

# Julian Rocks Yacht Race



**Saturday, 14th March 2020**

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



Organising Authority  
**Southport Yacht Club Inc.**

Hollywell Sailing Squadron  
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Hollywell QLD 4216



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## IMPORTANT CONTACTS

### Southport Yacht Club

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Race Committee contact: Simon Turpin

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Website: [www.southportyachtclub.com.au](http://www.southportyachtclub.com.au)

### Office Hours

0900 – 1600 hours daily

### First Aid & Emergency Services

Marne Rescue Point Danger VMR460,	CH16, 27mhz CH88	0755 369 333
Marine Rescue Cape Byron	CH16,	0266 808 417
Seaway Tower VMR403,	CH16,22,67,73,82	0755 912 948
Coast Guard Southport VMR440,	CH16,21,22,67,72,73,74,80,81,82	0755 311 421
VMR Southport VMR400,	CH16,67,73,22,81,82	0755 323 417
RACQ Care Flight	CH16, 73	0755 068 400
Queensland (Gold Coast) Water Police	CH16, 73	0755 095 700

### Southport Yacht Club (OA)

#### Race Committee

Commodore	Ray McMahon
Vice Commodore Sail	Drew Jones
Principal Race Officer	Mark Dingley
S.C. Divisional Representative	Danielle Hutcheson

#### Support Staff

General Manager	Brett James
Sailing Operations Manager	Simon Turpin
Sailing Officer	Mark Dingley
Sailing Administrator	Renee Cohen
Office Administration	Karen Holdway

## 1. RULES

- 1.1. The Julian Rocks Yacht Race will be governed by the current rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. The Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) Part 1 Category 3 will apply.
- 1.3. The IRC Rule 2019 Parts A, B & C will apply
- 1.4. The Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions. When conflict occurs between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the rules of the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7
- 1.5. The International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea 1972 (COLREGS) shall apply at all times. The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) will apply only between those ships that are participating in the event, for the duration of the event. Should interaction occur with non-participating ships, then COLREGS shall apply to all ships and shall over-ride all other rules.
- 1.6. RRS Appendix T – Arbitration applies.
- 1.7. All competitors are reminded of RRS 1.1 Helping Those in Danger; A boat or competitor give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger.

## 2. ALTERATIONS OF RACING RULES

- 2.1. RRS 44.3(c) is amended to a scoring time penalty as per SI 16
- 2.2. RRS 50.2 is amended to include the provision, "Fixed and Retractable Spinnaker Poles will be permitted for the purpose of setting Asymmetric Spinnakers".
- 2.3. RRS 50.3 is amended to include the provision, "A Bowsprit may be used to secure the tack of a spinnaker".
- 2.4. RRS 52 is not applicable.
- 2.5. RRS 46 is amended to reflect that all crew are required to be members of an affiliated club and registered with Australian Sailing with their current SIN# recorded in the crew list of the Yachts entry.

## 3. DIVISIONS

- 3.1. The Race will comprise of one (1) division.

## 4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 4.1. Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board, located in the Focslie room at Southport Yacht Club Main Beach Clubhouse.

## 5. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0700 hours on the day of the Race, except that any change which affects the schedule of the Race will be posted before 1900 hours on the day before it will take effect.

## 6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located to the East of the Southport Yacht Club Main Beach Clubhouse.

## 7. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 7.1. Events of the Race will operate according to the following schedule. Australian Eastern Standard Time (Queensland) will be used for the timing of all signals and the Warning Signal shall be deemed as "Not Before".

DATE 2020	EVENT	TIME
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Entries Close	1700 hrs
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> March	List of Competitors with PHS Handicaps Published	1700 hrs
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Compulsory Skippers Briefing Main Beach	1900 hrs
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Warning Signal for the Julian Rocks Race – Not Before	0755 hrs
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Presentation of Prizes at Main Beach	1900 hrs

## 8. CLASS FLAGS

- 8.1. The Warning Signal for all yachts shall be International Code Flag 'T'.

## 9. RACING AREA

- 9.1. The Racing Area will be the region offshore between the Gold Coast Seaway and Julian Rocks located in the vicinity of Byron Bay. Allow at least one and a half hours to reach the starting line through the Gold Coast Seaway from Southport Yacht Club.
- 9.2. When entering or departing the Gold Coast Seaway, the Organising Authority strongly encourages all skippers to carefully observe the prevailing conditions and wave patterns. Skippers are strongly encouraged to have all crew on deck, all hatches securely closed and to consider the need for personal flotation devices whilst crossing the Seaway.

## 10. THE COURSE

- 10.1. The course will be a coastal passage race, as follows:
- 10.2. Start in the vicinity of the Gold Coast Seaway Sand Bypass Jetty, between the Starting Mark (Port) and the Race Committee Vessel (Starboard).
- 10.3. Proceed in a Southerly direction towards Byron Bay, leaving Cook Island to Starboard.
- 10.4. Round Julian Rocks (approximately 028°36.9'S 153°38.3'E) to Starboard
- 10.5. All Yachts must at all times NOT be within 200m of the Julian Rocks trigonometric station, situated on Julian Rocks.
- 10.6. Proceed in a Northerly direction towards the Gold Coast, leaving Cook Island to Port.
- 10.7. Finish by crossing the imaginary line formed by the transit of the lights on the Gold Coast Seaway Sand Bypass Jetty, crossing the finishing line in a northerly direction at a distance of not more than 800 Metres from the seaward end of the Sand Bypass Jetty.
- 10.8. The Course will be as shown in Illustration A, attached.

## 11. MARKS

- 11.1. The Starting Mark will be an Orange with black top and bottom inflatable cylinder, approximately 1.50 Metres high x 0.60 Metres diameter.
- 11.2. Julian Rocks (approximately 028°36.9'S 153°38.3'E) located in the vicinity of Byron Bay forms the turning point and shall be rounded to starboard. **All Yachts must at all times not be within 200m of the Julian Rocks trigonometric station, situated on Julian Rocks.**

## 12. THE START

- 12.1. The Race will be started according to RRS Rule 26.
- 12.2. The Starting Line shall be between a staff displaying an Orange flag or shape on the Race Committee Vessel at the Starboard end of the line, and the Starting Mark at the Port end, located approximately 1 nautical mile to the East of the seaward end of the Sand Bypass Jetty, at approx. 27°56.4'S, 153°27.0'E.
- 12.3. A yacht starting later than twenty (20) minutes after her Starting Signal will be scored Did Not Start without hearing.
- 12.4. **All Yachts shall report to the Race Committee vessel at the starting area** with all crew on deck, no later than **0745 hours** on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2020, each wearing their compliant safety harness and tether (compliant in accordance with AS Special Regulation 5.02 SAFETY HARNESS AND SAFETY LINES (Tethers)).
- 12.5. Upon visual inspection by the Race Officer, confirmation of Persons on Board (POB) will be hailed by the Race Officer to the Skipper of each Yacht confirming details.
- 12.6. Individual Recalls will be signalled according to RRS 29.1, except that in the event of an Individual Recall the Race Committee Vessel will attempt to contact the recalled yacht on VHF09 as soon as possible but no later than fifteen (15) minutes after the Starting Signal. This modifies RRS 29.1.
- 12.7. General Recalls will be signalled according to RRS 29.2

## 13. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

- 13.1. There is no provision for a change of course after the start.

## 14. SHORTENED COURSE

- 14.1. The Course will not be shortened by the Race Committee.



## **15. THE FINISH**

- 15.1. The Finishing Line shall be the imaginary line formed by the transit of the lights on the Sand Bypass Jetty, located to the South of the Gold Coast Seaway. Yachts shall cross the finishing line in a northerly direction at a distance of not more than 800 Metres from the seaward end of the Sand Bypass Jetty.
- 15.2. Yachts shall record their own finishing time and text Simon Turpin on 0400 558 917 within 20 minutes of their finishing time, providing **Yacht Name**, Finishing Time (**HRS:MIN:SEC**), **POB (#)**
- 15.3. **All Skippers shall complete and submit a Skippers Declaration Form** (attached to these Sailing Instructions as Appendix A) as soon as possible after finishing but no later than 1600 hours on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Skipper Declarations shall be submitted via mms text to Simon Turpin on 0400 558 917 or via email at sailing.ops@sycgc.com.au.

## **16. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 16.1. Between the hours of sunrise and sunset, the 720° penalty, Rule 44.2 of the ISAF RRS shall apply for infringement of the rules of Part 2 of the RRS.
- 16.2. Between the hours of sunset and sunrise, Rule 44.3a is amended so that a boat need not display a yellow flag, however a boat that takes a scoring penalty shall submit a declaration (attached to the Sailing Instructions) to the race committee as soon as practical but no later than 1600h on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2020.
- 16.3. Rule 44.3c is amended so that a boats scoring penalty for a breach of RRS Part 2, will be ten (10) minutes added to the corrected time of the boat after the application of the PHS TCF.
- 16.4. Yachts failing to comply with SI 12.4, SI 15.2, SI 15.3, SI 20 A2 (i), SI 20 A2 (ii), SI 20 A4 will have a 15 (Fifteen) minute scoring penalty added to their actual finish time for each infringement without hearing.

## **17. TIME LIMIT**

- 17.1. The time limit for the race will be thirty (30) hours from the time of the starting signal. Yachts which have not finished by this time will be scored DNF without hearing.

## **18. PROTESTS AND REDRESS**

- 18.1. Protests shall be submitted on the Protest Form, available from the SYC Sailing Office at the Hollywell Sailing Squadron or Reception Desk at Main Beach and delivered there ASAP, but no later than 1600 hours on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2020.
- 18.2. Protest Notices will be posted within two hours (120) minutes of the Protest Time Limit to inform competitors when and where there is a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing or named as witnesses.
- 18.3. Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt and as soon as possible.
- 18.4. Yachts, which divert from their optimum course for the purposes of search and/or rescue, or alternatively when carrying out their obligations under ISAF RRS 1.1, are strongly advised to keep a detailed log of their movements and are invited to make an application to the Race Committee for redress. The granting of and the extent and method of calculating redress shall be at the absolute discretion of the Race Committee, except that the outcome of a successful application for redress shall not result in the abandonment of the race. This amends ISAF RRS 64.2.

## **19. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

- 19.1. The Radio Instructions, form part of the Sailing Instructions and are a mandatory requirement for all yachts. The deliberate transmission of untrue position reports by a yacht will incur penalties to be applied at the discretion of the race committee or protest committee including disqualification of the yacht.

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## 20. RADIO INSTRUCTIONS:

### A.1 RADIO RELAY STATIONS

There are two Radio Relay Stations (RRS) for the Race: Marine Rescue Point Danger, located at Captain Cook Lighthouse, Boundary Road, Coolangatta. Phone (07) 5536 9333. Fax (07) 5536 3825. The call sign for the RS will be "V.M.R. 460 POINT DANGER" and Marine Rescue Cape Byron, Cape Byron Lighthouse Precinct. Phone 02 6680 8417. Vessels shall call on 27MHz Channel 88 or VHF16. Once contact is made then the Radio Operator will direct the Skipper to a working channel.

The Race Control Centre of Southport Yacht Club **may** maintain a listening watch on, **VHF73 and VHF16** for the duration of the Race. The call sign will be "SYC RACE CONTROL". Alternative phone contacts are 0400 558 917 (Simon Turpin – Sailing Operations Manager), 0424 101 732 (Mark Dingley – Race Officer) and (07) 5591 3500 (SYC Main Beach).

### A.2 DEPARTURE LOG-ON AND ARRIVAL LOG-OFF

(i) All yachts shall log-on with Volunteer Marine Rescue Seaway Tower (Call sign "V.M.R. 414 SEAWAY TOWER", Channel 27.91MHz or VHF73) prior to departing, stating the Vessel name and Registration Number, number of persons on board, and the estimated time of returning.

(ii) All yachts shall log-off upon entering the Gold Coast Seaway after finishing or retiring from the race.

**NB: Seaway Tower is closed between and including the hours of 2205pm and 0515am.** Please refer your communications to "VMR 400 Southport" on Ch 73 during these hours. They will in turn notify Seaway Tower.

### A.3 COMPLIANCE WITH RADIO SCHEDULES

All yachts shall observe mandatory Radio Position Reporting Schedules (RPRS).

Failure of a yacht to report for two (2) consecutive RPRS will automatically initiate Search and Rescue (SAR) actions. In the event that an unnecessary SAR is launched, any associated costs may be incurred by the yacht owner or their representative.

Yachts which retire from the race shall inform the RS and 'SYC RACE CONTROL' as soon as possible and are to maintain observance of the Radio Position Reporting Schedule until they enter the Gold Coast Seaway and log-off with Volunteer Marine Rescue Seaway Tower (Call sign "V.M.R. 414 SEAWAY TOWER", Channel 27.91MHz or VHF73).

### A.4 RADIO POSITION REPORTING SCHEDULES

Yachts will call the following when they are:

Marine Rescue Point Danger - abeam Marine Rescue Point Danger

Marine Rescue Cape Byron - at Julian Rocks

Marine Rescue Point Danger - abeam Marine Rescue Point Danger on the return trip

Yachts shall report, stating the following information:

Vessel **Name** and **Registration** Number

Current **position** as Latitude/Longitude

General **direction** of travel (i.e.: heading South or heading North)

Estimated Time of Finishing (**ETF**)

Any relevant information regarding the yacht, crew or severe weather.

The RRS will repeat the name, reported position, direction of travel and ETF of the yacht for confirmation.

The RRS will call yachts which have failed to report and may ask for sightings of any unreported yachts.

The RRS may, at their discretion, direct yachts to use other frequencies or to relay information if difficulties in communication are experienced.

### A.5 RADIO RESTRICTIONS

No restrictions are placed on the receiving of weather information broadcast by Government or commercial stations. This amends RRS 41.

### A.6 SEVERE WEATHER FORECASTS

Requests for, the passing of, and receipt of information regarding severe weather warnings shall not be regarded as an infringement of the Radio Restrictions.

## **21. SCORING**

- 21.1. The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A. will apply.
- 21.2. Results will be decided by application of the Performance Handicap System (PHS) Time Correction Factor (TCF), expressed as three (3) decimal places and applied as a multiplier to elapsed times. The PHS TCF will be allocated by the Race Committee or its nominee, will be performance based and will not be subject to protest, redress or dispute.

## **22. PRIZES**

- 22.1. The Line Honours prize will be awarded to the first boat to finish.
- 22.2. Prizes will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> on corrected time.
- 22.3. Navigators Prize - To be eligible for the Navigators Prize, a vessel's Skipper shall **SMS TEXT** to Simon Turpin **0400 558 917** of their Estimated Time of Finishing immediately upon rounding Julian Rocks. This prize will be awarded to the yacht which has the closest actual finishing time to their estimated time of finishing.
- 22.4. Other Prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 22.5. Announcement of overall results and presentation of prizes will take place at approximately 1900 hours on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at the Southport Yacht Club Main Beach Clubhouse.
- 22.6. The overall first place winner on corrected time will be presented with the Southport Yacht Club Julian Rocks Perpetual Trophy at the Annual Presentation Night, held at the Southport Yacht Club Main Beach Clubhouse.

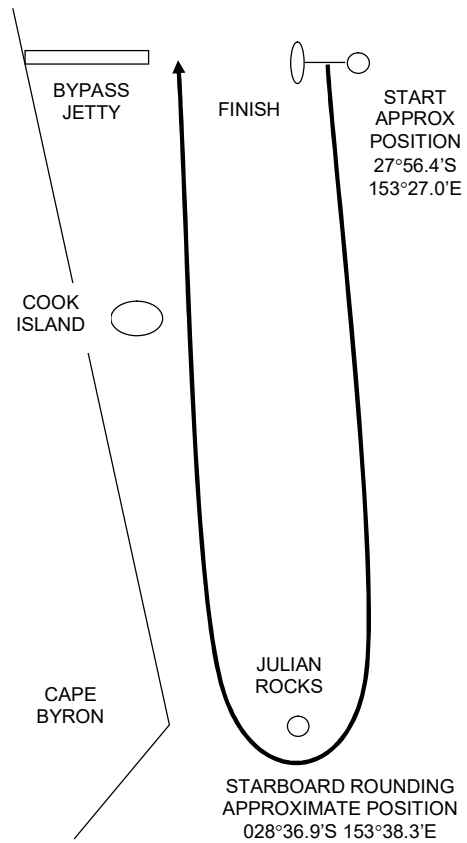
## **23. INDEMNITY**

- 23.1. Any entrant found to be deliberately invalidating certificates, falsifying documentation or otherwise misleading the Race Committee may be subject to action under ISAF RRS 69.1. If the Protest is upheld the yacht may be subject to disqualification from any future SYC event and the incident will be reported to the Australian Sailing.
- 23.2. Participants attention is drawn to:  
RRS Fundamental Rule 4, which states, "The responsibility for a boats decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."  
AS Special Regulation 1.02.1 which states, "The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner, or the owner's representative who must do their best to ensure that the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew who are physically fit to face bad weather. He must be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. He must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that the crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used."
- 23.3. All those taking part in Southport Yacht Club (SYC) events do so at their own risk and responsibility. The SYC is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.

## **24. FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 24.1. Contact Simon Turpin, SYC Sailing Operations Manager on Phone (07) 5537 7030, Fax (07) 5537 7131, Mobile 0400 55 8917, E-mail [sailing.ops@sycgc.com.au](mailto:sailing.ops@sycgc.com.au)

## ILLUSTRATION A – THE COURSE





## APPENDIX A – SKIPPER'S DECLARATION

To the Sailing Operations Manager, 2020 Julian Rocks Passage Race.  
SYC Hollywell Sailing Squadron, 1 Marina Crescent Hollywell Qld 4216.  
Phone (07) 5537 7030, Fax (07) 5537 7131, **Mobile 0400 558 917**, sailing.ops@sycgc.com.au

I hereby declare that I am a Member of \_\_\_\_\_ Yacht Club. During the 2020 Julian Rocks Passage Race, organised by Southport Yacht Club and starting on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2020 I was on board and in charge of the yacht:

BOAT NAME		SAIL NUMBER	
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I declare that during the race the following Rules were NOT observed and / or Infringements occurred, with an explanation given as follows:


The finishing time of my yacht was recorded as: \_\_:\_\_:\_\_ On Date: \_\_/\_\_/2020

Name of Person-In-Charge: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_/\_\_/2020

Signature of Person-In-Charge: \_\_\_\_\_

Witnessed by: (Crew Member) \_\_\_\_\_ Member of: \_\_\_\_\_