

# PORT KEMBLA SAILING CLUB

## Sailing Instructions 2023-24 Season

### 1 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 1.1 These Sailing Instructions are issued by Port Kembla Sailing Club Cooperative Limited ("PKSC" or "the Club") which is the organising authority.
- 1.2 Racing will be governed by the current Australian Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and associated Special Regulations, in force at the time, as modified by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.3 The safety regulations shall be strictly observed particularly in relation to personal flotation devices (PFDs), which shall conform to relevant Australian Sailing standards for off the beach dinghies and trailer yachts and shall be worn by all competitors at all times whilst on the water.
- 1.4 If the wind is consistently above 25 knots for a 5 minute period within the hour prior to the warning signal, the race may be postponed / abandoned by the Club Captain and / or the Duty Crew and / or Principle Race Officer (PRO).
- 1.5 After the starting of a race, the Club Captain and / or Duty Crew and / or PRO may shorten or abandon the race as per RRS Part 3 Rule 32.
- Shortened Course:- As an alternative to shortening the course using race signal "S" , the following alteration can also apply. Race signal "S" over "H" when displayed on or near a mark means that the race is shortened. Boats shall after completing the course of the leading boat and rounding or passing mark "X" proceed directly to the finish line. If the shortened course does not apply to all divisions, the division flags for those divisions will be displayed.
- 1.6 Each skipper shall make their own decision to sail or not to sail and attention is drawn to RRS Part 1 Rule 3 as follows:
- "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."**
- 1.7 For all club events / races, all skippers must ensure that they (and their regular crew) are financial members of the Port Kembla Sailing Club. Casual crew must hold a valid Australian Sailing SailPass. Existing members are considered financial until the end of September.
- 1.8 A member of the crew of each boat must ensure that they sign on and off for each race or races.
- 1.9 Competitors acknowledge they have read and agree to the Risk Warning in Attachment B to the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.10 Briefing. All sailors are strongly advised to attend the race briefing at 12pm at the clubhouse. Important information regarding weather conditions, course clarification and club announcements are made.

### 2 HEADQUARTERS

The headquarters will be the Clubhouse of the Port Kembla Sailing Club, Northcliffe Drive Berkeley NSW.

### 3 DIVISIONS

All races shall start at approximately 1.30pm (but not before) according to the official PKSC calendar. Boats will start in one of the divisions announced at the briefing to be held approximately at 12 noon. Refer Paragraph 9.0 below. Different divisions may be combined for race starts. This will be communicated at the briefing and indicated by the flying of the appropriate division flags together on the start boat.

### 4 COURSES

Plans of the course options are included with the sailing instructions (see Attachment A). The course designation to be sailed on any day will be displayed by the start boat. The default course shall be as indicated by the 'Standard' course in Attachment 'A'. The start boat may show a numeral indicating the number of times Mark 1 shall be rounded.

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### 5 MARKS

These shall be passing marks according to the RRS. Mark X will be a yellow buoy. The finish mark shall be a cherry spherical buoy laid in line with the flagpole on the shore line in line with the clubhouse. Mark 1A shall be a red cherry spherical buoy (or similar small mark).

#### 5.1 T, W and BT/BW Courses

Marks will be orange conical for marks 1, 2A, & 3. Mark 2B is a yellow conical.

#### 5.2 B Courses Start and Finish Marks

Start mark **S**  shall be a yellow mark with blue band and finish mark **F**  shall be an orange mark with a blue band.

### 6 OFFICIAL BOATS

All official boats may carry the Club Burgee for identification purposes. This is a white flag with a red Port Kembla Sailing Club logo.

### 7 STARTING & FINISHING LINES

#### 7.1 Starting Line

##### 7.1.1 T and W Courses

The starting line shall be an imaginary line between the division flag on the starter's boat and mark 3 and shall be crossed in the direction of mark 1. A temporary mark (barging buoy) may be moored near the Start boat when starting, and this mark must be passed on the same side as the start boat is to be passed. This mark may not necessarily be on the starting line.

##### 7.1.2 B Courses


The starting line shall be an imaginary line between the Starter's boat and the **S**  mark.

#### 7.2 Finishing Line

##### 7.2.1 Clubhouse finishes (T and W Courses, last race of BT/BW Courses)

The finishing line shall be between a red cherry mark and the Judge's position at the Club House shoreline flagpole or a mark and the Start/ finishing boat (for a shortened course). A blue flag may be displayed to indicate that the finishing boat is in a position to finish the race for a shortened course. When back to back races may finish on water, details will be advised in the sail briefing.

##### 7.2.1 On water finishes (BT/BW Courses)

The finishing line shall be an imaginary line between the division flag on the Starter's boat and the **F**  mark.

### 8 STARTING PROCEDURE

#### 8.1 Scratch Starts

RRS Part 3 Rule 26 will apply.

#### 8.2 Handicap Starts

Warning signal will be Division 1 Flag, which will be raised on starter's boat five (5) minutes before the start. A sound signal may be given.

The preparatory Code Flag "P" will be raised four (4) minutes before the start of the limit boat. A sound signal may be given.

The time boards (showing handicap times relative to the scratch boat) will be raised at the start 1 minute prior to limit boat start and lowered in 1-minute intervals. The lowering of the board will be the start signal for the boats on that handicap.

Boats in all classes with the same handicap will start together when the appropriate handicap time board is lowered.

Code Flag "P" will only be lowered at the completion of the handicap time sequence, i.e. at the fall of the one-minute board.

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**9 DIVISIONS**

The starting divisions will be as follows unless changed in accordance with SI 16.0 and each division will be signified by the relevant Numeral pennant,

Division 1	Trailer Yachts
Division 2	Off the Beach (OTB) Triangle course (including the Sharpies)
Division 3	OTB Windward/Leeward course (including the Wetas)
Division 4	Catamarans

Unless a change is made and communicated at the skippers meeting / briefing.

**10 TIME LIMIT**

**10.1** The time limit for each division is 3 hours from the start of its division.

**10.2** If the leading yacht of a division finishes within the 3 hour time limit then other yachts in that division have a 3½ hour time limit.

**11 ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES**

Rule 44 shall apply, except for catamarans and Wetas where a one-turn penalty shall apply in lieu of the two-turn penalty for Rule 44.1.

**12 PROTESTS**

All protests shall be made in accordance with Part 5 Section A of the Racing Rules of Sailing. The Protest shall be on the PKSC Protest form and shall be accompanied by a fee of \$10.00 for Senior Members and \$5.00 for Junior members. If the protest is upheld the fee shall be reimbursed to the protesting party. If the protest is dismissed, the fee is forfeited to the club.

**13 LIABILITY**

All those taking part in races do so at their own risk and responsibility. The Port Kembla Sailing Club Co-Operative Ltd is not responsible for the seaworthiness of yachts whose entry is accepted or for the sufficiency and / or adequacy of their equipment.

The Club reserves the right to refuse any entry. It shall be the sole responsibility of each yacht to decide whether or not to start and / or to continue to race. Refer Attachment B.

**14 DECLARATION, WITHDRAWALS**

**14.1** Failure to state intention to sail by signing on will qualify a yacht as a non-starter. (DNS)

**14.2** Failure to sign off within 30 minutes of the last boat finishing may lead to disqualification.

**14.3** For safety reasons every effort must be made by the helmsman to notify the finisher of his yachts withdrawal - e.g. sign off.

**15 BASIC PRINCIPLE & SAFETY REGULATIONS**

The attention of all competitors is drawn to the RRS Part 1 Fundamental Rules.

**16 ALTERATIONS**

If alterations to these instructions are found necessary, such alterations shall be displayed and publicised at the race briefing. These changes will be posted on the Notice Board within the clubhouse at least one hour prior to the start.

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**17 SCORING SYSTEM**

**17.1 Low Point System**

The low point system as defined in Appendix A shall be used.

**17.2 RRS A4 shall be modified as follows:**

- i) DNS / DNC shall be scored as number of entrants in series plus 1.
- ii) DNF / RET / OCS shall be scored as number as entrants in the heat plus 1.
- iii) All other scores shall be as per RRS.

**17.3 Club Championship:**

- i) Six (6) races to count with a nominal 8 heats being scheduled for the championship series.
- ii) Abandoned races shall be excluded from the series.
- iii) To be considered an entrant a vessel must sail at least 4 club championship races.
- iv) Duty crews will be awarded average of four best Club Championship results points for that Championship heat they are performing duty.

**17.4 Point Score:**

- i) Eighteen (18) races to count with up to 26 races being scheduled for the point score series.
- ii) Abandoned races shall be excluded from the series.
- iii) To be considered an entrant must sail at least six point score races
- iv) Duty crews will be awarded first place for that point score unless the event is not raced / abandoned.

**17.5 Accruing Points**

Points are accrued by the boat entered in a series. See also SI 1.4. Boats whose crews are unfinancial as at the end of October shall not accrue points until they become financial.

**18 ENVIRONMENT**

The crew of any yacht shall not knowingly dispose of any item into Lake Illawarra (e.g. rubbish, sewage, debris). Penalty for such an infringement will be at the discretion of the Race Committee.

**19 AFFILIATION STATUS**

Attention is drawn to RRS Part 4 Rule 46 and SI 1.4. In the event, if it is proven that an individual crew member of any yacht / vessel entered in the series is in breach of Rule 46 or SI 1.4, the skipper of such yacht / vessel will be ranked as a non-starter and may be subject to sanction by the Committee.

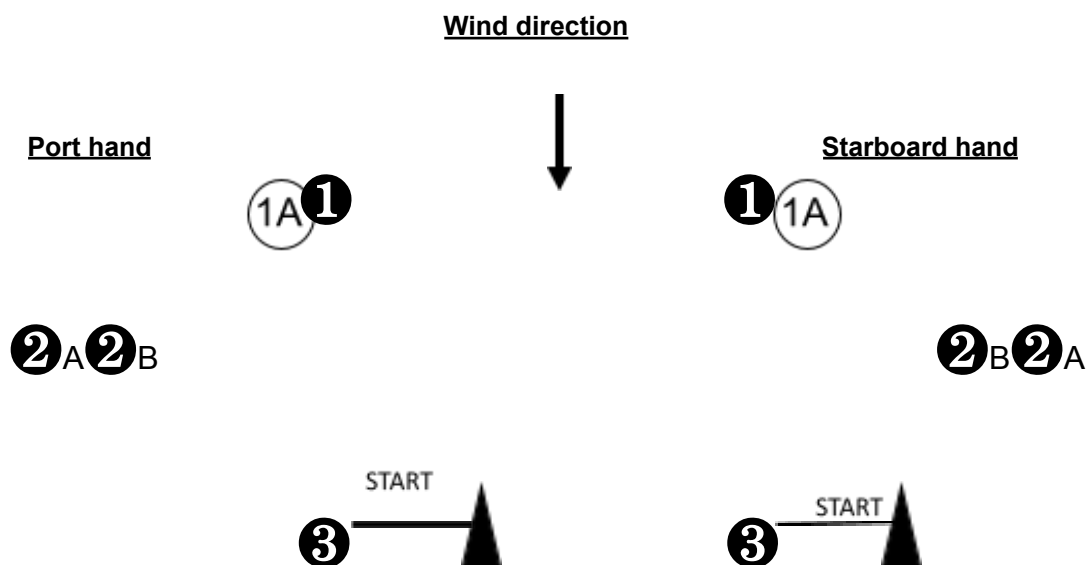
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Approved by PKSC Sailing Committee / Class Delegates / Club Captain

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**Attachment A**

**COURSE “T” (Triangle – W/L – Triangle) LAYOUT**



**Standard Course**

Start between boat ▲ and 3

1, 1A, 2, 3  
1, 1A, 3  
1, 1A, 2, 3,  
1, 1A

Then X to starboard, finish between club flagpole and finish mark O .

Divisions using 2B - Divisions 1, 2

Divisions using 2A - Division 4

Then X to starboard, finish between club flagpole and finish mark O .

**Junior / Intermediate Course**

Start between boat ▲ and 3

1, 1A, 2, 3  
1, 1A

Then X to starboard, finish between club flagpole and finish mark O .

**Starboard or port hand course will be indicated by the start boat flying a red flag (marks to be taken on port side) or green flag (marks to be taken on starboard side)**

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**COURSE “W” (Windward-Leeward) LAYOUT**

**Wind Direction**



**Standard Course**

Start between boat ▲ and 3  
1, 1A, 3  
1, 1A, 3  
1, 1A, 3  
1, 1A, X to starboard Finish O

**Junior/Intermediate Course**

Start around 3  
1, 1A, 3  
1, 1A  
X to starboard, Finish O

Mark 'X' will be between Gooseberry Island and PKSC clubhouse

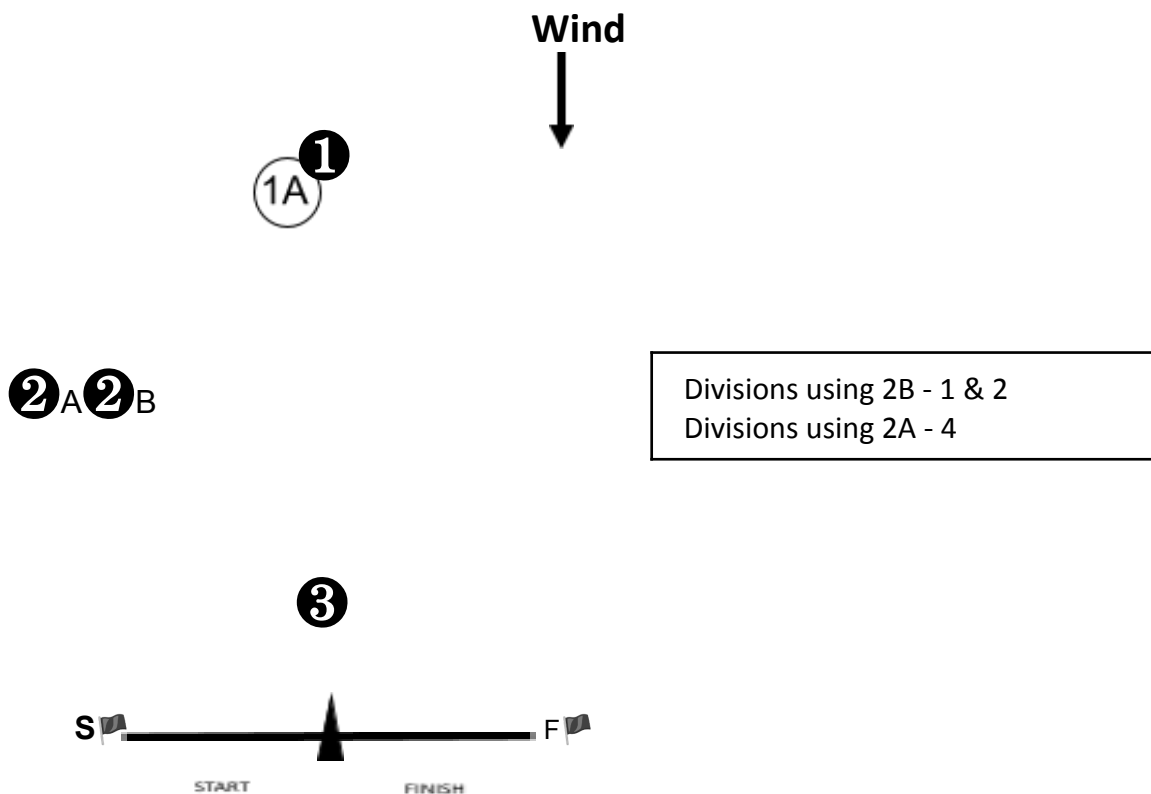
**Starboard or port hand course will be indicated by the start boat flying a red flag (marks to be taken on port side) or green flag (marks to be taken on starboard side)**

**Windward – leeward courses sailed in conjunction with triangle courses (A & B) will keep the same hand as the triangle course.**

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**COURSE “B” (Back to Back) LAYOUT**

Port hand BT/BW Course shown only




**Standard Course ‘BT’**

**On-water finish:**



Start between boat ▲ and S   
1, 1A, 2, 3  
1, 1A,  
Finish between boat ▲ and F 

**Clubhouse finish:**


Start between boat ▲ and S   
1, 1A, 2, 3  
1, 1A, 3  
1, 1A, X to starboard, finish between club flagpole and finish mark O .

**Standard Course ‘BW’**

**On-water finish:**

Start between boat ▲ and S   
1, 1A, 3  
1, 1A,  
Finish between boat ▲ and F 

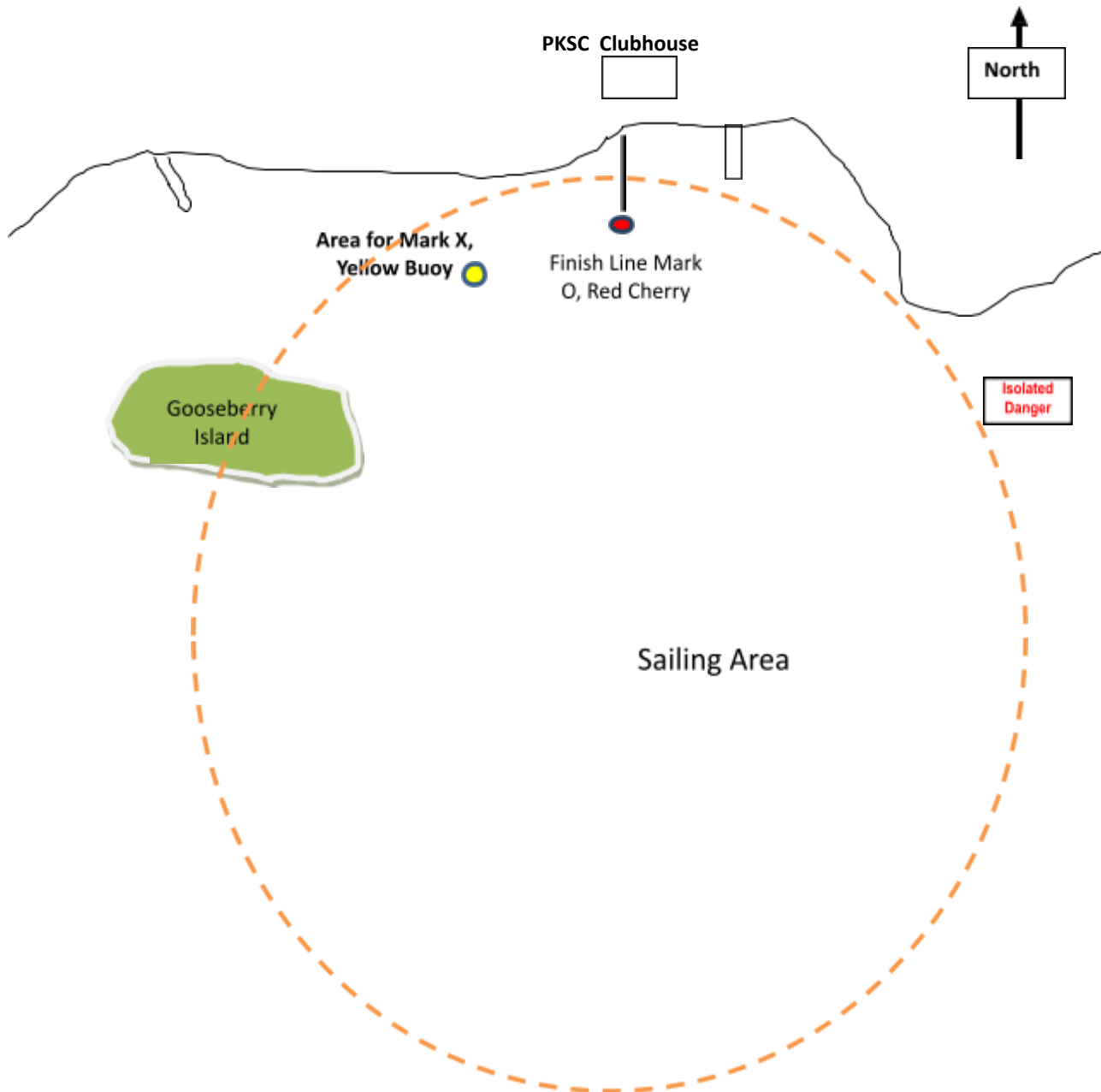
**Clubhouse finish:**

Start between boat ▲ and S   
1, 1A, 3  
1, 1A, 3  
1, 1A, X to starboard, finish between club flagpole and finish mark O .

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**Approximate Area of T, W & BT/BW Courses**





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**Attachment B: Risk Declaration, Personal Liability and Insurance**

Your participation in sailing / yachting and other events at Port Kembla Sailing Club Cooperative Ltd (PKSC) ("The Club") officially or unofficially, held by the Club is at your own risk. The Club takes no responsibility for your safety or health during any Club Event in which you participate. By participating in any Club event, you agree to the conditions in this Notice and waive all claims and demands whatsoever of any action you may have against the Club, its committees, officers, officials, organisers, and members in relation to any injury, loss, or damage suffered as a consequence of your participation in any of the Club events. Club Events are intended to be good fun, promoting well-being and comradeship whilst promoting the sport of sailing.

Participants should enjoy themselves, but not at the expense of other participants in Club Events. This declaration is issued jointly by the Port Kembla Sailing Club (PKSC) and the NSW Roads & Maritime Services, pursuant to the **Civil Liability Act 2002** to all persons wishing to participate in the sailing and associated activities conducted by the Port Kembla Sailing Club Incorporated. Participants are warned that, regardless of the precautions, which might be taken by reasonable and experienced persons, sailing can be a dangerous pursuit and participants are exposed to significant risk of property damage, physical harm and possibly death. As an indication, these risks may include, but are not limited to:

1. The extremes of weather and sea conditions and exposure to the elements for extended periods.
2. The potential that control of vessels may be lost, resulting in collision with objects and other vessels
3. The sudden movement of the vessel at any time and the possibility that participants may fall or be thrown overboard, resulting in drowning.
4. The possibility that participants may be injured by equipment on the vessel.
5. The absence of immediate medical care and the likelihood that significant delays may occur before medical care is available.

Port Kembla Sailing Club Incorporated and the NSW Roads & Maritime Services also warn participants that regardless of their best intentions, they may be unable to render assistance to participants who are in distress. Participants are warned to consider the above risks and all other risks before deciding to participate in any sailing event with Port Kembla Sailing Club.

**Participants are also advised that although Port Kembla Sailing Club Cooperative Ltd is covered by third party liability insurance; this cover DOES NOT extend to participants. It is highly recommended that boat owners in club-organised events, have current comprehensive or third party property insurance, including public liability of at least \$5 million. *If you do not have a current policy you are carrying that risk yourself.* Club membership or acquisition of a valid AS SailPass entitles members to automatic personal accident insurance through Australian Sailing (AS) whilst participating in club events. See the Australian Sailing website for details.**

**Declarations**

- My yacht complies with current the Australian Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing regulations.
- I agree to be bound by the current Racing Rules of Sailing and all other Rules that govern these events, as described in the Club Constitution and By-Laws.
- I agree to be bound by the following: The organising authority is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht or the sufficiency or adequacy of its design or equipment. Attention is drawn to the fundamental rule which states "It shall be the sole responsibility of each yacht to decide whether to start or to continue a race."
- I agree to comply with the Sailing Instructions and any reasonable directions of the PKSC Committee.
- I acknowledge that unless I hold current comprehensive or third-party property and public liability (\$5 million) insurance, I am carrying, upon myself the risk and consequent liability for damage or injury that I may cause.

**By participating in events conducted by Port Kembla Sailing Club Cooperative Ltd, I acknowledge that I have read, understood and abide by the above declarations.**