



Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions

Single Handed Event

Sunday 15 Jan 2023

Invitation – NCYC extends an invitation to owners/skippers of eligible yachts to compete in a NCYC Single Handed Race.

1. **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.
2. **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.
3. **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.
4. **Entry fee** – This is an NCYC member only event and therefore no entry fees apply.
5. **Entering the event** – Yachts wanting to enter shall do so by logging on via the website. Log on to **SINGLEH** from the NCYC Club Members Page.
6. **Start** – The start will be at precisely 11:00am GPS time. An orange flag will be set at the northern or western 200 metre mark as per the selected course diagram. No signals will be given. Participants shall self-start.
7. **Course** – The course for this event will be a nominated course as published under NCYC Courses on the website and will be displayed on the logon page.
8. **Shortening of course** - A shortened course will be announced via VHF77.
9. **Finish** - The finish will be a north line or west line finish at Newport leads with a distance of 100 metres as per the instructions for the applicable course displayed on the logon/logoff page for each race. Skippers must record their own finish times and logoff using the website logoff facility on the logon page.
10. **Extras** – This is a non-spinnaker race. Extras are not permitted.
11. **Additional Safety Requirements**
 - a) 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.
 - b) NCYC requires if practical, that single handed sailors to keep their engines running in neutral prior to, during and after the start until well clear of the start line. It is strongly advised to engage the motor in forward or reverse if necessary to

avoid a collision. Once clear of conflict the race may be resumed without penalty.

- c) All yachts are required to maintain a radio watch on VHF 77 at all times while racing.
- d) Maritime Safety Queensland requires all participating yachts to comply with all licensing and registration conditions required for Queensland.
- e) All yachts and participating personnel must also comply with all rules and legislations that are in place for Queensland ships.
- f) Entrants are to familiarize themselves with the NCYC On-water Emergency Response Plan.
- g) NCYC strives to be an inclusive club. Skippers with specific handicaps must request that a safety officer to be on board. If authorized, the official's role is to maintain a lookout for collision avoidance.
- h) The official may take no part in the physical or tactical operation of the yacht or offer advice. Should the official be required to intervene in any capacity they should immediately notify the PRO and the boat will be classed as DNF.

12. Handicaps

13. Handicaps will be assigned to yachts generally in accordance with the guide lines detailed in the NCYC hand book. Handicaps are displayed for a boat once that boat has logged on. The handicapper's decision will be final.

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. Consideration should be given as to whether your insurance policy covers you for your race.

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

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