Heavy Vehicle National Law
New South Wales Class 1 Yacht Trailer Dimension Exemption Notice 2017

1. Purpose
This Notice is intended to enhance the safe travel of a vehicle and trailer combination that is carrying a small yacht (commonly known as a ‘trailer yacht’ or ‘trailer sailor’), or similar sailboat.

Note: This Notice replaces in full the previous Class 1 Yacht Trailer Combination Exemption Notice 2012 published in the New South Wales Government Gazette No. 100 of 28 September 2012 that expired on 30 September 2017.

2. Authorising Provision
This notice is made under Section 117 of the Heavy Vehicle National Law.

3. Commencement
This notice commences on 1 October 2017.

4. Expiry
This Notice expires on 30 September 2022.

5. Title
This Notice may be cited as the New South Wales Class 1 Yacht Trailer Dimension Exemption Notice 2017.

6. Definitions
(1) Unless otherwise stated, words and expressions used in this Notice have the same meanings as those defined in the HVNL.

(2) In this Notice

Eligible Vehicle means a combination consisting of:
   a) a motor vehicle; and
   b) a yacht trailer carrying a load consisting of a yacht.

Yacht trailer means a trailer designed to carry a yacht.

Yacht means a small sailboat, also commonly known as a ‘trailer yacht’ or ‘trailer sailor’, or similar sailboat.

7. Application
This notice applies to eligible vehicles operating in New South Wales.
8. Exemptions—Length

(1) An eligible vehicle that meets the conditions of this Notice is exempt from the following mass requirements in Part 2 of Schedule 1 to the MDL National Regulation:

a) Section 5 – Rear Overhang

9. Conditions – Length

(1) The combination and its load must not exceed an overall length of 19.0 metres.

(2) Irrespective of rear overhang you must not exceed the dimensions outlined in the table in Table 1.

Table 1: Conditional Dimension Limits

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<th>Forward Projection (FP)</th>
<th>Trailer Rear Overhang (Trailer ROH)</th>
<th>Rear Overhang when Carrying a Yacht (Yacht ROH)</th>
<th>Width of any part of the load extending beyond Trailer ROH (W)</th>
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<td>1.2m</td>
<td>3.7m</td>
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Diagram 1: Dimensions for Table 1

(3) In this section:

a) Trailer ROH means the distance between the rear overhang line and the extreme rear of the trailer’s constructed length.

b) Yacht ROH means the distance between the rear overhang line and the extreme rear of the yacht, including any of its equipment.

(4) As far as is practicable, any projection beyond the rear of the vehicle must be minimised.
10. Conditions - Areas and Routes
   (1) This Notice applies to all roads in New South Wales.

11. Conditions – Lighting and Number Plate
   (1) The trailer’s brake, tail, direction indicators, number-plate light/s, reflectors, and number-plate must not be obscured. The necessary lights, direction indicators, reflectors and number-plate may be attached to:
      a) a removable bar that can be fitted to the trailer or at the rear of the load as required, or
      b) a retractable bar that forms part of the trailer, and that when not carrying a yacht, is retracted to fit within the allowable dimension limits for the trailer, and when carrying a yacht, can be extended in a way so that it is contained within dimension (W) allowed for in Table 1.

12. Conditions – Warning signs, headlight requirements and speed restrictions
   (1) Subject to the Yacht ROH exceeding the Trailer ROH, a warning signal such as red flag or other suitable object of not less than 300 mm square must be fitted at the extreme rear of the load. The flag or object must be clearly visible at all times as a warning to persons on the roadway in the near vicinity of the vehicle or trailer. At night or in adverse weather conditions, the warning signal must be a red light that can be seen for 200 metres.
   (2) The towing vehicle’s headlights must be on at all times when operating with the combination, unless the vehicle is fitted with daytime running lights, in which case the daytime running lights may be used instead of the headlights during daytime.
   (3) The combination is restricted to a speed limit of 90 km/h.

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