2016/17 FARR 40 AUSTRALIAN OPEN SERIES

ONE DESIGN TROPHY: 21 & 22 JANUARY 2017

NEWCASTLE CRUSING YACHT CLUB

NOTICE OF RACE

The Farr 40 Owners' Group of Australia invites entries to the Farr 40 Australia One Design Trophy being sailed on 21 & 22 January 2017.

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club and Farr 40 Australia Association. The regatta will be held at the Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club (NCYC) which is located at 95 Hannell Street, Wickham.

2. RULES

2.1 This Regatta will be governed by:

- The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS);
- The prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing;

2.2 The OA reserves the right to amend this Notice of Race. Amendments will be published on the Farr 40 website: www.farr40.asn.au

3. RACING RULES OF SAILING - CHANGES

3.1 Remove the second sentence of RRS 30.2 and replace with the following: *"If a boat breaks this rule and is identified she shall receive, without a hearing, a 10% scoring penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c)".*

3.2 Delete the first and second sentences of RRS 44.1 and substitute the following: *"A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty, consisting of one tack and one gybe, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2, Rule 31 or Rule 42 while racing. However, if a boat may have broken a rule of Part 2 within the zone of a rounding mark or finish mark, the penalty that may be taken is a Two-Turns Penalty".*

3.3 The maximum amount of drinkable liquid aboard each yacht shall not exceed six (6) litres per person, per day. This liquid is included in the restrictions for movable ballast in RRS 51.

3.4 Video, data and/or photographs taken from any source shall not be used as evidence at protest hearings. This changes RRS 63.6.

3.5 Except on a beat to windward, the boat's crew may pull in any sail any number of times in order to initiate or to maintain surfing or planing.

4. ELIGIBILITY

4.1 This regatta is open to all Farr 40 yachts. Owners, Charterers and Substitute helmsman shall be current members of the Farr 40 Australia Association, and a member of a Yacht or Sailing Club recognised by Australian Sailing or an equivalent national authority.

4.2 Yachts shall race under Special Regulations Category 4 with the following variations and conditions:

1. This only applies to Farr 40 OD Class events when all boats are required to comply with the Farr 40 OD class rules and does not apply to Farr 40s competing in mixed fleet racing or handicap events.

2. The race committee shall not start a race offshore if there is a current strong wind warning for the course area at the time of scheduled racing.
3. Compliance is not required for the following Special Regulations for Category 4:
   a) 3.25.4(b) and 3.25.4(c) for mast head antenna and transmission range
   b) 4.01.2 for portable sail numbers
   c) 4.03.2 for clipping points
   d) 4.05.1 Table 1 for secondary anchor
   e) 4.24.1(d) for trysail or reefing points
   f) 5.02.1 for harnesses and tethers
4. The variation is valid until 20 July 2017 when the new Special Regulations come into effect.

5. ENTRY DOCUMENTATION AND REGISTRATION

5.1 Entry forms for the 2016/17 Farr 40 Australia One Design Trophy are available at www.farr40.asn.au

5.2 Entries shall be submitted to Jennie Hughes E: *farr40australia@gmail.com* no later than Monday, 16 January 2017.

5.3 Entries shall include the following documentation:

- Completed entry form submitted to Farr 40 Class Administrator;
- Crew declaration with correct ISAF ID and Group # for all crew members;
- Paid entry fee of $1,200 AUD.

NOTE: Weigh in is not required for this regatta.
Sail declarations are not required for this regatta.

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

6.1 2017 NEWCASTLE ONE DESIGN TROPHY

Date	Time	Schedule	Venue
Fri, 20 Jan	1600-1800 AEDST	Registration *NOTE: No weigh in required.	Regatta Office, NCYC
Sat, 21 Jan	0730-0900 AEDST	Registration	Regatta Office, NCYC
	From 0800 AEDST	Breakfast Provided	Marquee, NCYC
	0900 AEDST	PRO/Skipper/Tactician Briefing	Marquee, NCYC
	1100 AEDST	Racing commences (up to 4 races)	Race course as per SI's
	1600 AEDST	Regatta function	Marquee, NCYC

Date	Time	Schedule	Venue
Sun, 22 Jan	From 0800 AEDST	Breakfast Provided	Marquee, NCYC
	1000 AEDST	Racing commences (up to 4 races)	Racecourse as per SI's
	1545 AEDST	Trophy Presentation	Marquee, NCYC

6.2 The initial warning signal for racing each day will not be made before 1000hrs, however, no warning signal will be made after 1500hrs on the last scheduled day of racing.

6.3 The Race Committee may modify the above program according to prevailing weather conditions and/or other unforeseen circumstances.

6.4 Races will be conducted 'back-to-back' and races subsequent to the first race of the day will be started as soon as practicable after the completion of the previous race.

7. MEASUREMENT AND INSPECTION

7.1 No weigh-in is required for this regatta.

7.2 No sail declarations are required for this regatta.

7.3 Boats may be inspected for Category 4 safety requirements, however, it is up to the individual owner to ensure their boat and crew safety.

8. EVENT ADVERTISING

Each yacht will be required to display event advertising on the bow and boom. Decals will be provided at registration on Friday, 20 January 2017.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available after 1300 on 18 January 2017 via email to the competitors and the Farr 40 website: www.farr40.asn.au

10. COURSES AND RACING AREA

10.1 The racing area may be on the waters of Stockton Bight (Appendix 1) and/or the area to the South of Nobby's Lighthouse (Appendix 2).

10.2 The race area will be dependent on the wind and sea conditions on the day.

10.3 The courses to be sailed will be windward/return races as outlined in the Sailing Instructions.

11. PENALTIES

The penalty, if any, for any infringement of the rules is at the sole discretion of the Jury in consultation with the Class representative, and may be other than disqualified. This changes RRS 64.1.

12. SCORING

12.1 Two (2) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

12.2 There will be a maximum of eight (8) races.

12.3 Each yacht's score shall be the sum of all her races (no discards).

13. PRIZES

13.1 1st Place
13.2 2nd Place
13.3 Corinthian Division Winner

14. BERTHING

14.1 Limited casual berthing is available to boats competing. All requests for casual berthing shall be made by contacting the NCYC Dockmaster on (02) 4940 8188 or dockmaster@ncyc.net.au

14.2 Marina rates for competitors will be as follows:

Pre regatta rates	(January 14-20)	$20 per day
Regatta rates	(January 21-22)	No Charge
Post regatta rates	(January 23-29)	$20 per day

14.3 The NCYC Berthing Agreement is contained within Attachment 1 and the Terms & Conditions within Attachment 2.

14.4 The NCYC will be responsible for the assignment of berth positions for all entrants. All entrants will be notified prior to their arrival at the NCYC of their berth position.

14.4 Should a berthing be required for a longer period, entrants may extend the booking by contacting the NCYC Dockmaster team as per 14.1. Early booking is recommended.

15. SUPPORT BOATS

Competitor's attention is drawn to the applicable Class Rules and Interpretations.

"A yacht shall receive no outside assistance from support boats or otherwise once she has left the dock for the day until the finish of the last race of the day, except in the case of emergency."

16. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

17. MEDIA & IMAGE RIGHTS WAIVER

17.1 The Media Centre will be at the Regatta Office. Attendance at a media/press conference each day may be required for the top three competitors as well as individual heat winners. Suitable notification will be given.

17.2 By entering this regatta, the Owner (or Charterer) and Crew members on competing yachts grant, at no cost, the absolute right and permission to use their names, voices, images, likenesses, and biographical material, as well as representations of their yacht in any media (including television, print and internet), to the Farr 40 Class Association, the Farr 40 Management Group,

Stagg Yachts, the Farr 40 Executive Committee, affiliated companies and other sponsors.

17.3 The Farr 40 Class Association, the Farr 40 Management Group, Stagg Yachts, the Farr 40 Executive Committee, affiliated companies and other sponsors shall not use the names, voices, images, likenesses or biographical material of an Owner (Charterer) or Crew member in a way that constitutes an endorsement of products unless the competitor or crew member is otherwise engaged by or affiliated with companies to endorse products or otherwise gives his/her prior written consent to such use.

17.4 Owners (Charterers) and Crew members shall acknowledge and accept the granting of media rights referred to in this paragraph 17 by signing the Entry Form and the Disclaimer and Acknowledgement of Rights Form provided by the Class Administrator.

18. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

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 ENTRY

20.1 The Owner (Charterer) and each Crew member:

a. Acknowledges and accepts the risks (including the risk of harm to persons and property and the risks associated with the perils of the sea and the seaworthiness of any boat) associated with participation in this regatta and waives all rights against and releases the Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club, Farr 40 Australia Association, the Farr 40 Management Group, Stagg Yachts, the Farr 40 Executive Committee, any sponsors and their respective officers, employees, volunteers and members in respect of any loss of life or injury to persons, or loss of or damage to property, suffered in connection therewith;

b. Acknowledges that participation in this regatta by him or her is on the basis that participation is entirely at his or her risk and responsibility and that the Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club, the Farr 40 Class Association, the Farr 40 Management Group, Stagg Yachts, the Farr 40 Executive Committee, any sponsors and their respective officers, employees, volunteers and members are not responsible for any boat or its crew;

c. Acknowledges and agrees that this form is governed by the laws of Australia and that any liability for harm to persons that results from breach of an express or implied warranty that this regatta and all

services relating thereto will be conducted or rendered with reasonable care and skill is excluded.

20.2 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. The OA 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.

20.3 All competitors shall acknowledge this by signing the Disclaimer and Acknowledgement of Rights Form provided by the OA.

20.4 Competitors attention is drawn to RRS 4 'Decision to Race'. *"The responsibility for a boats' decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."*

21. INSURANCE

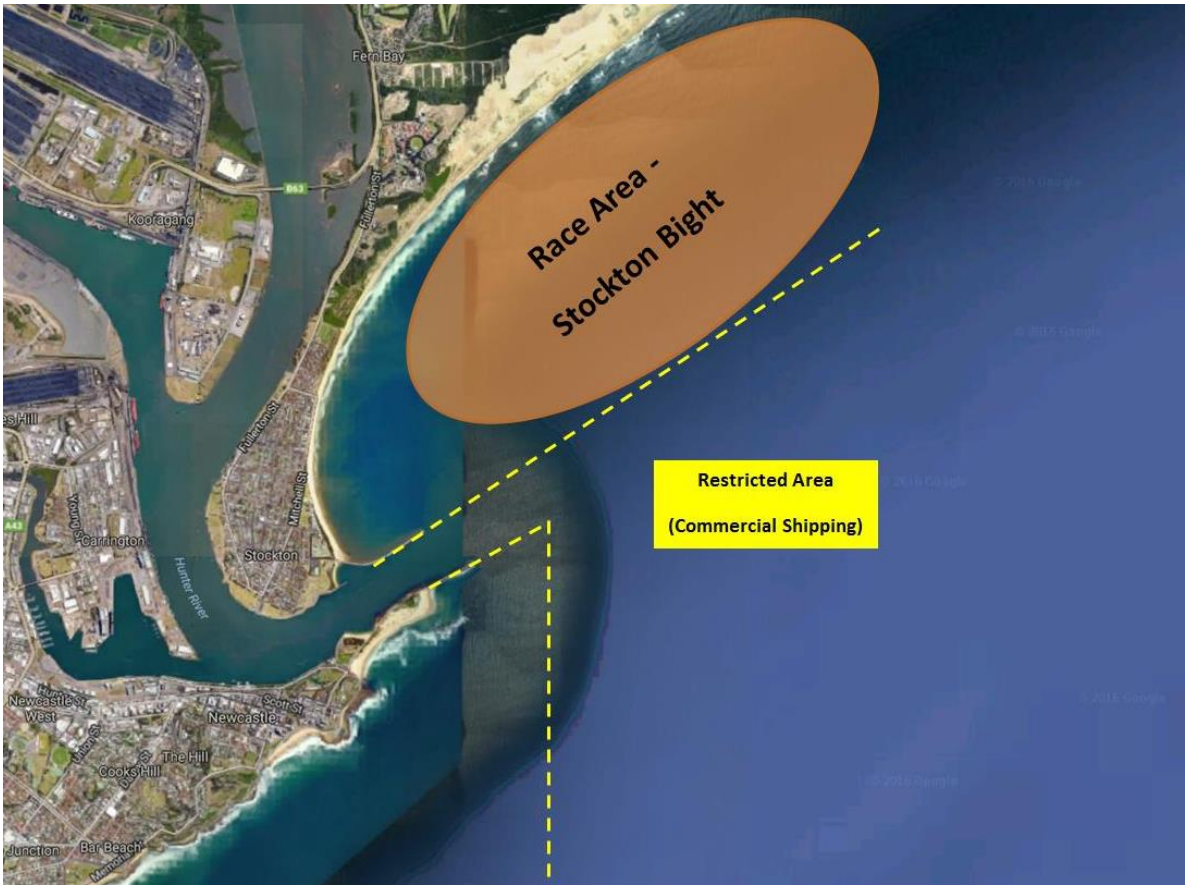
21.1 The safety of a boat and her entire management shall be the sole inescapable responsibility of the Owner/Charterer/Owners' representative. It is the responsibility of the Owner to provide insurance for the yacht covering eventual damage to persons or property.

21.2 The boat is required to hold adequate insurance including third-party insurance of minimum cover of $10,000,000 AUD, and it is the Owner's or Owners' representative's sole and inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in place and is adequate prior to participating in this event.

22. FURTHER INFORMATION AND CONTACTS

Farr 40 Association Australia	**Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club**
Class Administrator: Jennie Hughes M: 0407 387 302 E: farr40australia@gmail.com	Assistant Sailing Manager: Jack Buchan T: 02 4940 8188 E: sailing@ncyc.net.au

Appendix 1 – Stockton Bight Race Area



Appendix 2 – Race area south of Nobby's Lighthouse