

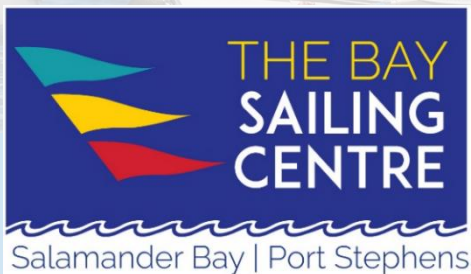
Sail Port Stephens – Off the Beach

Join us at the Bay Sailing Centre for the weekend of 20th & 21st May 2023 for the Off the Beach racing as part of Sail Port Stephens.

Now in it's third annual edition, the event will showcase one design racing out the front of the Bay Sailing Centre clubhouse.

Entry to the event can be found on the event webpage –

<https://www.sailportstephens.com.au/bay-series/>



SPS OTB 2021 – Finn Class race

NOTICE OF RACE

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1 The Organising Authority (OA) is the Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club (NCYC) operating from the Bay Sailing Centre venue.

2 VENUE

- 2.1 The event will be conducted from the Bay Sailing Centre – Seaview Crescent, Soldier's Point.
- 2.2 Racing will be conducted on the waters of Port Stephens. The racing area will be in the vicinity of the Clubhouse.
- 2.3 Boats may be rigged in the parks at George Reserve and Kangaroo Point Reserve and may be stored there at owner's risk during the event. No security will be provided.

3 RULES

- 3.1 The event will be conducted by:
- a) The rules, as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS);
 - b) The Prescriptions, Amendments and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing;
 - c) The current class rules of each Class where applicable
 - d) This Notice of Race, except in the event of a conflict with the Sailing Instructions in which case the Sailing Instructions will take precedence.

4 ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 The event will be sailed in separate one design classes as well as a mixed division.

Description	Entry Fee
Single Handed class	\$95
Crewed class	\$125

- 4.2 Classes are listed on the online entry.
- 4.3 Additional Classes may be added by request at the discretion of the OA.
- 4.4 The organising authority may alter, amalgamate, or divide any class and may add classes as required at any time up to the first race of the series without amending the Notice-of-Race. The organising authority may cancel any class if fewer than seven (7) entries have been received by the closing date. In this event, boats that have entered will have the option of transferring to another class (if eligible) or having their entry fee refunded.
- 4.5 By completing your entry, you confirm that you are older than 18yrs at the time of entry or you have the consent of a parent/guardian to enter and participate in this event. The online entry process includes the 'Junior Participant Conditions.'
- 4.6 The owner or charterer of a boat entered in this event shall hold a marine legal liability insurance policy with respect to the boat, current when racing and not racing, with an adequate sum insured of not less than AUD\$10 million (or its equivalent in another currency). The policy will be in effect throughout the regatta.

5 SAFETY

- 5.1 Australian Sailing Special Regulation Part 2 for off the beach boats will apply to all vessels in all classes participating in this event.
- 5.2 All competitors shall wear a lifejacket complying with Australian Sailing Special Regulation 5.01.2 at all times whilst afloat.

6 ENTRY

- 6.1 Entry is online via the event webpage – <https://www.sailportstephens.com.au/bay-series/>
- 6.2 Entries will be received no later than 2359 hrs Sunday 14th May 2023 accompanied by the associated entry fee outlined in SI 4.1
- 6.3 The OA may receive late entries after the closing date at the discretion of the OA.

7 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 7.1 The event shall be windward/leeward fleet racing format.
- 7.2 Subsequent races will be started as soon as practical after the preceding race.
- 7.3 *The Schedule will be as follows:*

Date	Event
Saturday 10 th May	0800-0900 – Registration
	0900 – Briefing in front of the Clubhouse
	1100 hrs – First Warning Signal
	Daily Prizes at the Cheeky Dog (Bannisters) from 6:00pm
Sunday 21 st May	1100 hrs – First Warning Signal
	1430 hrs – Latest possible Warning Signal
	Bar & BBQ after racing
	Prizegiving Ceremony asap after racing at Cheeky Dog

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available on the event webpage by 1200 hrs on the Monday prior to the first raceday of the series.

9 SCORING

- 9.1 The event will consist of a maximum of three (3) races per raceday.
- 9.2 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A5.2 of the RRS will apply.
- 9.3 The mixed division will be scored using the [Australian Sailing OTB Dinghy Yardsticks TCE](#).
- 9.3 If fewer than six races have been completed, a boats series score shall be the total of all her race scores.
- 9.4 If six races have been completed, a boats series score shall be the total of all her race scores excluding her worst score.

10 PRIZES

- 10.1 Prizes will be presented to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place overall in each class and in the Mixed Division.
- 10.2 Prizes will be presented at the Bay Sailing Centre clubhouse as soon as practical after racing on the last day of the event.

11 DISCLAIMER

- 11.1 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 Bay Sailing Centre, including 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"*

12 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 12.1 Racing & Event Management:
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