

COOK ISLAND YACHT RACE



SUNDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2020

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organising Authority

Southport Yacht Club Inc.

Hollywell Sailing Squadron
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Southport Yacht Club (OA)

Race Committee

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1. RULES

- 1.1. The 2020 Cook Island 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 4 will apply.
- 1.3. 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 override all other rules. This is a condition imposed by Gold Coast Waterways Authority within our Aquatic Event Authority.
- 1.4. Current Covid-19 Safe Plan is in place. We are compliant in accordance with the 'Aquatic Sport Sector Industry COVID Safe Plan', for Yachting QLD (Sailing). At all times, the Plan is subject to all regulations, guidelines, and directions of Government and Public Health Authorities. Protocols as set out by the Organising Authority, including online pre-registration for the event. Skipper and Crew details will be required to complete the entry. **No late entries will be accepted.** Cross referencing of all registered Persons on Board (POBs) will be completed between Administration and Race Control with penalties being contained within these Instructions for non-compliance in affect.
- 1.5. RRS - Rule 63.7 applies only if the conflict is between rules in the notice of race, the sailing instructions, or any of the other documents that govern the event under item (g) of the definition 'Rules'.
- 1.6. All competitors are reminded of RRS 1.1 Helping Those in Danger: "A boat, competitor or support person shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger".
- 1.7. Australian Maritime Chart AUS814 (Point Danger to Cape Moreton) shall be carried on board.

2. ALTERATIONS OF RACING RULES

- 2.1. RRS 50.2 is amended to include the provision, "Fixed and Retractable Spinnaker Poles will be permitted for the purpose of setting Asymmetric Spinnakers".
- 2.2. RRS 50.3 is amended to include the provision, "A Bowsprit may be used to secure the tack of a spinnaker".
- 2.3. The International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea (COLREGS) will replace Part 2 of the RRS between the hours of sunset and sunrise.
- 2.4. RRS 52 is not applicable

3. DIVISIONS

The Race will comprise of one (1) Division. Other sub-Divisions may be made at the discretion of the Race Committee.

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board, located near reception at Southport Yacht Club Main Beach Clubhouse. Notices will also be published online at <https://www.southportyachtclub.com.au/sailing-office-notice-board/>

5. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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 at Quarterdeck, Southport Yacht Club Main Beach.
- 6.2. When Answering Pennant (AP) flag is displayed ashore, 'one minute' is replaced with 'not less than ninety minutes'.

7. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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 made no sooner than the time stated.

DATE	SCHEDULE	TIME
SUNDAY 13th December 2020	Breakfast Available from 7:30am-10:00am @ SYC Main Beach	From 0730 hrs
	Compulsory Skippers Briefing @ SYC Main Beach	0800hrs
	Warning Signal – Not Before	0955hrs
	Presentation of Prizes @ SYC Main Beach	90 minutes after the last boat finishes or 1700hrs

8. CLASS FLAGS

The Warning Signal for all yachts shall be Code Flag ‘T’.

9. RACING AREA

- 9.1. The Racing Area will be the region offshore between the Gold Coast Seaway and Cook Island.
- 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.

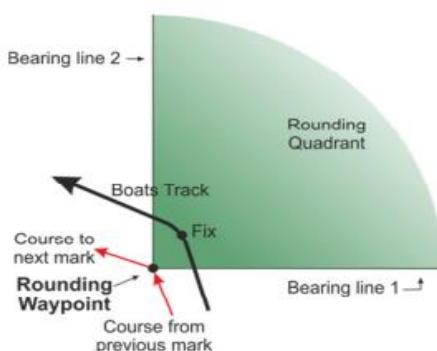
10. THE COURSE

- 10.1. The course will be a coastal passage race.
- 10.2. The Start line will be south of the Gold Coast Seaway Sand Bypass Jetty.
- 10.3. Yachts will proceed in a Southerly direction to a PORT (P) rounding of a Rounding Waypoint Mark, then proceed to the Finish Line.
- 10.4. GPS Datum. All GPS positions specified shall use WGS84 Datum.

11. MARKS

- 11.1. The Starting Mark will be orange cylindrical buoy.
- 11.2. The Rounding Waypoint Mark is located at:
Latitude 153:35.209 E
Longitude 28:11.429 S
Round to Port Rounding, Quadrant between bearing lines 180 degrees and 270 degrees TRUE/MAGNETIC to the waypoint.
- 11.3. The Rounding Waypoint Mark has an associated rounding quadrant defined as the area enclosed between the two bearing lines (with 90 degrees between them) extending from the waypoint. A boat is required to provide evidence of a GPS fix within this quadrant, is then deemed to have rounded the Rounding Waypoint Mark on the correct side.

Rounding Waypoint



12. THE START

- 12.1. The Race will be started using Rule 26, with the Warning Signal given Five Minutes before the Starting Signal.
- 12.2. The starting line will be approximately 1 Nautical Mile to the South East of the Sand Bypass Jetty, at approximately 27°56.4'S, 153°27.0'E. The Starting Line will be between the staff displaying an Orange flag or shape on the Race Control Vessel to Starboard, and the Starting Mark to Port.
- 12.3. Any Yacht which starts later than Ten (10) minutes after their Starting Signal will be scored as Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing.
- 12.4. Boats intending on starting shall report to the Race Officials on the Race Committee Vessel on VHF 09 prior to the Warning signal with their intention to start the Cook Island Race, Persons on Board (POB) and Sail Number
- 12.5. 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 five (5) minutes after the Starting Signal. This modifies RRS 29.1.
- 12.6. General Recalls will be signalled according to RRS 29.2

13. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

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

14. SHORTENED COURSE

There is no provision for the Race Committee to shorten the course.

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.
- 15.3. All skippers shall complete and submit a Skippers Declaration Form (attached to the Sailing Instructions as Attachment B) detailing the finishing time of the yacht and any infringements of the RRS.
- 15.4. Declarations shall be submitted to the Main Beach Reception Desk, or sent by email to the Hollywell Sailing Squadron Sailing Office on Sailing.Reception@sycgc.com.au or via photograph text to Mark Dingley on 0424 101 732. Declarations must be submitted as soon as possible after finishing but no later than 1700 hours on Sunday 13th December 2020.

16. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 16.1. Between the hours of sunrise and sunset, the 720° penalty, Rule 44.2 of the World Sailing RRS shall apply for infringement of the rules of Part 2 of the RRS.
- 16.2. Between the hours of sunset and sunrise, the rules of Part 2 are replaced by COLREGS. The scoring penalty, Rule 44.3 of the World Sailing RRS shall apply for infringement of the COLREGS.
- 16.3. 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 1700hrs on Sunday 13th December 2020.
- 16.4. Failure to comply with SI(s) 1.4, 11.3, 12.4, 15.3, 15.4, 19.1, 19.3 shall be scored an Event Nominated Penalty (ENP) without a hearing. This changes rule 63.1.

17. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for the race will be seven (7) hours from the time of the starting signal. Yachts which have not finished by this time will be scored DNF.

18. PROTESTS AND REDRESS

- 18.1. Protests shall be submitted on the Protest Form, available from the SYC Sailing Office at the Reception Desk at Main Beach and delivered there ASAP, but no later than ninety (90) minutes after the last boat has finished.
- 18.2. Protest Notices will be posted within 48 hours 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 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 RRS 64.2.

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1. All yachts shall Log-On with Gold Coast Seaway Tower prior to departing the Gold Coast Seaway and Log-Off upon entering the Gold Coast Seaway after finishing or retiring from the race. Boats returning through the Gold Coast Seaway outside the operating hours of Seaway Tower shall log off with Volunteer Marine Rescue Southport or Coast Guard Southport.
- 19.2. A boat that retires from the race shall notify Mark Dingley via text to 0424 101 732 as soon as possible.
- 19.3. Within 15 minutes of rounding the Rounding Waypoint Mark, all competing yachts shall notify Mark Dingley via text to 0424 101 732 providing:
 - a. The Yacht's Name with an estimated Finish Time AND
 - b. Photograph of an instrument displaying the fix and time of the Rounding Waypoint Mark within the Rounding Quadrant
- 19.4. All competing yachts are encouraged to login to RaceQs and start "Live Tracking" from 0945hrs on 13th December 2020 and will allow the live tracking for the duration of the race.

20. SCORING

- 20.1. The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A.2 will apply.
- 20.2. 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. This modifies RRS 62.1(a).
- 20.3. A Navigators Prize will be calculated for the yacht which has the closest actual finishing time to their estimated time of finishing, when stated via text to Race Control on 0424 101 732 immediately after rounding the turning mark (Cook Island, virtual mark).

21. PRIZES

- 21.1. Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, & 3rd on corrected time
- 21.2. A prize will be awarded to the boat with the fastest elapsed time - Line Honours
- 21.3. A Navigators Prize will be awarded in accordance with SI 20.3.
- 21.4. Other Prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 21.5. Announcement of overall results and presentation of prizes will take place either 90 minutes after the last boat has finished (provided that all Declarations have been submitted) or at 1700hrs on Sunday 13th December 2020 at Southport Yacht Club Main Beach Clubhouse.
- 21.6. The Overall First Place Winners will be presented with the Southport Yacht Club Cook Island Passage Race Perpetual Trophy at the Presentation.
- 21.7. The Line Honours Winner will be presented with the Southport Yacht Club Cook Island Coastal Passage Race Perpetual Trophy at the Presentation.

22. INDEMNITY

- 22.1. Any entrant found to be deliberately invalidating certificates, falsifying documentation or otherwise misleading the Race Committee may be subject to action under 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 Australian Sailing.
- 22.2. Participant's attention is drawn to:
- 22.2.1. RRS Fundamental Rule 4, which states, "The responsibility for a boats decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."
- 22.2.2. 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."
- 22.3. All those taking part in Southport Yacht Club 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.

23. INSURANCE

All Competitors must comply with the requirements of Yachting Australia Special Regulations Category Four (4), hold current third party and public liability insurance (minimum) AUD\$10Million, comply with the requirements of registration according to the State, Territory or Country from which it hails, be listed on the register of a Yacht Club affiliated with their National Authority, be sailed by a minimum of three (3) crew who have attained 18 years of age on or before Friday 11th December 2020, and be entered by a Person-In-Charge who is a member of a Yacht Club affiliated with their State or National Authority, in accordance with Yachting Australia prescription to Rule 4.

24. FURTHER INFORMATION

Please do not hesitate to contact the Sailing Office:
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OD – Offshore Division Sailing Committee Representative

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ATTACHMENT A – SKIPPER’S DECLARATION

To the Regatta Administrator, 2020 Cook Island Yacht Race.
Hollywell Sailing Squadron, 1 Marina Crescent Hollywell Qld 4216.
Phone (07) 5537 7030, Fax (07) 5537 7131, Mobile **0424 101 732**

I hereby declare that I am a Member of _____ Yacht Club.
During the 2020 Cook Island Race, organised by Southport Yacht Club and starting on
Sunday 13th December 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: _____

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At Date: __/__/2020 Time: __:__:__ Location: _____

Watch Correction: (Delete) ADD / SUBTRACT _____ Seconds to finishing time



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