



Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions

Single Handed Race

Sunday 25th June 2017

1. **Invitation** – NCYC extends an invitation to owners/skippers of eligible yachts to compete in a NCYC Single Handed Race.
2. **Rules** – The race will be governed by the COLREGS and this combined Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions. The Racing Rules of Sailing do not apply.
3. **Eligibility** - All NCYC yachts satisfying the requirements of Maritime Safety Queensland for the type of boat sailing in partially smooth waters and capable of safely completing the course are eligible.
4. **Auto Steering** –The requirement for auto steering is generally in accordance with recognized international rules for short-handed ocean sailing events. For this event, all boats must have either automatic steering or an alternate passive means of safely securing an unattended helm.
5. **Entry fee** – This is an NCYC member only event and therefore no entry fees apply.
6. **Entering the event** – Yachts wishing to enter shall do so by logging on to “Race Control” via VHF77 at least 15 min prior to the start.
7. **Start** – The start will be at precisely 11:00am GPS time.
No signals will be given. The start position will be the Northern Start Line a) or the Western start line b) as determined by the instructions for the PerCS course to be sailed.
 - a) A 200 metre extension of an imaginary line from the Green lateral mark to the South of the Green lateral mark at the entrance to the Newport Leads. (North line finish)
 - b) A 200 metre extension of an imaginary line from the Red lateral mark through the Green lateral mark at the entrance to the Newport Leads. (West line finish)
8. **Extras** – A skipper may elect to use spinnakers or extras at any time during an event but must declare that decision when calling in his/her finish time.
9. **Course** – The course for this event will be a nominated PerCS course as published on the Single Handed Race web page.
10. **Shortening of course** - A shortened course will be announced via VHF77.
11. **Finish** – The finish position will be the Northern finish Line or the Western finish line as determined by the instructions for the PerCS course to be sailed.

- a) A 100 metre extension of an imaginary line from the Green lateral marker to the South of the Green lateral mark at the entrance to the Newport Leads. (North line finish)
- b) A 100 metre extension of an imaginary line from the Red lateral mark through the Green lateral mark at the entrance to the Newport Leads. (West line finish)

12. Additional Safety Requirements

NCYC requires single handed sailors to wear an approved PFD and/or a tethered safety harness at all times during the event. This includes the start sequence.

All yachts are required to maintain a radio watch on VHF 77 at all times while racing.

Maritime Safety Queensland requires all participating yachts to be compliant with all licencing and registration conditions required for Queensland.

All yachts and participating personnel must also comply with all rules and legislations that are in place for Queensland ships.

Entrants are to familiarize themselves with the NCYC On-water Emergency Response Plan.

13. Handicaps

Handicaps will be assigned to yachts generally in accordance with the guidelines detailed in the NCYC Handbook.

Handicaps to be used are Club Performance Handicaps as of 23 May 2017.

Current yacht spinnaker and non-spinnaker handicaps apply to this event.

The handicapper's decision will be final. The results of this event will not affect other event handicaps.

14. Sailing instructions –All required instructions are within this document.

15. Insurance - It is a condition of entry that each boat be covered by third party property and public liability insurance of at least \$10,000,000.

For those choosing to use spinnakers/extras, consideration should be given as to whether your insurance policy covers you for this event.

16. Presentation and Prizes – Announcement of results and prize giving will take place at the NCYC Clubhouse at Compass Marina.

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