



Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club (NCYC), as the Organising Authority (OA), invites entries from owners and charterers of suitable yachts to race on the waters off Newcastle in the Sail Fest Newcastle Regatta. Racing will be held over the weekend of Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th April 2021.

The offshore component of the SailFest Newcastle Regatta will include IRC, PHS and the TP52 Gold Cup.

A family friendly event, SailFest also engages NCYC's Sailing Academy – offering 'Try Sailing' experiences throughout the weekend.



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<https://www.ncyc.net.au/sailing/sailfest/>

**NOTICE
OF RACE**
(OFFSHORE)

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).
- 1.2 Yachts sailing in IRC Division(s) shall comply with the current IRC Rules Parts A, B and C.
- 1.3 RRS 52 is amended to permit powered winches for boats over 14m LOA.
- 1.4 Boats not racing in IRC shall request permission from the Race Committee to use movable and/ or variable ballast for the purpose of increasing stability. Any such request must be accompanied by full details of the system involved, and any such system will be taken into account in establishing the yacht's handicap. Stored power may be used for the operation of moveable ballast systems. RRS 51 and 52 are modified to the extent of this paragraph.

2 DIVISIONS / CLASSES

- 2.1 The event will be sailed in separate classes as follows:

Class / Event	Description	Handicap System
TP52 Gold Cup	Offshore TP52 Class	IRC, TPR
IRC	Offshore IRC Division	IRC, PHS
PHS	Offshore PHS Division	PHS

- 2.2 The Organising Authority (OA) may alter, amalgamate or divide any Division and may add classes as required. The OA may cancel any Division if fewer than six (6) entries have been received by the closing date. In this event, yachts that have entered will have the option of transferring to another Division (if eligible) or having their entry fee refunded.

3 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 All competing entrants shall be single hull and self-righting, be built in accordance with AS Special Regulations part 1, section 3.03.1 and have a waterline length not less than 9 metres.
- 3.2 The owner of a vessel entered in the SailFest Newcastle Regatta shall hold a marine legal liability insurance policy with respect to the yacht, current when racing, with an adequate sum insured of not less than AUD\$10 million (or its equivalent in another currency). The policy will state that the yacht is covered for races in which it is participating or that it is covered for races of a length greater than the length of the race in which it is participating. The policy shall be in effect throughout the regatta.
- 3.3 IRC entrants shall hold a valid IRC rating certificate during the regatta. Yachts shall submit a copy of their certificate prior to the commencement of racing, and no alteration to the certificate will be permitted after that time except as a result of a rating protest, or to correct rating errors.

4 SAFETY

- 4.1 Category 4 of the AS Special Regulations Part 1 shall apply for all participating yachts.
- 4.2 Each participating yacht shall maintain an accurate Crew List within the Topyacht Entry System. For further guidance see the help page - <https://www.ncyc.net.au/sailing/crew-declaration-instructions/>

5 ENTRIES

5.1 Entries to be made online at:

<https://www.ncyc.net.au/sailing/offshore-regattas/sail-fest/>

5.2 Entries will be received no later than 2359 hours on Tuesday 30th March 2021. Entries will be accompanied by an Entry Fee as per the following:

Event	Division	Entry Fee
TP52 Gold Cup	TP52	\$240
SailFest	IRC, PHS, Cruising	\$180

5.3 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the OA accompanied by a \$50 Late Entry Fee.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 Sailing Instructions will be available on the club web site by 1200 hrs Monday 5th April 2020.

6.2 Printed copies may be made available to competitors at registration.

7 EVENT WEBPAGE

7.1 The event webpage is located at:

<https://www.ncyc.net.au/sailing/sailfest/>

8 SCORING

8.1 The Scoring System will be the Low Points System, RRS Appendix A5.2

8.2 A boats series score shall be the total of all her race scores. No drops will apply. This changes RRS Appendix A.

9 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date	Time	Event
Saturday, 10 th April 2021	0900 hrs	Registration / Regatta Office Opens
	0930 hrs	Competitors Briefing
	1225 hrs	First Warning Signal Passage Race
	After Racing	Boat Party – cartons of beer delivered to the dock City of Newcastle – Treasure Hunt
Sunday, 11 th April 2021	1025 hrs	First Warning Signal x3 windward/leeward Races
	ASAP After Racing	Boat Party – cartons of beer delivered to the dock
		Prizewinners invited to Closing Ceremony

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

10 CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- 10.1 By lodging an entry, the owner agrees to be bound by the rules and conditions of this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.
- 10.2 By lodging an entry, the owner acknowledges:
All those participating in the series do so at their own risk and responsibility. Competitors must acknowledge this prior to participating and release the NCYC and its sponsors and their respective officers, employees, volunteers, and members from all liability by completing the online registration form as a part of the entry process. Specific attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4, which states: *"The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone"*
- 10.3 By lodging an entry, the owner gives absolute right and permission for any photographs and/or video footage of the yacht and crew to be published in any media for any editorial, publicity or advertising purposes.

11 PRIZES

- 11.1 Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place overall in each Division for IRC, PHS, & TP52.
- 11.2 Additional Prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 11.3 Prizes will be presented at the Closing Ceremony following the final race on Sunday 11th April 2021.

12 BERTHING

- 12.1 Berthing may be booked free of charge by visiting, competing yachts for the duration of the event including the nights of:
- Friday, 9th April 2020
 - Saturday, 10th April 2020
 - Sunday, 11th April 2020
- 12.2 Berthing may be booked at normal rates outside of this period. Contact the Dockmaster for further information – See Sailing Instruction 13.

13 CONTACTS

For more information, please contact:

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