



# 2020/21 Sailing Season

## OFFSHORE DIVISION SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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<b>OD - OFFSHORE DIVISION SERIES SCHEDULE</b>	
OD Winter 1	Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> July
OD Winter 2	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August
OD Winter 3	Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> August
OD Summer Passage 1	Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> September
<b>SAIL PAST / BREAKING THE FLAG</b>	Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> and Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> September
OD Summer RTC 1	Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> September
<b>FLAT ROCK</b>	Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> September
<b>BURLEIGH BASH</b>	Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> October
OD Summer Passage 2	Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> November
<b>TED ELKES REGATTA</b>	Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> and Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> November
OD Summer RTC 2	Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>COOK ISLAND</b>	Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>SAIL PARADISE</b>	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> to Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>SURF TO CITY</b>	Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> January
OD Summer RTC 3	Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> January
OD Summer RTC 4	Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> February
OD Summer Passage 3	Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> February
OD Summer Passage 4	Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>JULIAN ROCKS</b>	Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> March
OD Summer RTC 5	Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> March
OD Summer Passage 5	Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> April

<b>OFFSHORE DIVISION SERIES SCHEDULE</b>	
<b>WHOLE SEASON DISCOUNT</b>	<b>\$ 295.00</b>
<b>SUMMER SERIES</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>
<b>RTC SERIES</b>	<b>\$ 150.00</b>
<b>WINTER SERIES</b>	<b>\$75.00</b>
<b>BLOCK DISCOUNT FOR SYC SPECIAL EVENTS</b> (Includes Flat Rock, Cook Island, Ted Elkes Memorial Regatta, Burleigh Bash and Julian Rocks Yacht Race)	<b>\$ 235.00</b>
<b>Casual Race Entry (per race day)</b>	<b>\$ 40.00</b>

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## 2020/2021 SAILING SEASON - POLICY

### CLUB PARTICIPATION RULES

1. Southport Yacht Club (SYC) is a member of Australian Sailing and races are governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of the International Sailing Federation and the Prescriptions and Special Regulations (SR) of Australian Sailing (AS). These may be found at: [www.sailing.org/documents/racingrules/index](http://www.sailing.org/documents/racingrules/index)
2. All participating Boats and Operators must comply with The *Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994* and its subordinate legislation, the *Marine Safety (Domestic Commercial Vessel) National Law Act 2012* (Cwlth) and its subordinate legislation AND The *International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea 1972* (COLREGS). The *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) only applies between participating SYC Competitors 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.
3. Following participation in any three (3) SYC club series races, any owner, skipper or crew of a participating Boat is required to become a member, in the appropriate category, of SYC.
4. It is the responsibility of the person in charge of the Boat to ensure that all crew competing on the boat holds a current membership of AS or equivalent membership of a yachting authority recognised by ISAF. Please visit the Australian Sailing website at <https://www.sailing.org.au/finder/> .
5. The Top Yacht program is used by SYC for its race management software.
6. All members intending to race shall pre-pay and register with a Season Entry or Casual Entry prior to racing. Failure to pay the outlined fee and/or register will result in positions not being shown in results. Any member/s who continually race without paying or registering will be referred to The Club Manager for disciplinary action.
7. Only current financial members of the Southport Yacht Club Inc. are eligible for a Season Entry.
8. There is no provision for Average Points for competing at Away Regattas.
9. Current Covid-19 Safe Plan in Place. We are compliant in accordance with the 'Aquatic Sport Sector Industry COVID Safe plan', for Yachting QLD (Sailing) – small off the beach craft & yachts. 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, include 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 (POB's) will be completed between Administration and Race Control with penalties being contained within the Sailing Instructions for non-compliance in affect. All competitors are reminded of RRS 1.1 Helping Those in Danger; A boat or competitor shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger.

### RACE ABANDONMENT

1. Any decision to race, postpone or abandon racing in either light weather or inclement weather, will be made by the Sailing Office in consultation with the Vice Commodore of Sail and the relevant Sailing Committee Divisional Representative.
2. For regular club racing the decision to race, postpone or abandon will not be made earlier than 60 minutes of the first starting signal on the day of the race unless circumstances dictate that an earlier decision would be appropriate noting:
  - 2.1 Racing will not be started if there is a current Gale (or higher), Tsunami or other severe weather warning that will impact the race area(s).
  - 2.2 Racing may not be started if there is a current Severe Thunderstorm Warning that will impact the race area(s)
  - 2.3 Racing may not be started if there is a Strong Wind Warning in the race area(s).

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- 2.4 Races will only be abandoned/postponed after careful consideration of all-weather conditions and their likely impact on the race area(s).
3. A decision to race on any given day does not relieve any competitor of his/her obligation under RRS Fundamental Rule 4.

## **SAILING COMMITTEE, RACE COMMITTEE & PROTEST COMMITTEE**

1. The Vice Commodore of Sail shall recommend the appointment prior to the start of each season, a Sailing Committee which shall include at least one member nominated by each of the divisions sailing in the Club and the Sailing Operations Manager.
2. The Vice Commodore of Sail shall be Chairperson of the Sailing Committee and shall record such decisions and recommendations as passed by a simple majority present at Sailing Committee meetings. Sailing Committee decisions shall be reported to the Board.
3. Quorum for the Sailing Committee shall consist of four members.
4. Quorum for Race & Protest Committee's shall consist of three members.
5. The Sailing Committee shall: determine the sailing programme for the forthcoming season; determine such sailing rules and instructions as are necessary for the conduct of races within the Club; be responsible for conducting point score, championship and special events within the Club and any other sailing event that the Board decides upon from time to time to conduct; and meet at least once a month.
6. Between meetings of the Sailing Committee, the Sailing Officers shall have power to deal with any emergency. Any action taken under this provision shall be reported to the next meeting of the Sailing Committee.
7. **The Race Committee** shall include the Divisional Representative, the Vice Commodore of Sail, a Sailing Officer from the Sailing Office and the RO; or their nominated deputy.
8. **All decisions relating to sailing events shall be deliberated on by the Race Committee.**
9. Protest Committee shall be appointed by the Sailing Office for each hearing session as required.
10. Protest Hearings & Requests for Redress for all club racing (excluding SYC Special Events) will be held on the first Monday of each month at SYC Hollywell from 6pm. Protests will be heard in order of receipt and Parties will be notified of the schedule by email no later than the Friday prior to the Hearing.

## **DUE PROCESS and HANDICAPS**

SYC utilises a democratic *due process* in relation to pertinent Sailing matters that effect our Sailing Community. This *due process* incorporates the Divisional Representatives of The Sailing Committee, the Vice Commodore of Sail and the Sailing Office.

The Top Yacht program is used by SYC for its race management software. The following handicap systems are used for the Offshore Division:

- Offshore Racing Congress Club (ORC Club)
- International Rating Certificate (IRC)
- Performance Handicap System (PHS)

Please contact the Sailing Office or your Sailing Committee Divisional Representative for further detailed information in relation to handicaps.

Prior to the commencement of all races, Competitor handicaps will be advertised on the SYC website.

### ***Existing Boats***

At the start of a new season, all PHS handicaps will be set based on each yacht's final CHC in the last race, of the last comparable series, each yacht has sailed. In the absence of a relevant CHC, the Handicap Committee will review and set the initial AHC for each yacht prior to the start of the season. If the fleet is altered with additional or loss of a significant amount of vessel/s then a new baseline may need to be set. This review will occur prior to the start of the new series and

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the new PHS and reasons for the amendment will be available at the SYC Sailing Office on request.

## ***Conditions for all Boats***

PHS may be amended if the boat is modified. In accordance with Sailing Instructions, any modifications need to be provided in writing to the SYC Sailing Office 48 hours prior to racing. If such modifications are deemed to be significant, the boat will be assessed and entered as a new boat. Previous results will not be combined in the Series results.

Notification of change of Helmsperson from that on the nomination form for a Series/Regatta must be made in writing to the SYC Sailing Office. Failure to comply with the above conditions will result in a PHS adjustment. The SYC Divisional Race Committee will review all results during the following week and provide their recommendations to the Sailing Committee. If on review the Sailing Committee finds that the PHS falls outside the mathematical constraints of the Top Yacht Program, then the Sailing Committee may make a manual adjustment. If such an adjustment occurs, the value and the reasons will be available at the SYC Sailing Office on request. The Vice Commodore of Sail, Divisional Sailing Committee Representative and Sailing Office shall confirm all manual adjustments and the Sailing Office will issue a brief reason for the adjustment containing the series and the date of the change.

## ***New Vessels***

A starting PHS and division allocation will be made on submission of a new vessel's details, as per Vessel Registration form. This starting PHS will be reviewed to confirm that the first PHS is appropriate to allow the TopYacht Program to make the automatic adjustment within its mathematical constraints. If for some reason the PHS fails to be adjusted appropriately, then a manual adjustment may be made.

## ***Handicap Review***

Any Competitor may make an application in writing to the Sailing Office to have their Handicap reviewed without prejudice. In their submission, the Competitor must provide detailed reasons and appropriate calculations to validate their request. The Sailing Office will forward their request to the relevant Sailing Committee Divisional Representative and the Divisional Race Committee for their recommendations. Upon receipt of these recommendations, the Vice Commodore of Sail, Sailing Committee Divisional Representative and Sailing Office may then approve or decline the adjustment and the Sailing Office will issue a brief reason by email containing the series and the date of the amendment or declination

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## SAILING COMMITTEE DIVISIONAL REPRESENTATIVES:

### OD - Offshore Division:

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## HANDICAP COMMITTEE:

Lee Randall and Russell Birse

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## CODE OF CONDUCT SOUTHPORT YACHT CLUB

A person accepts responsibility by becoming a member of Southport Yacht Club and agrees to the consequences of any breach of the code of conduct. These may include: -

- Suspension or termination from the club.
- And/or legal proceedings – civil or criminal for conduct unlawful under State or Federal Law.

### KEY PRINCIPLES

Membership of Southport Yacht Club is a privilege that must be safeguarded by the following principles:

Southport Yacht Club seeks to operate in an environment where people show respect for others and their property. Respect is defined as consideration for the well-being of another's body, emotions and possessions, to ensure no damage or deprivation is caused to any of them.

Southport Yacht Club seeks to operate in an environment, which is free from harassment. Harassment is defined as any action directed at an individual or group, which creates a hostile, intimidating or offensive environment.

Southport Yacht Club seeks to operate in a non-discriminatory environment. By this it is meant that where everyone has an equal opportunity and receives a fair go in accordance with the law as well as the Club Rules, By-Laws, procedures, and guidelines.

### UNSUITABLE BEHAVIOUR

- Not knowingly discriminate against, abuse, harass, ridicule, or embarrass anyone covered by this Code of Conduct.
- Be fair, considerate, and honest in all dealings with others.
- Treat all persons with respect, dignity and properly regard their rights and obligations.
- Respect the privacy of other persons.
- Refrain from any form of victimisation towards others.
- Must not use offensive language to any member, visitor attending Southport Yacht Club or any of their events. Must not 'sledge' (as in denigrate and/or intimidate) other persons.
- Excessive use of alcohol, acting in a way that becomes a public nuisance or creates a public disturbance is prohibited.
- Liquor Licensing Laws will be followed at all times.
- Persons under the age of eighteen shall not be permitted to purchase or be supplied tobacco from the cigarette vending machine and shall not be permitted to be served or receive alcohol.
- A member will obey lawful directions from a club employee.
- A member will always take responsibility for their guests, at all times.
- A member will abide by the dress code of the club.
- A member shall not represent the club in any dealings, unless authorised by the club.
- A member shall not tarnish the reputation of the club, officers, Directors, committees, employees, management or bring it into disrepute.
- The use or encouragement of illegal drugs within the premises of Southport Yacht Club is prohibited.
- Assault, or acting with aggression toward any other person is prohibited.

The Club intends to set the highest standards of excellence by displaying values of:

- Equality – demonstrate awareness of individual rights, opinions, and beliefs.
- Demonstrate reliability and be a dependable Club member in all aspects of the club's environment.

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- Respect and courtesy must be shown at all times to all Club officials, members and patrons.
- No prejudicial behaviour is to occur.
- Display maturity and demonstrate acceptable social behaviour while at the club or attending any of the club's events.
- Abide by the rules of the Constitution and the By-Laws.
- Be mindful of your actions in relation to individual safety and safety of all others involved in the club.
- Conduct themselves in a proper manner to the complete satisfaction of Southport Yacht Club and its members, so as not to bring themselves into public disrepute or censure.
- Not disclose to any unauthorised person or organisation information that is of a confidential or privileged nature concerning Southport Yacht Club. Not promote, or pass on, exchange or publish information whereby that information may be of a confidential, offensive, scandalous, unsubstantiated or derisive type;
- Understand the possible consequences of breaching Southport Yacht Club's rules and regulations.

### CHILDREN

Parent and guardians at all times shall be responsible for the behaviour of their children on club premises, including the beach, marina and carparks. Parents and guardians of children whose behaviour is socially unacceptable shall be requested to remove them from club's premises.

### COMPLIANCE

Any alleged breach of the above principles is to be reported to the General Manager for action. The General Manager will determine if there has been a breach and may warn or initiate disciplinary action against the relevant member. Any disciplinary action under the Charter will be in accordance with the Constitution and laws applying to the club.

This code is to be read in conjunction with the Articles, Rules, Constitution and By-laws of the club.

**YOU ARE REMINDED THAT THE PURPOSE OF THIS CODE IS TO PROVIDE YOU WITH A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE ENVIRONMENT**





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## DIVISIONS

There will be two Divisions for the Summer & Winter Series. Entrants will be allocated to their Division by the Race Committee, **prior to commencement of the series** and is not subject to change.

## RACING

A minimum of five (5) boats in total (from either Division) are required to constitute a race. If there are less than (5) boats, the race will be abandoned.

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The Races will be governed by the current rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. The Prescriptions and Special Regulations (SR) of Australian Sailing (AS)
- 1.3. The IRC Rule 2018 A, B & C shall apply.
- 1.4. Ocean Racing Congress Club (ORC Club) Rules and Regulations
- 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. This is a condition imposed by Gold Coast Waterways Authority within our Aquatic Event Authority.
- 1.6. All skippers shall comply with the Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994 and Regulation. In the event of a reportable Marine Incident the SYC Sailing Officer is to be notified as soon as practical; but no later than 1 hour after the last boat has finished, a copy of the MSQ Marine Incident Report is required to be lodged with the SYC Sailing Office at the same time it is lodged with Maritime Safety Queensland.
- 1.7. **All competitors must comply with current COVID safety requirements, including prior registration for contact tracing, as directed by the Sailing Office.**
- 1.8. RRS Appendix T – Arbitration applies
- 1.9. All competitors are reminded of RRS 1.1 “Helping those in danger” – a boat or competitor shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger.
- 1.10. Attention is drawn to RRS 4 which states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone”.

### 2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1. Offshore races are open to all Monohull and Multihull Yachts (both trailable and fixed keel) on the register of a yacht or sailing club, affiliated with Australian Sailing.
- 2.2. All yachts must comply with the AS Special Regulations Part 1 for Category 4 events. Spot check audits will be conducted at random, throughout the season.
- 2.3. All skipper’s must supply at time of entry, a completed and certified copy of a National Equipment Auditor, as AS Special Regulations Equipment Audit Category 4 or higher. These forms are available to download from the Southport yacht Club website or Australian sailing website. All Special Regulations Equipment Audit forms that are current up to the 30 June 2020, have been extended until the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020.
- 2.4. Off the Beach classes are not permitted to sail in Offshore Division Races.

### 3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Noticeboard, located at the Southport Yacht Club Inc. Main Beach Clubhouse.

### 4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1. Changes to Sailing instructions will be posted on the official Noticeboard not less than ninety (90) minutes before the schedule start time of the first race of the day, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 hours on the day before it will take effect.
- 4.2. Changes may also be made to the Sailing Instructions prior to the first warning signal by displaying Code Flag L on the Race Committee vessel and advising of the change by radio on VHF 09.

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## 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the official **flagpole** located adjacent to the SYC Main Beach Club house on the Quarter Deck.
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 60 minutes” in the face signal AP.
- 5.3. When a visual signal is displayed over a Divisional flag, it applies to that Division only.

## 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1. The schedule of races is as per the timetable at the beginning of these Sailing Instructions. A maximum of four (4) races may be sailed on any one day.
- 6.2. A Compulsory Skipper’s briefing will be held for all Saturday Round the Cans (RTC), Summer and Winter Series on the day of racing at 0900hrs at SYC Main Beach Clubhouse. Skippers may also attend the briefing by phone or have the briefing information relayed to them by phone by the Offshore Divisional Rep after the conclusion of the briefing and no later than sixty (60) minutes prior to the first warning signal.
- 6.3. To alert boats that a race or a sequence of races will begin soon, the orange **On Station flag** will be displayed ~~with one sound~~ at least five (5) minutes before the warning signal is made.
- 6.4. Whenever possible, there will be a presentation of results as soon as practical after each day racing in the SYC Main Beach Clubhouse with the target time being approximately ninety (90) minutes after the last yacht crosses the finish line in the final race of the day.

EVENT	COMPULSORY SKIPPERS BRIEFING	WARNING SIGNAL
Summer Series	0900 hrs	Not Before 1055 hrs
Winter Series	0900 hrs	Not Before 1055 hrs

## 7. FLEET FLAGS

FLEET	SCORING	FLAG
Division 1	PHS, IRC, ORC Club	Numeral Pennant 1
Division 2	PHS, IRC, ORC Club	Numeral Pennant 2
All Divisions	PHS, IRC, ORC Club	Code Flag T

## 8. RACING AREA

Attachment C shows the approximate location of the racing area.

## 9. THE COURSES

- 9.1. Attachment’s A & B show the Course Diagram and approximate location of the SYC Offshore Division Racing Area.
- 9.2. The Race Committee Start Boat will display the course for each Division no later than the warning signal for that Division.

## 10. MARKS

- 10.1. All vessels competing are to maintain a minimum distance of **three** (3) metres from any navigation marker. Any vessel involved in a marine incident, which includes a collision with an aid to navigation must report the incident in the official formal.
- 10.2. Marks and Buoys are described in the following Attachment A.
- 10.3. All Marks and Buoys are to be rounded to Port (**P**) unless otherwise stated by indication of (**S**) – Starboard.
- 10.4. If a designated Mark is missing or has shifted more than 100 Metres from its GPS position, then boats shall round the position using the GPS Coordinates.

## 11. THE START

- 11.1. The Starting Line will be between staff displaying an orange flag on the start vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 11.2. The Start/Finish line will be described at the **Compulsory** Skipper’s Briefing and not necessarily as per Attachment B.

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- 11.3. There shall be one start line for Division 1 & 2 for Summer and Winter series Passage races.
- 11.4. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other Divisions.
- 11.5. A boat starting later than ten (10) minute after the starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes Rule A4.
- 12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**  
The Race Committee may change a leg of the course that begins at a rounding mark or at a gate by changing the position of the next mark (or the finishing line) and signalling all boats before they begin the leg. The next mark need not be in position at that time.
- 13. SHORTENED COURSE**  
The Race Committee may shorten course at any part of the course. Boats shall finish between the Race Committee vessel displaying Code Flag "S" and a prominent feature of their choice (which may include any laid mark).
- 14. THE FINISH**
- 14.1. For all Divisions, the Finishing Line will be advised at the Compulsory Skipper's Briefing and may be:
- 14.1.1. Between staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing boat at the starboard-end and the course side of the port-end finishing mark, or;
- 14.1.2. Between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing boat at the port-end and the course side of the starboard-end finishing mark, or;
- 14.1.3. Between the end of the Sand Pumping Jetty at the port end and the course side of the starboard-end finishing mark, or;
- 14.1.4. Between the end of the Sand Pumping Jetty at the starboard-end and the course side of the port-end finishing mark, or;
- 14.1.5. The Start/Finish Line will be described at the Compulsory Skipper's Briefing and not necessarily as per Attachment B.
- 14.2. Yachts may be required to take their own Finish time. Finish times should be sent via SMS to the phone number advised at the Compulsory Skipper's Briefing.
- 14.3. A boat which fails to declare it's Finishing time within one (1) hour of crossing the line will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes Rule A4.
- 14.4. The Finish line is an obstruction, unless finishing. Boats crossing the Finish line incorrectly will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing.
- 15. PENALTY SYSTEM**
- 15.1. Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty, **including one tack and one gybe in the same direction.**
- 15.2. A sound signal will be given to any yacht starting early. They will be required to restart or be scored On Course Side (OCS).
- 15.3. A yacht which is **On Course Side (OCS)** may be advised via VHF 09.
- 15.4. Failure to comply with SI 21 shall incur a Discretionary Penalty.
- 15.5. **An infringement of any other rule or Sailing Instruction Event Nominated Penalty (ENP) – The penalty shall be 20% of the score for Did Not Finish, rounded to the nearest whole number (0.5 rounded upward). This changes RRS A4.**
- 16. TARGET TIMES**
- 16.1. For all Divisions sailing "Round the Cans" (RTC) courses, the target time for the first boat will be thirty (30) minutes.
- 16.2. For all Divisional sailing "Passage" Courts as part of the Summer or Winter Series, the target time for the first boat will be one hundred and fifty (150) minutes.
- 17. TIME LIMITS**
- 17.1. For all Divisions sailing "Round the Cans", the time limit for the first boat in each division will be **ninety (90) minutes.**
- 17.2. For all Divisions sailing "Round the Cans", boats failing to finish within thirty (30) minutes after the first boat sails the course (in each Division for the Summer and Winter Series) and finishes, will be scored "Did Not Finish" (DNF) without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

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- 17.3. For all Divisions sailing “Passage” courses, as part of the Summer or Winter Series, the time limit for all boats in each division will be **six** (6) hours or sunset, whichever is earlier.
- 17.4. A boat still racing when her time limit expires, will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit, plus 25% of the number of starters in her Division, rounded to the nearest whole number, but no more points **than** the number of starters. Such boats will be scored “Time Limit Expired” (TLE). This changes RRS 35, A4.2 and A5. Prior to the time limit expiring, the Race Committee may offer the score of TLE to boats still racing that may not make the time limit. This changes Rule 28.1, 35 and A4.2 and A5.

### 18. PROTEST AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

18.1. **Immediately after finishing a boat intending to protest shall, in addition to the requirements of RRS 61.1(a), inform the race committee boat at the finish line of her intention to protest and the identity of the boat(s) protested against. The protesting boat must receive an acknowledgement from the Race committee. This changes RRS 61.**

18.2. RRS Appendix T – ARBITRATION applies to all Divisions for SYC Club Racing and all SYC Special Events:

18.3. Protest forms are available at Reception of the Southport Yacht Club Inc, Main beach Clubhouse. Protests shall be delivered there within the Protest Time Limit.

18.3.1. A short mediation hearing will be conducted for all protests lodged in accordance with RRS 61, which allege an infringement of a rule of Part 2 or 4. Such hearing will be held as soon as possible after racing.

18.3.2. The time and place of the mediation hearing will be decided by the mediator and such advice may be given verbally.

18.3.3. One representative of each boat shall attend the mediation hearing and no witnesses shall be allowed. The mediator shall decide the manner in which testimony is given.

18.3.4. After taking testimony at a mediation hearing, the mediator shall make one of the following conclusions:

- (a) The protest does not comply with RRS 61 and the protestor may withdraw the protest. This changes RRS 63.1;
- (b) The matter should proceed to a protest hearing (this may be because rules other than Part 2 or 4 are or may be involved, or because evidence is too complex or divergent to reach a reasonable and timely conclusion, or due to the apparent severity of the alleged infringement, or for any other reason decided by the mediator);
- (c) No rule was broken and the protestor may withdraw the protest. This changes RRS 63.1;
- (d) A rule was broken by one or more of the boats involved and all parties to the mediator agree, the infringing boat(s) may accept a 30% scoring penalty, and, if so accepted the protestor shall withdraw the protest. **All other boat scores will remain the same.**

18.3.5. If the parties do not agree, the protest shall proceed to a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

18.3.6. A mediation hearing shall not be re-opened. No conclusion of a mediator shall be subject to appeal or be ground for redress. Should the protest proceed to a protest hearing then the mediator may be a member of the protest committee. Any evidence given by a mediator during a protest hearing shall be given only in the presence of the parties to the hearing.

18.4. The Protest time Limit is ninety (90) minutes after the last boat has finished the last race for the day in your Division. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the Race Committee and the Protest Committee and to request redress. This changes Rules 61.3 and 62.2.

18.5. Notices will be posted according to the 2020/2021 Sailing Season Policy.

18.6. Decisions made by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be emailed to parties to the hearing under Rule 65.1.

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## 19. SCORING

- 19.1. The Low Points Scoring System of RRS Appendix A9 will apply.
- 19.2. For a boat that Did Not Finish (DNF) they shall be scored the number of boats that have signed on for the race, plus one (1) point. This changes RRS Appendix A4.2.
- 19.3. For a boat that Did Not Compete (DNC) they shall be scored the number of boats that have signed on for the race, plus three (3) points. This changes RRS Appendix A4.2.
- 19.4. ~~For a boat that does not complete COVID registration prior to the start of their race, will be scored a Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing.~~
- 19.4. For a boat that does not complete COVID registration prior to the start of their race, will be scored an Event Nominated Penalty (ENP) without a hearing.
- 19.4. Four (4) races are required to constitute a series. When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, all scores shall count.
- 19.5. When five (5) to eight (8) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.
- 19.6. When nine (9) to twelve (12) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two (2) worst scores.
- 19.7. When thirteen (13) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her three (3) worst scores.

## 20. RESULTS

Results will be posted in the Offshore Division Results page on the Southport Yacht Club's website.

## 21. COVID REQUIREMENTS

- 21.1 Failure for the Skipper and all crew to comply with the Covid registration as directed by Southport Yacht Club found here: <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/southportyc/eventsregister/70365/>, will result in the boat being scored an Event Nominated Penalty (ENP). The penalty shall be 20% of the score for Did Not Finish, rounded to the nearest whole number (0.5 rounded upward). This changes RRS A4.

## 22. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 22.1. All helmspersons shall "Log-On" with Gold Coast Seaway Tower on VHF73, providing the Boat Name, Sail Number, Persons-on-Board (POB), Mobile Number, Messel Registration Number and Estimated Time of Return (ETR) **PRIOR** to departing the Gold Coast Seaway.
- 22.2. All helmspersons shall "Sign On" with Race Control **BEFORE** the first Warning Signal on VHF09, advising their Boat Name, Sail Number and Persons-on-Board (POB). Race Control will confirm their recorded details for confirmation of "Sign On".
- 22.3. A boat that retires from a race, shall notify Race Control as soon as possible. This must be via VHF09, if Race Control is still on station **OR** by texting mobile phone as advised at the **Compulsory** Skipper's Briefing advising of their exact location and their intentions of travel.
- 22.4. All helmspersons shall "Log Off" with Gold Coast Seaway Tower on VHF73 immediately upon safety returning through the Gold Coast Seaway.
- 22.5. A boat shall **NOT** carry anchors protruding beyond the bow whilst racing.
- 22.6. Failure to comply with these Safety Regulations, a boat will be scored **ENP (Event Nominated Penalty)**. The penalty shall be 20% of the score for Did Not Finish, rounded to the nearest whole number (0.5 rounded upward). This changes RRS A4.
- 22.7. **Boats not complying with SI 1.7 will be scored an Event Nominated Penalty (ENP) without a hearing.**
- 22.8. Competitors must provide a clearly identifiable Sail Number on their mainsail as noted in the Yachts Race entry Form as per RRS Appendix G. A failure to carry clearly distinguishable Sail Numbers may result in a yacht being scored a 30% additional time penalty, Discretionary Penalty Imposed (DPI) without a hearing. This shall not provide ground for redress. This changes RRS Rule 63.1, A4 and A5.

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## 23. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 23.1. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 23.2. Failing to notify the SYC Sailing Office of changes to boats configuration or rating, may result in protest by Race Committee. Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the Protest Committee so decides.

## 24. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 24.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Sailing Instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a Race Committee Equipment Inspector, Safety auditor or Measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.
- 24.2. RRS 52 is not applicable.

## 25. OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be marked with the SYC Burgee.

## 26. RUBBISH DISPOSAL

Boats shall not put rubbish in the water. Rubbish may be placed aboard support and Race Committee boats.

## 27. COMMUNICATION

- 27.1. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 27.2. Race Control may communicate information to the competing boats during the course of a race. All boats are to monitor VHF09 for the duration of the race.

## 28. TRACKING DEVICES

- 28.1. Boats competing may be required to use a suitable mobile phone [application](#) (Andriod/Apple) to operate "RaceQS" for tracking and relay purposes. Further details on using "RaceQS" can be downloaded from [www.raceqs.com](http://www.raceqs.com).
- 28.2. Boats competing in the Passage Series may be required to purchase and use a designated tracker (from SYC) for the purpose of safety and vessel location tracking for the entire duration of the race.

## 29. PRIZES

- 29.1. The Skipper or a Crew Member of the boat must be present at Race Presentation, after the day's racing, in order to receive prizes. Prizes not collected during the presentation will be redrawn to the next placings accordingly.
- 29.2. Daily prizes may be awarded to the combined Series Scores for each day's combined total for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and on Corrected Time.
- 29.3. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

## 30. PERPETUAL PRIZES

- 30.1. The 2020/2021 Sailing Presentation will take place at the Southport Yacht Club Main Beach.
- 30.2. Only Series Entrants are eligible for Sailing Season prizes at the Sailing Presentation Night.
- 30.3. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

## 31. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 31.1. All those taking part in races conducted by Southport Yacht Club, do so at their own risk and responsibility.
- 31.2. The Southport Yacht Club, any sponsor and any party involved in the organisation of any event, disclaims any and every responsibility for any loss, damage, injury to persons and/or things, both ashore and at sea, as a consequence of participation in any way in the races covered by these Sailing Instructions.

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31.3. Attention is drawn to RRS 4, which states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race, or to continue racing is hers alone.

### 32. **INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance, with a minimum cover of \$10 million for any one incident. By taking part in a race, all boat owners are deemed to have made a declaration that they have such cover.

### 33. **MEDIA RIGHTS**

In participating in the Offshore Division Club Racing for 2020/2021, a competitor grants to the Organising Authority and the sponsors, the right, in perpetuity, to make, reproduce, edit, use and show, from time to time and at the discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her taken during the 2020/2021 Sailing Season and to use his/her likeness, voice, name and any other information in any material related without compensation.

### 34. **FURTHER INFORMATION**

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## ATTACHMENT A – MARKS, BOUYS & COURSES

DESIGNATED MARKS	LOCATION	Approx. GPS COORDINATES
Offshore Start / Finish	Approx. 1NM South of Sand Pump Jetty	27° 57.3'S   153° 26.2'E
A	Q1 Laid Mark	28° 00.3'S   153° 26.5'E
B	Burleigh Laid Mark	28° 05.1'S   153° 27.8'E
C	Currumbin Laid Mark	28° 07.3'S   153° 29.5'E
D	Cook Island Laid Mark	28° 11.2'S   153° 34.3'E
E	Laid Mark	As described at Briefing
X	Laid Clearance Buoy (If Used)	Approx. 0.8NM to windward of the Start/Finish Line

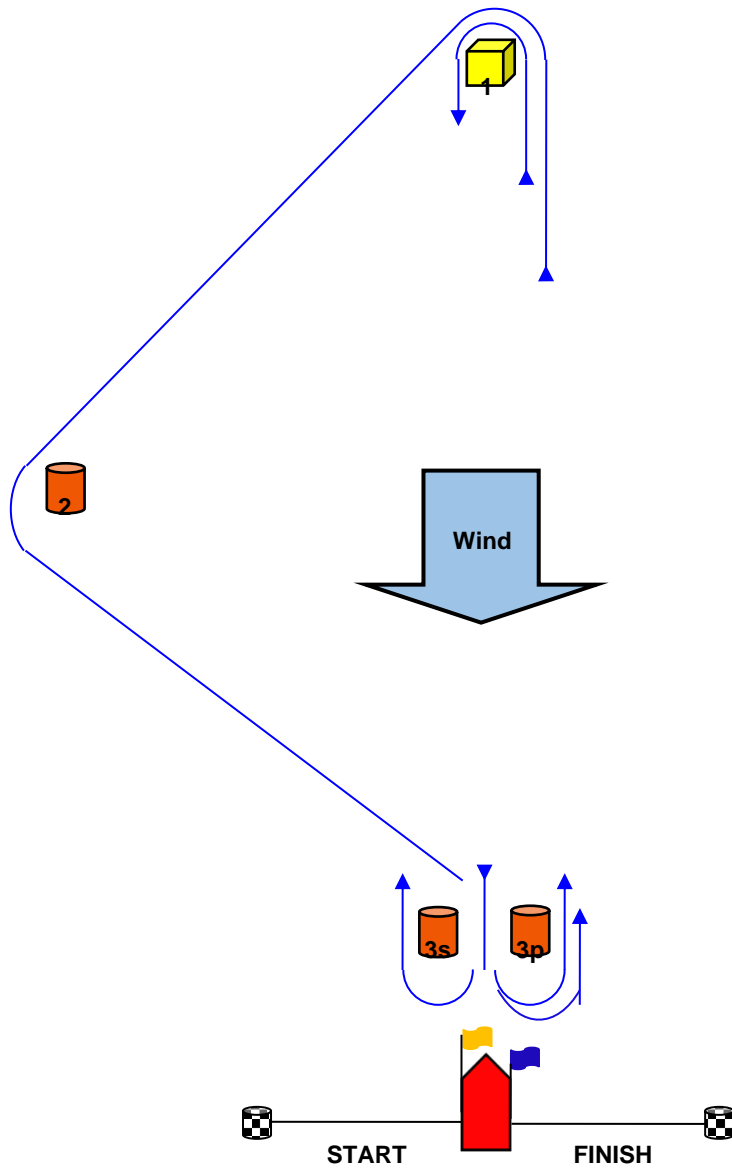
BUOY	DESCRIPTION
START / FINISH	Orange Inflatable Cone/ Black Top
A / X / E	Orange Inflatable Cone
B, C, D	Orange Inflatable Cone
1, 2, 3s, 3p	Orange Inflatable Cone
Barging Buoy	Pink Teardrop

COURSE	MARK ROUNDINGS	TYPE
W1	START – 1 – FINISH	RTC
W2	START – 1 - 3s/3p – 1 - FINISH	RTC
W3	START – 1 – 3s/3p – 1 – 3s/3p – 1 – FINISH	RTC
L1	START – 1a – FINISH	RTC
L2	START – 1a - 3s/3p – 1a - FINISH	RTC
L3	START – 1a – 3s/3p – 1a – 3s/3p – 1a - FINISH	RTC
T1	START – 1 – 2 – FINISH	RTC
T2	START – 1 – 2 – 3p – 1 – FINISH	RTC
T3	START – 1 – 2 – 3p – 1 – 3s/3p – 1 – 2 - FINISH	RTC
A1	START – 1a – 2 – FINISH	RTC
A2	START – 1a – 2 – 3p – 1a – FINISH	RTC
A3	START – 1a – 2 – 3p – 1a – 3s/3p – 1a – 2 - FINISH	RTC
B1	START – X – A (P) – B (P) – A (S) – FINISH	PSG
B2	START – X - A (P) – B (P) – A (S) – X (P) – A (P) – FINISH	PSG
B3	START – X - A (P) – B (P) – A (P) – START (P) – A (P) – FINISH	
Q1	START – X – A (P) – FINISH	PSG
Q2	START – X – A (P) – X (P) – A (P) – FINISH	PSG
C1	START – X – A (P) – C (P) – A (S) – FINISH	PSG
C2	START – X – A (P) – D (P) - A (S) – FINISH	PSG
X1	A Course set by the Race Committee as advised at the Compulsory Skippers Briefing	PSG
SP1	START – X – A – B – E - FINISH	PSG
SP2	START – X – A – B – E – A (S) - FINISH	PSG
SP3	START – X – E – A – E - FINISH	PSG
SP4	START – A – E - FINISH	PSG
<b>NB:</b> Where no Leeward gate (3s/3p) is present, 3p shall be substituted		



ATTACHMENT B – COURSE DIAGRAMS

WINDWARD/LEEWARD & TRIANGULAR COURSE



The Start/Finish Line may change as advised at the Compulsory Skippers Briefing.

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## ATTACHMENT C – RACING AREA

