

RISK WARNING

This **RISK WARNING** is issued jointly by the *Port Stephens Sailing and Aquatic Club* and the NSW Maritime Authority, pursuant to the **Civil Liability Act 2002** to all persons wishing to participate in the sailing activities conducted by *Port Stephens Sailing and Aquatic Club Inc.*

Participants are warned that, regardless of the precautions, which might be taken by reasonable and experienced persons, sailing can be a dangerous pursuit and participants are exposed to significant risk of property damage, physical harm and possibly death.

As an indication, these risks may include, but are not limited to:

- The extremes of weather and sea conditions.
- The potential that control of vessels may be lost, resulting in collision with objects and other vessels.
- The sudden movement of the vessel at any time and the possibility that participants may fall or be thrown overboard, resulting in drowning.
- The possibility that participants may be injured by equipment on the vessel.
- The absence of immediate medical care and the likelihood that significant delays may occur before medical care is available.
- Exposure to the elements for extended periods.

Port Stephens Sailing and Aquatic Club Inc. and the NSW Maritime Authority also warn participants that regardless of their best intentions, they may be unable to render assistance to participants who are in distress. Participants are warned to consider the above risks and all other risks before deciding to participate in any sailing event with *Port Stephens Sailing and Aquatic Club Inc.*

Participants are also advised that although *Port Stephens Sailing and Aquatic Club Inc.* is covered by third party liability insurance, this cover **DOES NOT** extend to participants. Any participant who considers they have a need for insurance must make their own private arrangements with an insurer. A personal accident insurance policy is available with subscription to membership of Yachting NSW.