



## **Short-handed Sailing Association of Australia Inc. (SSAA)**

### **Winter Series 2008 – changes to Program**

As you all know, it has become an annual tradition to have the SSAA Port Stephens race over the June long weekend, with the annual Skippers versus Crew Cricket Match at Wandin Valley Estate Winery on the Sunday.

Unfortunately Jim and Phillipa Davern are unable to host this wonderful event on this weekend this year, but have offered us an alternative. The alternative is that on the October long weekend they will host a picnic Cricket match and BBQ at Wandin Valley Estate Winery.

Therefore the SSAA Race Committee proposes that we swap the two longer events in our calendar - the Two Islands race and the Port Stephens race.

So on Saturday June 7th at 1000hrs we will start the Gill Two Islands Race - Sydney up to Bird Island, down to Flinders Islet and back to Sydney. Holding this event on a long weekend means crew will have an extra day to recover - last year the race finished late on the Sunday night!

We then propose to hold the Rolly Tasker Sails Australia Pittwater to Port Stephens race on the October long weekend - starting at 2000hours on Friday the 3rd of October, with the Picnic Cricket Match and BBQ at Wandin Valley Estate Winery on Sunday 5th October. This is during School Holidays, so may mean more families will be able to join us for the BBQ.

As we have received some Block Entries already for this year's series, should these dates cause problems for those skippers or crew, please contact us and we can work something out. All other races will retain their original dates.

The amended Program and Notice of Series is on the Racing & Events page on our website - [www.ssaa.com.au](http://www.ssaa.com.au).

Regards,

SSAA Committee