



# Sailing Instructions      Coal Coast Classic

6 Oct 2019      Wollongong to Pt Hacking

Hosted by Wollongong Yacht Club Ltd

## 1      **RULES**

The race will be governed by the rules as defined in the ISAF The Racing Rules of Sailing and the prescriptions and special regulations of Yachting Australia (YA).

## 2      **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be by **VHF radio channel 77**.  
All boats shall monitor VHF channel 16 in addition to Channel 77.

## 3      **CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be advised at the pre-race briefing

## 4      **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

No signals will be made ashore

## 5      **RACE BRIEFING**

A race briefing and sign in will be conducted at the clubhouse at 9am prior to the scheduled 10am race start time.

## 6      **START TIMES**

Start time will be 10am

## 7      **THE COURSE**

The course **start line** will be approximately 100m north of Wollongong harbour entrance between an orange buoy at west end and start boat or buoy at east end as described at the briefing. Start direction will be generally NE.

The finish will be a line extending south from the yacht club turning buoy off Jibbon beach. Finishing the buoy to starboard.

Boats should pass well to sea of -

- Wollongong Bomborra (Para Reef) at low tide or high swell,
- Bellambi Reef
- Jibbon Bomborra

Please note- lobster pot bouys may be set off the rocks under the big lighthouse

## 9 THE START

Races will be started by using rule 26 with countdown warning horn signal made 5min, 4,min, 1min before the starting signal. **The horn signals may be broadcast in VHF 77. No flags will be used at the start**



## 10 THE FINISH

Each boat to take there own finish time and txt to WYC club captain **0417338884**

## 10 CHANGE OF THE COURSE

If any change of course, the race committee will notify on VHF 77 radio.

## 11 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

**Ocean Races** Boats not finished by 17:00 will be DNF

## 12 SCORING SYSTEMS

One division handicap

## 13 SAFETY REGULATIONS

Check-Out :

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible by VHF 77 radio or phone to club captain 0417338884

Each yacht shall be equipped to comply with the YA Special Regulations as follows:

Ocean Series CAT 4

All yachts to be equipped with VHF radio transmitter in accordance with YA Regulation 3.25.

*Rule clarifications --*

Mobile phones are acceptable alternate means for receipt of weather information

Inflatable PDFs can be owner self tested and dated and recorded.

Fire extinguishers can be owner self checked provided the manufacturer expiry date stamp has not expired.

The race committee may impose a higher category requirement for a particular race at their absolute discretion.

## 14 ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS

In the event of a current gale warning (34kts) being issued by the Bureau of Meteorology, other WWW based warnings, or the race committee considers the conditions unsuitable, the race shall be abandoned or postponed.

## 15 INTERFERENCE WITH COMMERCIAL SHIPPING

This should not impact this race- however - competitors shall maintain safe clearance to commercial shipping using Port Kembla.

Where competitors are required to stand-by due to shipping movements they shall note the time delay incurred and report this to the race officer after the race. The race officer will then apply a correction to their finish time commensurate with the delay incurred.

## 16 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## 17 OFFICIAL BOATS

The Official Boat for start will be marked as **Trim**.

**18 TRASH DISPOSAL**

Boats shall not put trash in the water.

**19 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

**20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race.

By way of entering, competitors acknowledge and agree that participation in the event can be dangerous and accept their participation is at their exclusive risk in every respect. Further, by way of entering competitors shall hold harmless the organising authority , its officers, members, servants, and agents and all other competitors in respect of all liability for injury to their person and or loss or damage to their property whatsoever arising from their participation or intended participation in the event and acknowledge and accept that the organising authority , its officers, members, servants, and agents and all other competitors accept no responsibility in respect to the loss of life , person injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of a competitors participation or intended participation in the event or arising for whatever reason in connection with the event.

The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

**21 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$5,000,000.00 per event or the equivalent.

***Contacts***

VHF	Distress and call		16
	WYC working channel		77
Phone	Club Captain -	John Somerset	0417 33 8884
	Water Police Pt Kembla		4276 5180
		or emergency	000
	Marine Rescue Pt Kembla		42744288
	Port Kembla Port Authority traffic Control		42750159
	NSW Maritime BSO	office	42747914
		Mobile	0419 751 852