



NOTICE OF RACE

Solitary Islands Series – June 6 - 8th - 2009

The Coffs Harbour Yacht Club invites owners and charterers of eligible yachts to enter the 2009 Solitary Islands Series.

1. Organising Authority

- 1.1 The races will be organized and conducted by the Coffs Harbour Yacht Club (“CHYC”).
- 1.2 The Race Committee of the CHYC 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 races over the three days encompassing an ocean race and a windward / leeward course.
- 2.2 All notices regarding CHYC races will be posted on the CHYC web site, www.coffsyachtie.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:
 - 3.1.1 The rules as defined in the 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of the International Sailing Federation (ISAF), and
 - 3.1.2 This Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, as may be modified by the Race Committee from time to time.
- 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 electric powered winches,
 - 3.3.2 hydraulically operated mast jacks, stays and vang,Provided that such system does not require the operation of the yacht’s engine.

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 a Safety Inspection to Category 4 with a YA recognised Special Equipment Auditor and obtained the necessary certificate.

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.

5. Advertising

5.1 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 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 All crewmembers shall be a member of a YA affiliated club, or entitled to the YA exemption in relation to membership for race crew. Casual entries (entries into individual races) are acceptable from nonmembers of the CHYC.

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.coffsyachtie.com.au. Entry forms and all supporting documentation should be received no later than Monday 25th May 2009. However, there will be an opportunity to enter on the day if the boats paperwork is otherwise in order i.e. category certificate, insurance and registration have previously been sighted and are still current.

7. Fees

Entry per yacht \$110 (includes individual races or the whole series, regardless of number of crew).

N.B. Fees to be paid with Entry Forms and all supporting documentation.

8. Schedule of Events

Saturday June 6th 2009

0800 – 0900 Race Registration

0900 – Welcome by CHYC Race Director and Commodore and Race Briefing

Island Race - Category 4		
Division	Warning	Start Time
All Divisions	1055	1100

1600 – (Approx) Race Conclusion

1900 – Band Upstairs in the Yacht Club

1900 – BBQ Dinner and Presentation Upstairs in the Yacht Club

Post Presentation Band Continues Until Late

Sunday June 7th 2009

0800 – 0900 Breakfast at CHYC

0800 – Race Entry

0900 – Race Briefing

Short Course Race 1 - Category 4		
Division	Warning	Start Time
All Divisions	1055	1100

Short Course Race 2 - Category 4		
Division	Warning	Start Time
All Divisions	ASAP after Race 1	5 Minutes after Warning Signal

Late Afternoon Onwards – Band Plays Upstairs in the Yacht Club

1800 - Race Results

Monday June 8th 2009

0800 – 0900 Breakfast at CHYC

0800 – Race Entry

0900 – Race Briefing

Short Course Race - Category 4 – Handicap Start – Race Around the Buoys		
Division	Warning	Start Time
All Divisions	1055	1100

1400 (Approx) Race Conclusion

1530 - Race Results and final race presentation

9. Handicapping and Scoring

- 9.1** Scoring System - the Low Point scoring system, RRS Appendix A will apply in all divisions. The yacht with the lowest cumulative score shall be declared the winner.
- 9.2** A PHS handicap system will apply to all races in this series.
- 9.3** The CHYC Race Committee reserves the right to divide the entries into divisions depending on entries received.
- 9.4** The Committee's decision will be final in all matters of handicapping.

10. Insurance.

All yachts must be properly insured when racing including having valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

11. 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.

Separate awards will be presented to mono hull and multi hull yachts.

12. 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.

13. Sailing Instructions

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

14. Further Information

Contact **The Secretary** on **02 6652 4390** or coffsyachtie@gmail.com.