



SSAA Winter Program 2011

The Short-handed Sailing Association of Australia is proud to announce its 2011 Winter Program, a series of eight short-handed events. The series contains a range of events, from entry-level Cat 4 day races, through to the challenging Cat 3 Port Stephens and Two Islands races.

Sat 9 th April	WS -1 Sydney - Botany Bay - Sydney
Sat 21 st May	WS -2 Pittwater to Newcastle
Fri 10th June	WS -3 Pittwater to Port Stephens Race
Sat 9th July	WS -4 Performance Boating Sales – Sydney to Pittwater Race
Sun 10th July	WS -5 Performance Boating Sales – Pittwater to Sydney Race
Sat 13th August	WS -6 Polar Challenge
Sat 10th September	WS -7 SASC Lion Island Race (date TBC)
Sat 15th October	WS -8 Two Islands Race

Race 1 is designed as a warm up for the short-handed season, and is a great little blast down to Botany Bay and back, a great entry-level race and get crews warmed up for the series.

Race 2 starts 0800 hours in Pittwater, arriving in Newcastle late afternoon or early evening. Our host in Newcastle is the Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club, and crews can get together for a meal and a drink after the race.

The June long weekend's race starts in Pittwater at 2000 hours, and heads up to Port Stephens, hopefully arriving early Saturday morning. After a rum or two and some breakfast, there's time for a rest before crews get together Saturday night, leaving two days to get home.

The Performance Boating Sales weekend in July starts with a race to Pittwater on Saturday morning. Yachts can raft up in the Basin to tell war stories and have a beverage or two, and then race back to Sydney on Sunday.

The Polar Challenge a highly tactical race, racing out east to a longitude and return to Sydney. The trick is to pick the right course there and back to maximise the yacht's speed.

The SASC Lion island race is Race 7 on the SSAA calendar. SASC has a minimum crew requirement of two people and further details will be available from the SASC closer to the date.

The final race in the SSAA Winter Series 2011 is the Cat 3 Two Islands race – starting in Sydney, heading up to Bird Island, and then down to Flinders Islet, and back to Sydney.

Now that there is a two-handed division in the RPAYC Pittwater to Coffs series, the SSAA Winter Series would be great training for a crack at that race, and also good training for those interested in the Melbourne to Osaka race in 2013.

Full details are available on the Racing and Events page on the SSAA website: <http://www.ssaa.com.au>. For more information contact Peter McCorquodale on 0414 344 914.