

SAIL PORT STEPHENS 2012

Incorporating

COMMODORES CUP CRUISING SERIES

NSW IRC CHAMPIONSHIPS

SB3 CLASS NSW CHAMPIONSHIPS

PORT STEPHENS TROPHY

MELGES 24 SERIES

MELGES 32 GOLD CUP SERIES

ELLIOTT 7 AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

JUNIOR OFF-THE-BEACH SINGLE-HANDED SERIES

16th -22nd April 2012

1. Invitation

The Corlette Point Sailing Association, as the organising authority, invites entries from owners and charterers of suitable yachts to race on the waters of Port Stephens and surrounding waters in Sail Port Stephens between 16th and 22nd April 2012.

Sail Port Stephens comprises Commodores Cup Cruising events sailed 16th to 18th April 2012 and Port Stephens Trophy events, NSW IRC Championships, SB3 Class NSW Championships, Melges 24 Series, Melges 32 Gold Cup Series, Elliott 7 Australian Championships all sailed on 20th to 22nd April 2012, and Junior Off-the-Beach Single-Handed Series all sailed on 19th to 20th April 2012.

2. Rules

- 2.1 The races shall be governed by the rules as defined in the 2009 – 2012 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of the International Sailing Federation (ISAF), Special Regulations of Yachting Australia (YA), the IRC rule (parts 1, 2 & 3) where applicable, the Melges 32 Class Rules, the Melges 24 Class Rules, the Elliott 7 Class Rules, SB3 Class Rules (see SI 4.6), all as modified by the Sailing Instructions.
- 2.2 Protest arbitration hearings may be conducted as outlined in the Sailing instructions.
- 2.3 RRS 52 is amended to permit powered winches for boats over 14.0m LOA.
- 2.4 RRS 50.2 is amended to permit boats to tack spinnakers to bowsprits and retractable spinnaker poles.
- 2.5 Boats not racing in an IRC Class shall request permission from the Race Committee to use movable and/or variable ballast for the purpose of increasing stability. Any such request must be accompanied by full details of the system involved, and any such system will be taken into account in establishing the yacht's handicap. Stored power may be used for the operation of movable ballast systems. RRS 51 and 52 are modified to the extent required by this paragraph.
- 2.6.1 SB3 Class Rule C5 is deleted and replaced with the requirement that SB3s shall meet the safety prescriptions as defined in the NoR 5.
- 2.6.2 SB3 Sailors shall wear an approved PFD at all times whilst afloat. Inflatable PFDs are not permitted.
- 2.6.3 All SB3 team members on a competing yacht shall be current financial members of the International SB3 Fleet Australia Inc. or an overseas equivalent.



3. Classes & Handicaps

3.1 The event will be sailed in separate classes as follows:

Class	Event	Handicap System
Cruising	Commodores Cup	Performance Handicap
Cruising Non-Spinnaker	Commodores Cup	Performance Handicap
IRC Class	NSW Championships	IRC
SB3 Class	NSW Championships	Scratch (no handicap)
Sports Boats	Port Stephens Trophy	SMS (Sports Boat Measurement System)
Melges 24	Port Stephens Trophy	Scratch (no Handicap)
Melges 32	Gold Cup Series	Scratch (no Handicap)
Elliott 7	Australian Championships	Scratch (no Handicap)
Performance Racing	Port Stephens Trophy	Performance Handicap
Performance Cruising	Port Stephens Trophy	Performance Handicap
Junior Off The Beach Single-Handed	Port Stephens Trophy	Performance Handicap

3.2 The organising authority may alter, amalgamate or divide any class and may add classes as required. The organising authority may cancel any class if fewer than five (5) entries have been received by the closing date. In this event, boats that have entered will have the option of transferring to another class (if eligible) or having their entry fee refunded.

3.3 Ratings (TCC) for IRC will be obtained from IRC rating certificates.

3.4 Performance Handicap classes' results will be decided by the application of Time Correction Factor (TCF) as a multiplier of elapsed times. The TCF will be determined by the Race Committee and will not be subject to protest or request for redress (amends RRS 60.1 and 62).

4. Eligibility

4.1 All boats (except off-the beach boats) shall be single hull and self-righting, be built in accordance with YA Special Regulations Part 1, section 3.03.1 and have a waterline length not less 6.5 metres.

4.2 Junior Off-the-Beach Single-Handed Series boats will be centerboard dinghies that have one sail and shall have one crew who shall be under the age of 16 years at the start of the regatta.

4.3 IRC boats shall hold a valid IRC rating certificate at the time of the races. Boats shall submit a copy of their certificate prior to the commencement of racing, and no alteration to the certificate will be permitted after that time except as a result of a rating protest, or to correct rating errors.

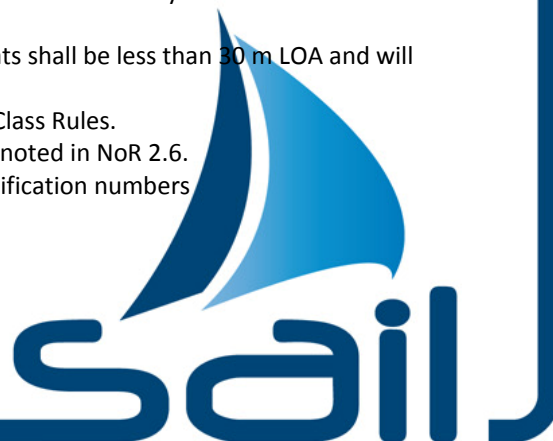
4.4 IRC boats shall have an IRC TCC greater than 0.940. The Race Committee may amend this limit if required.

4.5 Performance Racing class and Performance Cruising class boats shall be less than 30 m LOA and will be handicapped by the Race Committee.

4.6 Melges 24 Class and Melges 32 Class shall comply with their Class Rules.

4.7 SB3 Class boats shall comply to the SB3 Class Rules except as noted in NoR 2.6.

4.8 Yachts not having sail numbers will be required to carry identification numbers on the hull which will be provided by the Race Committee.



- 4.9 The owner or charterer of a boat entered in Sail Port Stephens 2012 shall hold a marine legal liability insurance policy with respect to the boat, current when racing and not racing, with an adequate sum insured of not less than AUD\$10 million (or its equivalent in another currency).

The policy will state that the boat is covered for races in which it is participating or that it is covered for races of a length greater than the length of the race in which it is participating. The policy will be in effect throughout Sail Port Stephens 2012.

5. Safety

- 5.1 The following YA Special Regulations Part 1 Categories shall apply:

Class	Category
IRC	4
SB3 Class	7
Performance Racing	5
Performance Cruising	5
Sports Boats	5
Melges 24	7
Melges 32	5
Elliott 7	7
Commodores Cup (Cruising)	5
Junior Off-the-Beach Single-Handed	YA SR Part 2

- 5.2 All boats shall submit a current YA Special Regulations Compliance Form with her entry.

6. Entries

- 6.1 Entries to be made online at the Sail Port Stephens website (www.sailportstephens.com) and will be received no later than 1700 hrs Tuesday 10th April 2012.

CLASS	Entry Fee (AUS\$)	Additional Late Fees
Commodores Cup 16th – 18th April		
Commodores Cup Cruising Spinnaker	\$210.00	\$80
Commodores Cup Cruising Non-Spinnaker	\$210.00	\$80
Port Stephens Trophy 20th – 22nd April		
Performance Racing	\$210.00	\$80
Performance Cruising	\$210.00	\$80
NSW IRC Championships	\$210.00	\$80
SB3 NSW Championships	\$210.00	\$80
Elliott 7 Australian Championships	\$210.00	\$80
Melges 24	\$210.00	\$80
Melges 32 Gold Cup	\$210.00	\$80
Sail Port Stephens (includes Commodores Cup and Port Stephens Trophy)	\$350.00	\$80
Junior Off-the-Beach Single-handed (19 th & 20 th April)	\$50.00	\$20.00

- 6.2 The Race committee may receive entries after the closing date with an additional fee.

- 6.3 Please note: **The Entry Fee does not include berthage** (see NoR 13)



7. Sailing Instructions

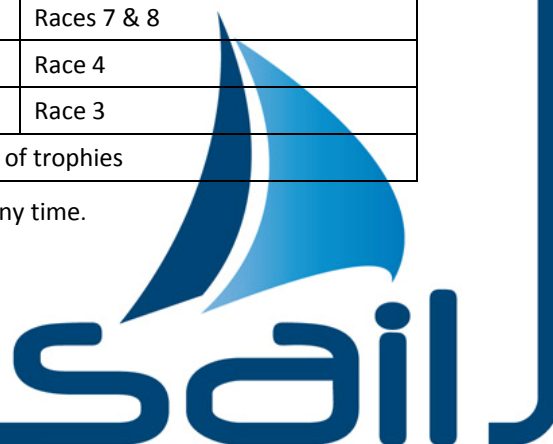
7.1 Sailing Instructions will be available on the event web site from Wednesday 11th April 2012. Printed copies will be provided to all competitors at registration.

8. Schedule of Events

Commodores Cup		
Date	Class	Event
Monday 16 th April	Cruising	Registration from 0830 hrs (Regatta HQ)
		Three Islands race
Tuesday 17 th April	Cruising	"Amber Triangle" Three Pub Classic race
Wednesday 18 th April	Cruising	Explore the Bay race
	Presentation of trophies	

Port Stephens Trophy		
Date	Class	Event
Thursday 19 th	Junior Off-the-Beach Single-Handed	Races 1, 2 & 3
Friday 20 th April	All Classes	Registration from 0830 hrs
	NSW IRC Championships	Races 1 & 2
	SB3 Australian Championships	Races 1, 2 & 3
	Sports Boats & Elliott 7	Races 1, 2 & 3
	Melges 24 & Melges 32	Races 1, 2 & 3
	Performance Racing	Race 1
	Performance Cruising	Race 1
	Off-the-Beach Single-Handed	Races 4, 5 & 6
Saturday 21 st April	NSW IRC Championships	Races 3 & 4
	SB3 state Championships	Races 4, 5 & 6
	Sports Boats & Elliott 7	Races 4, 5 & 6
	Melges 24 & Melges 32	Races 4, 5 & 6
	Performance Racing	Races 2 & 3
	Performance Cruising	Race 2
Sunday 22 nd April	NSW IRC Championships	Races 5 & 6
	SB3 Australian Championships	Races 7 & 8
	Sports Boats & Elliott 7	Races 7 & 8
	Melges 24 & Melges 32	Races 7 & 8
	Performance Racing	Race 4
	Performance Cruising	Race 3
	Presentation of trophies	

The Race Committee may make changes to this schedule at any time.



9. Scoring System

The scoring system will be the Low Points System, RRS Appendix A, except all race scores will count if five races or less sailed.

10. Conditions of Entry

- 10.1 By lodging an entry, the owner/charterer agrees to be bound by all the rules and conditions of the races.
- 10.2 By lodging an entry, the owner/charterer acknowledges the possibility of and accepts the risks associated with (a) the perils of the sea; (b) the seaworthiness or otherwise of any yacht participating in Sail Port Stephens 2012; (c) the participation, including negligent participation, by all persons in Sail Port Stephens 2012, including participation as owner, charterer, crew person, official, race organiser or otherwise; (d) the defaults, acts and omissions, of Corlette Point Sailing Association and its officers, and the crews of all yachts.
- 10.3 By lodging an entry, the owner/charterer acknowledges and accepts that Corlette Point Sailing Association (a) does not and cannot control, diminish or affect the perils of the sea; (b) does not certify, or carry out inspections with respect to the seaworthiness or suitability to race of any yacht; (c) is not in a position to provide advice, assistance or support to yachts and crews during the course of a race.
- 10.4 By lodging an entry, the owner/charterer agrees that the entered yacht is covered by suitable legal liability insurance of at least AU\$10,000,000 (or foreign currency equivalent), valid for racing, and current for the duration of Sail Port Stephens 2012.
- 10.5 By lodging an entry, the owner/charterer agrees that: (a) it is a fundamental condition of entry that he/she releases, holds harmless and indemnifies Corlette Point Sailing Association, its office bearers, servants, agents and members and the sponsors of Sail Port Stephens 2012 from all liability any of those persons has to the owner/charterer or any crew member on the owner/charterer's yacht, or to any person claiming through or under any such person arising from loss or damage howsoever caused, including negligent act or omission, arising out of or relating to: (i) participation by the owner/charterer's yacht or any other yacht in a race; (ii) the conduct or course of the race in any respect including, without limitation, any act or omission (whether reasonably foreseeable or not) causing or relating to loss of or damage to any yacht or the death or injury of any person; or (iii) any of the matters referred to in the paragraphs above; (b) participation by the yacht and by the crew Sail Port Stephens 2012 is agreed by Corlette Point Sailing Association on the basis that participation is entirely at the risk of the owner/charterer and each member of the crew on the owner/charterer's yacht; (c) the owner/charterer will provide each crew member or proposed crew member with a copy of the Entry Form including these Conditions of Entry.
- 10.6 By lodging an entry, the owner/charterer gives absolute right and permission for any photographs and/or video footage of the boat and crew to be published in any media for any editorial, publicity or advertising purposes.

11. Prizes and Trophies

- 11.1 Trophies will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place overall in each Class.
- 11.2 Trophies will be presented for the Commodores Cup at a ceremony on the evening of Wednesday 18th April at Salamander Shores, Port Stephens
Trophies will be presented for the Port Stephens Trophy, NSW IRC Championships, Melges 32 Gold Cup series, Melges 24 series, SB3 NSW Championships and Elliott 7 Australian Championships as soon as practical after racing on Sunday 22nd April at Race Headquarters, Port Stephens.

12. Internet Site

The event web site for Sail Port Stephens 2012 is located at www.sailportstephens.com.au and information regarding the event may be obtained from this site.



13. Mooring Arrangement Facilities

- 31.1 Moorings for competing keelboats in the marinas at Port Stephens (d'Albora Marina, Nelson Bay; Peppers Anchorage Marina, Corlette Point; and Soldiers Point Marina, Soldiers Point) may be available for the period Sunday 15th – Monday 23rd April at a preferential regatta rate.
- 13.2 Please make all berthing bookings with each of the marinas. It is a condition of entry that yachts must moor in accordance with the directions of the Marina Managers.

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