



NOTICE OF RACE

PORTARLINGTON SAILING CLUB

Inc. as the Organising Authority

Invites owners of Off The Beach and Trailable boats to apply for entry to races to be held on the waters of Port Phillip from 24th September 2023 to 1st September 2024.

1. Rules

- 1.1. Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 2 apply for Off The Beach Boats.
- 1.3. Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 1 Category 5 applies for Trailable Boats, except Short Course races with effective on-water rescue capability, where Category 6 will apply.
- 1.4. Persons on Board
 - 1.4.1. The number of persons on board a Trailable Boat racing in a Long Race shall be no fewer than 2.
 - 1.4.2. Trailable Boats in Short Course or Special Events may sail with only 1 person on board, where Category 6 will apply. Sole sailors to wear a PFD
- 1.5. Handicap System
 - 1.5.1. Boats will be allocated a performance handicap by the Club handicapper.
 - 1.5.2. Australian Sailing Yardstick System (or a local variation) will be used.
 - 1.5.3. Boats without Australian Sailing Yardstick numbers published in the current listing will be allocated numbers.
 - 1.5.4. Allocated handicaps shall not be grounds for protest or request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1 and 62.1.

2. Sailing Instructions

- 2.1. Sailing Instructions will be available on the Club website.
portarlingtongsc.org.au/sailing/race-documents/

3. Communication

- 3.1. Trailable boats shall carry a VHF Radio capable of communicating on Channels 16 and 72.
- 3.2. Club phone number 0492 859 686

4. Eligibility And Entry

- 4.1. Racing is open to all boats registered via the Boat Registration Form available here:
portarlingtongsc.org.au/events/203661/
- 4.2. Boats will be allocated to divisions at the discretion of the Race Committee.

5. Fees

- 5.1. There is no race fee for financial members of the Club.
- 5.2. A \$10.00 daily race fee applies for visiting boats and they are ineligible for Club series scores and prizes.

6. Schedule

- 6.1. Races are scheduled as per the PSC Club Program available here:
portarlingtonsc.org.au/calendar
- 6.2. Short Course Races
 - 6.2.1. A Competitor Information Session will be conducted at the Clubhouse at least 90 minutes prior to the scheduled time of the first warning signal.

7. Equipment Inspection

- 7.1. Each Trailable boat entered to race in the Long Race Series shall submit a completed Category 5 Special Regulations Equipment Audit Form with their entry.
- 7.2. Trailables not competing in the Long Race Series may choose to instead submit a completed Category 6 Special Regulations Equipment Audit Form with their entry.
- 7.3. OTB Boats shall submit a copy of their Off the Beach Audit Form, available here:
sailingresources.org.au/safety/equipment-auditing-forms/
- 7.4. Boats may be inspected at any time.

8. Courses

- 8.1. Club Course Races
 - 8.1.1. The course will be described in a Competitor Information Session conducted at the Club at least 90 minutes prior to the scheduled time of the first warning signal.
- 8.2. Long Races
 - 8.2.1. Long Races will be sailed on courses outlined in the PSC Long Race Courses document, available here: portarlingtonsc.org.au/sailing/race-documents/

9. Scoring**9.1. Short Course Races**

- 9.1.1. The Low Point Scoring System will apply. A5.3 will be applied, this changes rule A5.2.
- 9.1.2. Two (2) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 9.1.3. RRS Appendix A2, A4 and A5 are changed as follows:
 - If four (4) or fewer races are completed each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
 - If five (5) to nine (9) races are completed each boat's series score shall be the

total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.

If ten (10) to fourteen (14) races are completed each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her two (2) worst scores.

If fifteen (15) or more races are completed each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her three (3) worst scores.

9.2. Long Races

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9.3. A minimum of two (2) boats are required to start in a division or class for a race to be scored.

10. Risk Statement

10.1. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

11. Insurance

11.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000, with racing risk, per incident or the equivalent.

12. Prizes

12.1. Trophies to be presented based on Club Handicap include:

12.1.1. All Divisions:

Commodores Trophy

Winter Series

12.1.2. OTB Divisions:

Club Champion – based on the Short Course Racing

12.1.3. Trailable Division:

Wendy Searle Perpetual Trophy – based on Short Course Races

Long Race Champion

12.2. Trophies to be presented based on Yardstick include:**12.2.1. OTB Divisions:**

Gough Strain Perpetual Trophy – based on the Short Course Races

12.2.2. Trailable Division:

Outsider Perpetual Trophy – based on the Short Course Races

12.3. Other trophies and prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority.**13. Further Information****13.1. For further information please contact the Committee;**E: info@portarlingtonsc.org.au