available from the race officer. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 14.2 For each division, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 14.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and where the hearings will be held.
- 14.4 An Arbitration Hearing may be called as per RRS Appendix T.
- 14.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

## 15 CONTACT

For more information, please contact:

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