

# Breakout Cruise

## 8 –14 August 2020

The Organising Authority is Port Stephens Yacht Club in conjunction with Middle Harbour Yacht Club, Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club and Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club.

The Breakout Cruise will be sailed on the waters of Sydney Harbour, the Tasman Sea, Pittwater, Newcastle Harbour and Port Stephens.

# NOTICE OF CRUISE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

## 1 PREAMBLE

After a number of months being restricted and many planned cruises being cancelled or postponed this cruise has been put together to coincide with the Breakout Series races. The intention is, for those that do not want to race, to sail north to Pittwater, then onto Newcastle and finishing at Port Stephens. Each overnight stop will coincide with the racer's destinations.

## 2 THE CRUISE

The intended cruise shall be as indicated below. Vessels are responsible for their own navigation, in accordance with good seamanship. The Coordinator will initiate a Compass Rose call on VHF Ch77 at 1045 am on Saturday August 8th, 2020 to all vessels to confirm the vessels participating in the event.

## 3 SCHEDULE

Saturday 8 August	Sydney to Pittwater Passage
Sunday 9 August	Pittwater to Newcastle Passage
Monday 10 August	Newcastle to Port Stephens Passage
Tuesday 11 August	Rest Day
Wed-Fri 12-14 August	Cruising Port Stephens
Sat-Sun 15-16 August	Return to Sydney via Pittwater

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**4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 4.1 General Requirements for all boats shall be as follows:
- a) shall be sailed with a minimum of two crew at all times;
  - b) shall be on the register of a Club affiliated to its Member National Authority;
  - c) shall hold, and have also submitted to their registered Club, a completed AS Special Regulations Equipment Audit for Category 4 (Category 1, 2 & 3 accepted),
  - d) shall hold, and have also submitted to their registered Club, evidence of current marine legal liability coverage of no less than AUD \$10,000,000 by way of a certificate of currency or policy document copy.
- 4.2 All boats are required to register their crew, providing crew name and Australian Sailing Number (or SailPass number) for each race.
- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter, provide and update their crew list, and pay the entry fee online at [www.breakoutseries.com.au](http://www.breakoutseries.com.au) no later than midnight on 2 August 2020 (close of entries).
- 4.4 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 4.5 Entry fees will be non-refundable after the ‘close of entries’, except in the case of a division being cancelled or if one or more races are removed from the schedule due to changes to Government Health Regulations. All requests for an entry fee refund shall be made in writing and submitted to the Organising Authority by email to [sailing@mhyc.com.au](mailto:sailing@mhyc.com.au).
- 4.6 In the event of a race being abandoned or removed from the schedule of racing, entry fees will not be refunded.

**5 FEES**

Fees are as follows:

Breakout Cruise Series Entry Fee (includes all activities below) .....	\$90
Sydney to Pittwater Passage on August 8 .....	\$30
Pittwater to Newcastle Passage on August 9 .....	\$30
Newcastle to Port Stephens Passage on August 10 .....	\$30
Port Stephens Cruising August 11-14 .....	Free

Note: Entry fees does not include berthing.

**6 CONDITIONS**

- 6.1 Vessels shall at all times comply with the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea (the “ColRegs”).
- 6.2 It shall be the sole responsibility of each yacht to decide whether to start or continue in the event. Each yacht is individually responsible for their own safety, navigation and seamanship.
- 6.3 The intention is that all vessels will proceed in company, with a nominated Coordinating vessel. In the event that yachts separate, then all efforts shall be made to keep in contact via radio or mobile phone.
- 6.4 Vessels are requested at all times to fly their respective clubs burgees.
- 6.5 The event coordinator will be Evan Hodge on board *Sanctum*. In the event of their absence for any reason, a substitute Coordinator will be announced at the 1045 sked. In the event of uncertainty over arrangements for the day, skippers are advised to contact the Coordinator’s vessel by voice, radio or mobile phone if available. The coordinator’s mobile number is 0419 247 500.
- 6.6 Particular care should be taken by those vessels proceeding short-handed to be vigilant at all times, to remain in compliance with Rule 5 of the Coll. Regs. (Look-Out), and to be suitably cautious in accordance with the dictates of good seamanship.

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## 7 DETAILED SCHEDULE

The planned schedule (subject to change due to weather conditions) is as follows:

Day 1	Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> August	1045	Roll call on VHF16/VHF77. The fleet should assemble in Hunters Bay.
		1100	Sail from Hunters Bay (off Balmoral Beach) and proceed to sail to Pittwater ending at RPAYC.
Day 2	Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> August	0900	Depart Pittwater and sail to Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club / Stockton Moorings
Day 3	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> August	1000	Depart Newcastle Harbour and sail to Port Stephens.
Day 4-7	Tue - Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> August	1030	For those who wish to return to Sydney, the fleet should return together, departing The Basin at 1030am
Day 8-9	Sat – Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> August		Return to Sydney via Pittwater

## 8 POINTSCORE

It is intended there will be a variety of challenges throughout the duration of the cruise and for those participating there will be points awarded.

<i>Offshore challenge Day 2</i>	<i>Photo Competition</i>	<i>Dinghy race Day 4</i>	<i>Poem Recital</i>	<i>Inshore challenge Day 5</i>	<i>Inshore challenge Day 6</i>

Prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

## 9 RADIO PROCEDURES

9.1 Yachts shall, as far as possible, keep in contact using correct radio procedure. In cases where VHF contact is not possible, mobile phones will be used that as a substitute means of contact. Participation in these skeds is obligatory for all participating yachts whilst offshore. Skippers must contact the designated coordinator on reaching their anchorage or berth to avoid unnecessary attempts by the coordinator to ensure that they have reached their destination safely.

9.2 Sked Times – Middle Harbour to Pittwater

Skeds shall be held at the following times:

1045 Roll call Hunter Bay

1245 and every 2 hours until all yachts are in inshore waters

9.3 Sked Times – Coastal Passages

All vessels shall monitor VHF Ch16. VHF calls between participating boats will be initiated on VHF16 and worked on VHF77. If VHF77 is unavailable for any reason, contact should be made on VHF16 before switching to a different frequency.

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- 9.4 Sked Times – whilst not on coastal passages  
During periods when coastal passages are not underway, there will be two skeds per day – at 0815 and 1615. Participation in these skeds is optional
- 9.5 Whilst primary communication shall be by marine radio, vessels are encouraged to have a fully charged mobile phone on board as a backup, and to register the phone number of this with the coordinator. It should be noted, however, that mobile phone coverage is difficult beyond 5 NM from land.
- 9.6 Skippers are urged to logon with the Volunteer Marine Rescue whilst offshore, as an additional safety measure.

## 10 BERTHING / ANCHORING

To arrange berthing, contact:

- Middle Harbour Yacht Club  
[www.mhyc.com.au/marina/marina-a-moorings](http://www.mhyc.com.au/marina/marina-a-moorings)
- Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club  
[www.rpayc.com.au/marina/waterfront-facilities](http://www.rpayc.com.au/marina/waterfront-facilities)
- Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club  
[www.ncyc.net.au/marina-commercial-centre/marina-info](http://www.ncyc.net.au/marina-commercial-centre/marina-info)
- Port Stephens  
Soldiers Point Marina - [www.soldiersptmarina.com.au/bookings](http://www.soldiersptmarina.com.au/bookings)  
D'Albora Marinas Nelson Bay - [marina.dalboramarinas.com.au/MarinaMasterWeb/portal?action=contact&location=AKB](http://marina.dalboramarinas.com.au/MarinaMasterWeb/portal?action=contact&location=AKB)  
Anchorage Marina [www.anchoragemarina.com.au/berthing-booking-enquiry/](http://www.anchoragemarina.com.au/berthing-booking-enquiry/)

It is likely in Newcastle berths may be limited with moorings at Stockton being made available. In Port Stephens other marinas and anchorages may need to be used as numbers of racing yachts may limit availability to cruisers. As this is a cruise in company participants may elect to stop at any destinations along the coast.

## 7 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please view the Event Website [www.breakoutseries.com.au](http://www.breakoutseries.com.au) or contact:

- Breakout Cruise Coordinator – [cruising@mhyc.com.au](mailto:cruising@mhyc.com.au)
- Breakout Series Secretariat - [sailing@mhyc.com.au](mailto:sailing@mhyc.com.au) 9969 1244
- Middle Harbour Yacht Club - [sailing@mhyc.com.au](mailto:sailing@mhyc.com.au) 9969 1244
- Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club - [sailing@rpayc.com.au](mailto:sailing@rpayc.com.au) 9998 3700
- Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club - [sailing@ncyc.net.au](mailto:sailing@ncyc.net.au) 4940 8188
- Port Stephens Yacht Club - [PSYC\\_vicecommodore@outlook.com](mailto:PSYC_vicecommodore@outlook.com) 0417 544 230

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