

SAIL PARADISE

Gold Coast



January 10 - 15, 2011

- [Brisbane to Paradise Race confirmed](#)
- [Notice of Race released](#)

Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron in Brisbane has announced it will stage the inaugural Manly to Paradise Race as a feeder event for next January's Sail Paradise off the Gold Coast.

The new race over a course of 130 nautical miles will start at Manly, on Moreton Bay, and finish off Main Beach, on the Gold Coast.

The introduction of the Manly to Paradise race means there will be three events on the east coast leading up to Southport Yacht Club's Sail Paradise series, which is scheduled for 10-15 January. Sydney's Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club will start the 30th Anniversary Pittwater to Coffs Harbour Race on January 2, and off the back of that there will be the Coffs to Paradise race starting January 7. The Manly to Paradise race will start on January 8.

'The Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron is pleased to be supporting Sail Paradise by organising the Manly to Paradise race,' said the Squadron's Marine Sports Manager, Suellen Hurling. 'It brings another stimulating and challenging contest to our offshore calendar and leads into what is promising to become a major Queensland yachting event. The interest expressed by our members and yacht owners around Brisbane in both our new race, and Sail Paradise, is very encouraging.'

Sail Paradise promises spectacular deep-water sailing just off the Gold Coast's magnificent beaches. The short races will be staged on courses set along the surfline adjacent to Main Beach and Surfers Paradise while the longer races will take the fleet south to Burleigh Heads and Cook Island, on the Queensland/NSW border. The mid-series lay-day will give crews, their families and friends the opportunity to experience the many and varied attractions of the region - from the unspoiled natural beauty of the hinterland through to the beaches and some of the world's best theme parks. In addition, Southport Yacht Club has an entertaining social agenda planned.

Sail Paradise will cater for offshore racing and cruising yachts, sportboats, multihulls and trailerable yachts. The RL 24 class will be deciding their national championship as part of the regatta.

The Notice of Race for Sail Paradise and the Coffs to Paradise race will be posted on the regatta website www.sailparadise.com.au by October 10, and the Manly to Paradise Race NOR will be published on the RQYS's dedicated website, www.manlytoparadise.com before the end of October.

For more information on Sail Paradise and the Coffs to Paradise race please contact Bronwen Ince - (07) 5591 3500 - enquiries@southportyachtclub.com

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Photo caption: Secret Men's Business 1 (Robert Curtis, NSW) and Blackjack (Peter Harburg, Qld) getting ready to race at Sail Paradise 2010.

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