

PORT ESPERANCE SAILING CLUB

(Dover Regatta Association & Aquatic Club Inc.)

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Celebrating 164 Years of Regattas on Port Esperance



2023 DOVER REGATTA

Friday 7th, Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th April 2023

Events:

Keelboat Series - Racing Division

(including the *Franklin Marine* William Jackson Memorial Cup)

Keelboat Series - Cruising Division

Off-the-Beach Series

(including the B.K.Price Trophy for Race 5)

Essentially Tas Race for Classic Boats

for the Noel Doepel Memorial Trophy

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

RACE COMMITTEE: *Matt Wardell, Jeremy Firth, Neil Fuller*

RACE COMMITTEE VESSEL (RCV): *Rosinante*

REGATTA OFFICE: *PESC clubhouse*

1. **DATES:** Friday 7th to Sunday 9th April 2023
2. **ORGANISING AUTHORITY:** Port Esperance Sailing Club (Dover Regatta Association and Aquatic Club).
3. **RULES:**
The regatta will be governed by the current *rules* as defined in *the 2021-24 Racing Rules of Sailing*, the *Special Regulations* of Yachting Australia, the rules of the relevant classes, and by these *Sailing Instructions*.
The *2021-24 Racing Rules of Sailing* and the *Special Regulations* apply from 1st January 2021 and can be downloaded from the *Australian Sailing* website:
<https://www.sailingresources.org.au/rrs-special-regs/>
4. **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRIES:**
 - 4.1 The regatta is open to all monohull and multi-hull keelboats and trailable yachts. Off-the-beach events are open to all dinghies and catamarans holding a Yachting Victoria (YV) yardstick.

Catamarans may be placed in a separate division of the Off-The-Beach (OTB) races. Special entry requirements apply to various events – see Section 23 (Special Rules).

- 4.2** Entry forms are available at the Port Esperance Sailing Club website: www.pesc.com.au. Eligible boats can enter by emailing a completed entry form to commadore@pesc.com.au by 2000 hours on Tuesday 4th April 2023. Entry fee payment options are given on the entry form. Late entries made in person to the Event Manager may be accepted up to two hours prior to the start of the series or race. However, early entries are encouraged to allow time for allocation of appropriate handicaps.
- 4.3** Entrants in the off-the-beach yardstick series may also enter a one design division. Dinghies wishing to participate as a one-design fleet must attract a minimum of five entrants and can make a request to race as a one-design fleet to the Regatta Race Committee.

5. ENTRY FEES

<u>Division / Race</u>	<u>Entry Fee</u>
Keelboat Series - Racing division	\$55.00
Keelboat Series - Cruising division	\$55.00
Off-the-Beach Series	\$25.00
Entry as part of a one design fleet	+\$5.00
<i>Franklin Marine</i> William Jackson Cup race only	\$25.00
<i>EssentiallyTas</i> Noel Doepel Classic Boat Memorial Trophy race only	\$20.00
BK Price Trophy race only	\$20.00
Friday Kettering to Dover passage race only	\$20.00

6. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS, CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS, AND BRIEFING:

- 6.1** Any notices or changes to these instructions will be posted at the Regatta Office and may be verbally provided to competitors by a member of the Race Committee.
- 6.2** A briefing for sailors in the OTB Series may be held at 0900 hours on Saturday 8th April 2022 at the Regatta Office.
- 6.3** A briefing for sailors in the keelboat classes unfamiliar with starting and finishing protocols used by the Australian *Racing Rules of Sailing* will be held at 1745 hours on Saturday 8th April 2022 at the Regatta Office.

7. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE: Signals made ashore will be flown from a mast adjacent to the Regatta Office.

8. CRUISING SERIES:

This series is primarily for cruising yachts who do not take their racing so seriously. Yachts may choose to fly spinnakers in this series if they wish.

9. RACING AREA:

The Racing Area is D'Entrecasteaux Channel and Port Esperance as shown in Appendix 1.

10. SAFETY:

- 10.1** For keelboat races outside the confines of Port Esperance, boats shall comply with Australian Sailing Safety Category 5. It is the responsibility of the owner/skipper to ensure compliance with this category. Safety spot checks may be made. Boats not complying may be disqualified.
- 10.2** For keelboats competing only in races within the confines of Port Esperance, boats shall comply with Australian Sailing Category 7.
- 10.3** For keelboats without lifelines, all crew shall wear a lifejacket conforming with Australian Sailing *Special Regulations Part 1 for Racing Yachts* (section 5.01.1) at all times while racing.
- 10.4** OTB classes shall comply with relevant Australian Sailing safety requirements.

11. RADIO:

Communication to keelboat competitors will be by marine band VHF radio transmitting and receiving on **Channel 10**. Skippers are advised to have their radios switched on at all times while racing, including during pre-start manoeuvres.

12. SCHEDULE OF RACES:

Race	Day & Date	Warning at:
*+ Kettering to Dover Race	Fri 7 th April 2023	1055

* Channel Distance Race	Sat 8 th April	1055
+ Cruising Channel Race	Sat 8 th April	1100
# OTB Race 1	Sat 8 th April	1115
# OTB Race 2	Sat 8 th April	1330
# OTB Race 3	Sat 8 th April	after Race 2

*+ Hope Island Race	Sun 9 th April	1000
# OTB Race 4	Sun 9 th April	1015
* <i>Franklin Marine</i> William Jackson Cup Race	Sun 9 th April	1300
+ Cruising Race	Sun 9 th April	1305
<i>EssentiallyTas</i> Noel Doepel Trophy for Classic Yachts	Sun 9 th April	1310
# OTB Race 5 (and B.K.Price Trophy for larger OTBs)	Sun 9 th April	1325

* These races constitute the Keel Boat Racing Series.

These races constitute the OTB Series. There are two starts 5 minutes apart for each race:
1st start: larger OTBs (Laser, Sabre, Quest, ...); 2nd start: smaller OTBs (Sabot, Optimist, Bic, ...).

+ These races constitute the Keel Boat Cruising Series

13. THE COURSES:**13.1 Start and Finish Lines**

- 13.1.1 The START line for the Kettering to Dover Race shall be between the start vessel *Sant'Ana*, a 46-foot flybridge cruiser, flying Code flag **F** located in D'Entrecasteaux Channel in the vicinity of southern point marking the entrance to Little Oyster Cove. The exact location and starting procedure will be notified over VHF channel 10.
- 13.1.2 The FINISH line for the Kettering to Dover Race is between the RCV flying an orange flag located approximately 0.1 nM SSW of the Dover Wharf and the SE corner of Dover Wharf (see Appendix 1).
- 13.1.3 The START Line for all other races will be between an orange shape on the RCV and a fisherman's buoy with Code Flag **O** normally on the port side of the RCV (see Appendix 2 and Appendix 3).
- 13.1.4 The FINISH line for all keel-boat races started on Port Esperance shall be between a blue shape on the RCV and a fisherman's buoy with an orange flag on the opposite side to that of the start line (normally on the starboard side of the RCV) (see Appendix 2).
- 13.1.5 The FINISH line for OTB classes shall be between an orange shape on the RCV and a fisherman's buoy with Code Flag **O** normally on the port side of the RCV (see Appendix 3).
- 13.1.6 The finish line for all classes shall be crossed from the direction of the last mark.

13.2 Keelboat Racing Division**13.2.1 Kettering to Dover Race**

This is a combined race for the keel-boat Racing and Cruising Divisions.

Start in Kettering (see Section 13.1.1) and finish at the Dover Wharf (see Section 13.1.2).

Boats likely to finish after dark **shall** radio the Port Esperance Sailing Club on VHF Channel 10 as they round Blubber Head. Failure to do so may result in a boat being scored DNF. See also Section 18 (Time Limits) below. If necessary, the RCV at the finish line will be lit after dark with a white anchor light on her bow adjacent to the anchor chain.

13.2.2 Channel Distance Race

Courses will be one of the following indicated by the appropriate numeral Code Flag flown from the Committee Vessel.

Course 1: **start – Mark 4 – Zuidpool Rock – finish. All marks left to PORT**

Course 2: **start – Mark 4 – Zuidpool Rock – Arch Rock – finish. All marks to PORT.**

Course 3: **start – Mark 4 – Arch Rock – Zuidpool Rock – finish. All marks to STARBOARD.**

13.2.3 Hope Island Race

This is a combined race for the Keel Boat Racing and Cruising divisions.

The side on which the island and Mark 4 should be left will be indicated by a red (port) or green (starboard) flag to be flown from the Committee Vessel prior to the warning signal and may also be announced on VHF Channel 10.

Course: **start – 4 – Hope Island - finish**

13.2.4 Franklin Marine William Jackson Memorial Cup

The course for the William Jackson Cup Race will be one of the following indicated by numeral Code Flag flown from the RCV. See Appendix 1 for the location of the marks.

Course 1: **start – 4 – F – W – H – F – W – H – F – W – finish. All marks to PORT.**

Course 2: **start – 4 – H – F – P – F – P – H – F – finish. All marks to PORT**

Course 3: **start – 4 – H – P – F – P – F – H – P – finish. All marks to STARBOARD**

Course 4: **start – 4 – F – H – W – F – H – W – F – H – finish. All marks to STARBOARD**

13.3 Keelboat Cruising Division**13.3.1 Kettering to Dover Race**

This is a combined race for the Keelboat Racing and Cruising Divisions.

Start at Kettering (see Section 13.1.1) and finish at the Dover Wharf (see Section 13.1.2).

Boats likely to finish after dark **shall** radio the Port Esperance Sailing Club on VHF Channel 10 as they round Blubber Head. Failure to do so may result in a boat being scored DNF. See also Section 18 Time Limits below. If necessary, the RCV at the finish line will be lit after dark with a white anchor light above the anchor chain.

13.3.2 Cruising Channel Race

Courses will be one of the following indicated by the appropriate numeral Code Flag flown from the RCV. See Appendix 1 for the location of marks.

Course 1: **start – Mark 4 – Zuidpool Rock – finish. All marks left to PORT**

Course 2: **start – Mark 4 – Arch Rock – finish. All marks left to PORT**

Course 3: **start – Mark 4 – Arch Rock – finish. All marks left to STARBOARD.**

13.3.3 Hope Island Race

This is a combined race for the keel-boat Racing and Cruising Divisions.

The side on which the island should be left will be indicated by a red (PORT) or green (STARBOARD) flag to be flown from the Committee Vessel prior to the warning signal and may also be announced on VHF Channel 10.

Course: **start – 4 – Hope Island – finish** (see Appendix 2).

13.3.4 Cruising Race

The course for the Cruising Race will be one of the following indicated by numeral Code Flag flown from the start vessel: See Appendix 1 for the location of the marks.

Course 5: **start – 4 – F – W – H – F – W – finish. All marks left to PORT.**

Course 6: **start – 4 – H – F – P – F – finish. All marks left to PORT**

Course 7: **start – 4 – H – P – F – P – finish. All marks left to STARBOARD**

Course 8: **start – 4 – F – H – W – F – H – finish. All marks left to STARBOARD**

13.4 Essentially Tas Noel Doepel Memorial Trophy Race for Classic Boats

The course for the Noel Doepel Memorial Trophy for Classic Boats will be one of the following indicated by numeral Code Flag flown from the start vessel:

Course 5: **start – 4 – F – W – H – F – W – finish. All marks left to PORT.**

Course 6: **start – 4 – H – F – P – F – finish. All marks left to PORT**

Course 7: **start – 4 – H – P – F – P – finish. All marks left to STARBOARD**

Course 8: **start – 4 – F – H – W – F – H – finish. All marks left to STARBOARD**

See Appendix 1 for the location of the marks.

13.5 Off-The-Beach (OTB) Series

The course for OTB Series Races 1,2,3 and 4, and 5 (the B.K.Price Trophy Race) will be one of the following indicated by numeral Code Flag flown from the start vessel (diagram in Appendix 3):

Course 1: **start – 1 – 2 – 3 * 1 – 3 * 1 – 2 – 3 - finish.** All marks left to PORT

Course 2: **start – 1 – 2 – 3 * 1 – 3 – finish.** All marks left to PORT.

Course 3: **start – 1 – 2 – 3 – finish.** All marks left to PORT.

13.6 No boat shall sail through any start or finish lines other than when it is starting or finishing.

Failure to observe this instruction may lead to immediate disqualification.

14. DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION OF MARKS**14.1 Laid (movable) Marks**

Mark **W** is an orange buoy with a white letter W located approximately 0.2 nM SE of the Dover Wharf (only laid for harbour races - see Appendix 1)

Marks **1, 2, 3**, are orange and white cylindrical inflatable marks.

Mark **4** is an orange tetrahedral inflatable mark.

Marks **1, 2**, and **3** are used for OTB courses. Mark **4** is the first windward mark for keel boat courses. See Appendix 2 and Appendix 3 for the course diagrams.

Should a replacement mark be required, it will be an orange cylindrical inflatable mark.

14.2 Permanent (fixed) Marks

Mark **F** orange buoy located approximately 0.3 nM W of Fisherman's Bend. GPS coordinates 43° 19.2'S, 147° 02.9'E.

Mark **H** orange buoy located approximately 0.3 nM NE of the south-western tip of Hope Island. GPS coordinates 43° 20.1'S, 147° 02.3'E

Mark **P** orange buoy located approximately 0.3 nM NE of Pottery Beach. GPS coordinates 43° 19.77'S, 147° 00.40'E)

15. STARTING PROCEDURE

15.1 The starts for all races shall be in accordance with RRS 26 (Starting Races).

15.2 Boats that have not crossed the start line 10 minutes after the starting signal shall be deemed DNS. Such boats may be warned by radio or loud hailer from entering the starting area, particularly if OTB dinghies are present.

16. CLASS FLAGS

Kettering to Dover Race	Code Flag F
Keelboat Racing Division	Code Flag F
Keelboat Cruising Division	Code Flag V
Off-The-Beach classes	Code Flags D – larger OTBs, E -smaller OTBs
Noel Doepel Memorial Trophy Race	Code Flag G

17. SHORTENING THE COURSE

In the case of light wind, the course may be shortened in accordance with RRS 32.

18. TIME LIMITS

Boats failing to finish before the times indicated below shall be score DNF (Did Not Finish):

Kettering to Dover Race	2000 hours
Channel Distance Race	1700 hours
Cruising Distance Race	1700 hours
OTB Races – Course 1	1hr15mins after the first monohull
OTB Races – Courses 2 and 3	45mins after the first monohull
Hope Island Race	1200 hours
William Jackson Cup Race	1700 hours
Cruising Race	1700 hours
Noel Doepel Memorial Trophy Race	1700 hours

19. PENALTIES:

RRS 44.2, applies with a one turn penalty (360°).

20. PROTESTS:

Protests may be held at the Port Esperance Sailing Club one hour after the finish of the last boat in any of the events. Protests must be in writing and on the standard Yachting Australia Protest form (available at the Regatta Office) and will be received accompanied by protest fee of \$10.00. No protest or request for redress may be made against an action or decision of the Race Committee. This amends RRS 60.1(b) (*Request Redress*) and RRS 62 (*Redress*).

21. HANDICAPS:

- 21.1** For keelboat races a TCF handicap will be allocated by the race committee. Every attempt will be made to allocate appropriate handicaps. Handicaps may be adjusted after each race. Handicap allocation shall not be grounds for protest.
- 21.2** For the OTB Series, Yachting Victoria yardstick handicaps will be used. The race committee reserves the right to modify YV yardsticks listed as “tentative” and to allocate yardsticks for boats not possessing one. Such modifications shall not be grounds for protest.
- 21.3** Scratch results will also be given for one-design dinghy divisions (where there are at least 5 boats) (ie before any handicap is applied).

22. SCORING:

22.1 The Keelboat Racing Series consists of the following races:

- Kettering to Dover Race
- Channel Distance Race
- Hope Island Race
- *Franklin Marine* William Jackson Memorial Cup Race

22.2 The *Huon Aquaculture* Cruising Series consists of the following races:

- Kettering to Dover Race
- Cruising Channel Race
- Hope Island Race
- Cruising Race

22.4 For all the OTB series (and all divisions within it), all races shall count.

22.5 The Low Point scoring system (*RRS A4*) shall be used. Points from all races shall be combined for each series with the lowest tally being the winner. In the case of a tie, a count-back will be employed. No races shall be dropped. See Special Rules 23 below.

22.6 A boat that did not finish or retired after finishing shall be scored for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that started in that race. This amends RRS A5.2 (*Scores Determined by the Race Committee*).

23. SPECIAL RULES:

23.1 *Essentially Tas* Noel Doepel Memorial Trophy Race for Classic boats is dedicated to the memory of the late Noel Doepel, a long-time supporter of the Port Esperance Regatta and champion of classic boats. This race is open to classic and vintage boats. The race committee reserves the right to allocate boats to a different division if it is believed their design and performance does not fit the spirit of this event. This race will be conducted using an arbitrary handicap.

23.2 For the Kettering to Dover Race a handicap allowance will be made for boats towing a dinghy.

24. PRIZES:

24.1 There will be prizes for the winners of each of the races and the Racing and Cruising Series, and the OTB Series. Sponsorship permitting, there may also be prizes for placegetters.

24.2 There will be prizes for winners of one-design divisions within the OTB series races.

24.3 The winner of the *Franklin Marine* William Jackson Memorial Cup Race on corrected time will be awarded the William Jackson Memorial Cup.

24.4 The winner of the B.K.Price Trophy Race will be awarded the B.K.Price Trophy.

24.5 The winner of the *Essentially Tas* Noel Doepel Memorial Trophy Race for Classic Boats will be awarded the Noel Doepel Memorial Trophy.

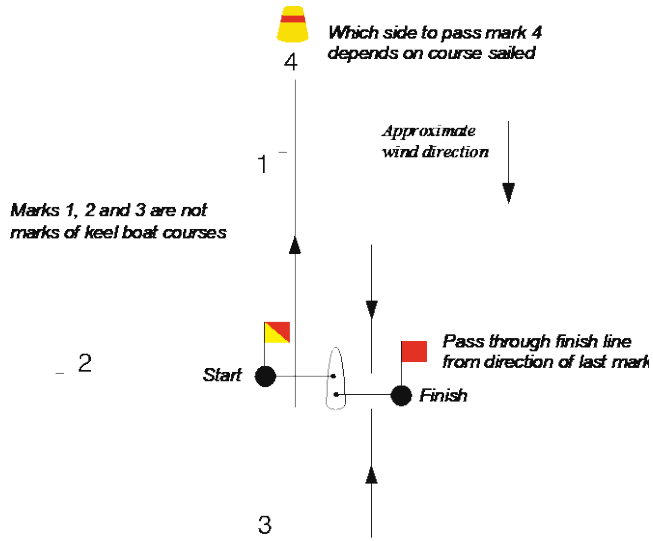
25 **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:**

In accordance with RRS 3 (*Decision to Race*), competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. The Port Esperance Sailing Club or its agents do not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with ,or prior to, during or after the regatta. Competitors are referred to the entry-form for their undertakings in relation to liability.

APPENDIX I: Location of marks H, F, W & P and the Kettering-Dover finishing line.



APPENDIX 2: Keel-Boat Start and Finish



APPENDIX 3: Off-the-Beach Courses

