



PORT STEPHENS YACHT CLUB

NOTICE of RACE

Zhik Marathon and Sprints Regatta 2025

8-9th November 2025

Issued February 2025

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1. PSYC is conducting an Olympic distance marathon on the pristine waters of Port Stephens followed by a laid course sprints style regatta the following day. PSYC extends an invitation to all trailable, sports and keel boats to compete.
- 1.2. The Organising Authority is Port Stephens Yacht Club. Zhik is the Regatta Sponsor.

2. RULES

- 2.1. Racing shall be conducted under the 2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing, and the prescriptions and safety regulations of Australian Sailing as modified by the PSYC Sailing Instructions.
- 2.2. The race is to be conducted in 3 divisions (divisions may be established or adjusted at the discretion of the Race Committee):

Division 1 – Trailer sailers and keel boats up to 27 feet

Division 2 – Sports boats

Division 3 – All other boats

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1. The event is open to trailer sailers, keel boats and multihull classes with current safety audit of Cat 7 or higher.
- 3.2. The owner of the yacht shall provide a copy of a marine legal liability insurance policy with respect to the yacht, current when 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 yacht 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 must be in effect throughout the event.
- 3.3. The event sponsor has the right to promote and use media collected during the event.
- 3.4. Refer to PSYC Sailing Instructions for Special Yacht Provisions.

4. ENTRIES

- 4.1. Entries to be made online at the event webpage via RevSport.
- 4.2. An entry fee of \$30 (including GST) will apply for the Marathon, \$30 for the Sprints events, payable via the PSYC revSPORT link.
- 4.3. Entry cut-off date is 2359hrs Wednesday 5th November 2025. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 4.4. By lodging an entry, the entrant gives absolute right and permission for any photographs and/or video footage of the yacht and crew to be published in any media for any editorial, publicity or advertising purposes.

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5. EVENT SCHEDULE

- 5.1. Races will be started at 1000 hours on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th November 2024 from the PSYC Start Line located at Soldiers Point, NSW. The presentation events will be conducted at the PSYC club house located at 1 Ridgeway crescent, Soldiers Point, NSW.

Date and Time	Event
5 Nov 25	Entries Close
7 Nov 25	
1700	Registration and Briefing
8 Nov 25	<i>Marathon Event</i>
0900	Registration and Briefing
0955	Division 1 Warning Signal
1010	Division 2 Warning Signal
1025	Division 3 Warning Signal
1900	Presentation Event
9 Nov 25	<i>Sprints Events</i>
0900	Competitor Briefing
0955	Division 1 Warning Signal
1010	Division 2 Warning Signal
1025	Division 3 Warning Signal
	Race 2 ASAP following
1500	Presentation Event

- 5.2. On race days, registered boats are to log on with the Race Officer prior to their Warning Signal on VHF CH 77.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available from the PSYC website by 2359hrs Wednesday 5th November 2025.
- 6.2. Any additional Sailing Instructions or Notices to Competitors will be posted on the PSYC website.

7. PRIZES AND SCORING

- 7.1. Divisions 1 and 3 will be handicapped using TopYacht.
- 7.2. Division 2 (Sports Boats) will be handicapped using the Australian Club Based Handicap (CBH) system as approved by the ASBA (Australian Sports Boat Association).
- 7.3. Allocation of handicaps and system employed to ascertain results will be at the discretion of the PSYC Race Committee.
- 7.4. Prizes awarded will be at the discretion of the PSYC Race Committee.
- 7.5. A Presentation and BBQ will be held at the PSYC Clubhouse following the events.

8. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 8.1. All those taking part in PSYC races do so at their own risk and responsibility. The PSYC is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht, the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment or the competency of its crew.
The PSYC reserves the right to refuse entry to any yacht at any time.

9. BERTHING

- 9.1. Soldiers Point boat ramp and the surround area provides ample free water access and parking.
- 9.2. Protected areas both on-water and off the beach are readily available with several options depending on prevailing weather conditions.
- 9.3. Marina berthing may be available at d'Albora Soldiers Point or Nelson Bay Marinas or the Anchorage Marina. Berthing is not provided by the event.



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10. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please refer to the PSYC website or contact:

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