



SSAA Winter Program 2014

The Short-handed Sailing Association of Australia is proud to announce its 2014 Winter Program, a series of seven short-handed events. The series contains a range of events, from entry-level day races, through to the challenging Port Stephens and Two Islands races.

Sat 17 th May	WS -1 Pittwater to Newcastle
Fri 6 th June	WS -2 Pittwater to Port Stephens Race
Sat 12 th July	WS -3 Sydney to Pittwater Race
Sun 13 th July	WS -4 Pittwater to Sydney Race
Sat 9 th August	WS -5 Polar Challenge
Sat 6 th September	WS -6 SASC Lion Island Race (date TBC)
Sat 11 th October	WS -7 Two Islands Race

Race 1 starts 0800 hours in Pittwater, arriving in Newcastle late afternoon or early evening. Our host in Newcastle is the Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club, and crews can get together for a meal and a drink after the race. Let's hope this year the majority of the fleet makes it in time for dinner!

The June long weekend's race starts in Pittwater at 2000 hours, and heads up to Port Stephens, hopefully arriving early Saturday morning. After a rum or two and some breakfast, there's time for a rest before crews get together Saturday night, leaving two days to get home.

The Pittwater weekend in July starts with a race to Pittwater on Saturday morning. Yachts can raft up in the Basin to tell war stories and have a beverage or two, and then race back to Sydney on Sunday.

The Polar Challenge a highly tactical race, racing out east to a longitude and return to Sydney. The trick is to pick the right course there and back to maximise the yacht's speed.

The SASC Lion island race is Race 6 on the SSAA calendar. SASC has a minimum crew requirement of two people and further details will be available from the SASC closer to the date.

The final race in the SSAA Winter Series 2014 is the Cat 3 Two Islands race – starting in Sydney, heading up to Bird Island, and then down to Flinders Islet, and back to Sydney.

Full details including eligibility criteria are available on the Racing and Events page on the SSAA website: <http://www.ssaa.com.au>.

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