



NOTICE OF SERIES

Shorthanded Sailing Association of Australia Inc. (SSAA)

Winter Series 2014

The SSAA invites owners and charterers of eligible yachts to enter their Winter Series of shorthanded races.

1 Organising Authority

- 1.1 The races will be organized and conducted by the Shorthanded Sailing Association of Australia (SSAA).
- 1.2 The Race Committee of the SSAA shall be the Race Committee for the purposes of, and with the powers and discretions contained in RRS 88.1, 88.2, 89.1 and 89.2.

2 Overview

- 2.1 A series of seven races encompassing shorter and longer races is offered. These races range from short, daytime races to the weekend Two Islands race. Separate Notices of Race may be prepared for individual races. Sydney Amateur Sailing Club will be preparing the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for their Lion Island race in which our race will be embedded (WS-6).
- 2.2 All notices regarding SSAA races will be posted on the SSAA web site, www.ssaa.com.au. The web site will be the main medium for communication to participants/entries, and will be the official notice board.

3 Rules and Regulations

- 3.1 All races will be governed by the:
 - 3.1.1 International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, when applicable,
 - 3.1.2 The rules as defined in the 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of the International Sailing Federation (ISAF),
 - 3.1.3 This Notice of Race and as may be modified by the Sailing Instructions.
- 3.2 By making application for entry in these series, the owner or charterer of a yacht acknowledges that the various terms of this Notice of Race, the Entry Form and the Sailing Instructions shall be complied with. Specific attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4, which states:

A boat is solely responsible for deciding whether or not to start or to continue racing.
- 3.3 No means of propulsion may be used other than the force of the wind on sails and/or the manpower of the crew. No form of powered handling device may be used when the yacht is underway, regardless of the source of power, other than:
 - 3.3.1 electrical/hydraulic or wind powered self steering systems,
 - 3.3.2 electric powered winches,
 - 3.3.2 hydraulically operated mast jacks, stays and vang,
 - 3.3.3 pumps to fill transfer and exhaust water ballast.

Provided that such system does not require the operation of the yacht's engine for other than a short or intermittent period of time.
- 3.4 Radar and electronic charting/navigation systems are allowed. Canting keels and rotating masts are permitted.
- 3.5 The crew is limited to one, two or three as per Sailing Instructions for each race. All crew shall be a minimum of 18 years of age as of the day of the race entered.
- 3.6 Neither the SSAA nor their sponsors, accept any responsibility for the loss of life or injury to crew, or damage to, or loss of any yacht. Full responsibility for any mishaps befalling the yacht or crew will rest with the owner or crew under the ordinary process of law. The SSAA, race committee, organisers and sponsors, (Indemnified Parties) do not accept any responsibility towards entrants, their yachts, or towards third parties with whom

entrants may become involved. Furthermore, by participating in any race, each entrant (which term includes not only the owner or charterer but any crew) agrees to indemnify and release the race committee, organisers and sponsors from and against any and all claims, demands, causes of action, rights, liabilities, contract obligations, damages, costs, torts, suits, at law or in equity or otherwise, arising out of or any way relating to the race. This release shall be binding upon each entrant and the heirs, beneficiaries, representatives and estates of each entrant. By entering a vessel in a race conducted by the SSAA the owner or charterer warrants to the Indemnified Parties that they have authority to bind themselves and their crew to this Notice Of Series, the terms of which are continuing conditions of entry and participation in any event conducted by the SSAA.

- 3.7 The competitors have no right to expect or demand that rescue operations or other assistance be extended to them during any race.
- 3.8 The Indemnified Parties do not warrant (and expressly disclaim) that any race conducted by them is safe both generally and in any particular case. Yachting and short handed yachting contains demonstrated risks and dangers including risk of death and any participant does so voluntarily and in full awareness of these risks. The Indemnified Parties are merely providing the framework (such as tabulating finishing times, providing starting and finishing procedures and the like) for individuals to undertake certain activities solely at their own risk without recourse to the Indemnified Parties.
- 3.9 Any competitor seen dumping rubbish overboard shall be disqualified.
- 3.9 The SSAA burgee must be flying at all times while racing.

4 Safety

- 4.1 Yachting Australia Special Regulations shall apply to all races, as modified by the Sailing Instructions.
- 4.2 Each yacht shall have organised an Equipment Audit with a YA recognised Special Equipment Auditor and obtained the necessary certificate. N.B: As the SASC Lion Island race and the Two Islands Race are after September 2014; yachts will need to be inspected again to get a valid certificate for these races.
- 4.3 Attention is drawn to Special Regulation 1.02 (a) which says in part:
The safety of the boat and crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner or owner's representative.
- 4.4 Each boat shall comply with the nominated Safety Category of each race and carry on board the specified equipment.
- 4.5 The Race Committee reserves the right to inspect a boat at any time for Safety Regulation compliance. Spot checks may be carried out.
- 4.6 The appropriate charts for each race shall be carried on board.
- 4.7 Attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 1:
Every boat shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger.

5 Advertising

- 5.1 A boat shall comply with ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code.
- 5.2 A boat may be required to display the event sponsor's name, logo or backstay flag.

6 Eligibility and Entry

- 6.1 Yachts shall be seaworthy, resistant to capsize; single or multi hulled vessels from 6.5 metres to 70 feet LOA that comply with the Notice of Race, its rules and conditions of entry.
- 6.2 Attention is drawn to stability and construction requirements for the entered vessel. (Refer YA Special Regulations section 3, Structural Features and Fixed Equipment and Appendix D, Resistance to Capsize)
- 6.3 For series entry, at least one member of the crew shall be a member of the SSAA; all other crewmembers shall be a member of a YA affiliated club. Casual entries (entries into individual races) are acceptable from non-members of the SSAA.
- 6.4 The Race Committee reserves the right to reject or cancel an entry at its discretion (RRS 76)
- 6.5 Entry forms are available on the website : www.ssaa.com.au.
- 6.6 Yachts can enter in either Line Honours or Handicap divisions, or both. Solo and two-handed Entries ONLY will be accepted into the Line Honours division.
- 6.7 Yachts will only be eligible for a series prize or SSAA Champion Trophy if block entered

7 Fees

Block Entry for series	\$250.00 (Must be SSAA Member)	
Entry for Newcastle race (WS-1)	\$60.00 Members	\$70.00 non-Members
Entry for Port Stephens race (WS-2)	\$80.00 Members	\$100.00 non-Members
Entry for Pittwater series (WS-3 & 4)	\$80.00 Members	\$100.00 non-Members
Entry for Polar Challenge (WS-5)	\$60.00 Members	\$70.00 non-Members
Entry for SASC Lion Island race (WS-6)	direct to SASC or included in Block Entry	
Entry for Two Islands Race (WS-7)	\$80.00 Members	\$100.00 non-Members

N.B. All Block Entry fees must be paid prior to the first race.

8 Schedule of Events

Race	Date	Course	Safety
WS-1	17 th May 2014	Pittwater to Newcastle	Cat 4
WS-3	6 ^h June 2014	Pittwater to Port Stephens	Cat 3
WS-4	12 th July 2014	Pittwater Series – Sydney to Pittwater race	Cat 4
WS-5	13 th July 2014	Pittwater to Sydney race	Cat 4
WS-6	9 th August 2014	Polar Challenge	Cat 4
WS-7	8 th September 2014	SASC Lion Island (to be confirmed)	Cat 4
WS-8	11 th October 2014	Two Islands Race	Cat 3

9 Handicapping and Scoring

9.1 Line Honours division, PHS and SSAA handicaps will apply.

9.2 Yachts:

9.2.1 crewed by three persons will attract a penalty of 5%

9.2.2 competing solo will attract a benefit of 5%

applied to their corrected time as applicable.

9.3 The PHS and SSAA handicap divisions will generate a handicap pointscore, with discards based on the number of races completed. If five or less races completed there will be no discard, six races completed, one discard, and more than six races completed, two discards.

9.4 The RRS Low point system applies in all divisions (RRS Appendix A). The yacht with the lowest cumulative score after discards (if any) shall be declared the winner.

9.5 The Committee's decision will be final in all matters of handicapping.

9.6 Only yachts that have Block Entered will be eligible for a Series result.

10 Insurance.

All yachts must be properly insured when racing including having third party cover.

10 Prizes and Trophies

Prizes and trophies will be awarded at the discretion of the sailing committee and are dependent on sponsorship and the number of entries.

The PHS Handicap winner will get the SSAA Winter Series overall prize.

The SSAA present an award "SSAA Champion" which recognises success in and commitment to the SSAA sailing program. The criteria for this award can be found on the website. Separate awards will be presented to mono hull and multi hull yachts.

11 Radio Communications.

Yachts should keep a listening watch on VHF Ch 16 during all races

Specific Radio Instructions for individual Races will form part of the Sailing Instructions.

12 Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions, at the latest, will be posted on the web site on the Monday preceding the race

13 Further Information

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