

COOK ISLAND YACHT RACE



Sunday 12th December 2021

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organising Authority

Southport Yacht Club Inc.

Hollywell Sailing Squadron
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Race Officer (RO) Mobile # **0400 55 8917** (Simon Turpin)

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Southport Yacht Club Race Committee

Vice Commodore Sail	Drew Jones
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S.C. Divisional Representative	Danielle Hutcheson

Management & Support Team

Commodore	Ken Tregagle
General Manager	Brett James
Sailing Office	Karen Holdway
Administrator Officer	Alison Harrison
Volunteer Co-ordinator	Steven Murphy



1. RULES

- 1.1. This Yacht Race will be governed by the current rules, unless modified by these Sailing Instructions (SI) as defined in:
 - 1.1.1 The Racing Rules Of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing (WS)
 - 1.1.2 The Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS).
 - 1.1.3 ORC Rating Rules 2021 where applicable.
- 1.2. The *International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea 1972* (COLREGS) shall apply at all times. 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.
- 1.3. Compliance with Qld Government COVID-19 contact tracing via the electronic app "Check in Qld" when attending SYC Clubhouse's.
- 1.4. 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".
- 1.5. All competitors are reminded of RRS 3 Decision to Race, "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".
- 1.6. RRS Appendix T – Arbitration applies.
- 1.7. RRS Appendix WP – Rules for Racing around Waypoints applies.

2. ALTERATIONS OF RACING RULES

- 2.1. RRS 52 is not applicable.
- 2.2. RRS 55.2 and 55.3 is amended to allow fixed and retractable spinnaker poles and bowsprits for the purpose of setting asymmetrical spinnakers.
- 2.3. 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

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 The 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).

DATE	SCHEDULE	TIME
Sunday 12 th December 2021	Compulsory Skippers Briefing @ SYC Main Beach	0800hrs
	Warning Signal (Not Before)	0955hrs
	Presentation of Prizes @ SYC Main Beach	Approx. 1700hrs

8. CLASS FLAGS

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

9. RACING AREA

9.1. The Racing Area will be the region offshore between the Gold Coast Seaway and Snapper Rocks Queensland (due to current Queensland & New South Wales border restrictions).

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 and use of tethers whilst crossing the Seaway.

10. THE COURSE

Course Mark	Description	Location	Quadrant between bearing lines at
Starting Line	As described in Sailing Instruction 12		
SNAPPER	Rounding Waypoint Mark to PORT	28°09.330’S, 153° 33.000’E	180 ° and 090 °
SURFERS	Passing Waypoint Mark to STARBOARD	28°00.150’S, 153° 26.400’E	180 ° and 270 °
Finishing Line	As described in Sailing Instruction 15		

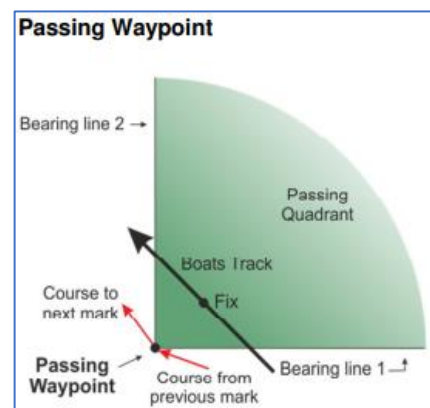
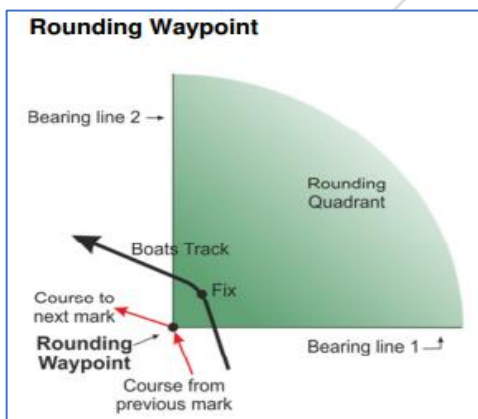
11. MARKS

11.1. The Starting Mark will be a yellow cylindrical buoy.

11.2. All GPS positions specified shall use the WGS84 Datum.

11.3. Each Waypoint Course Mark (Rounding or Passing) has an associated quadrant defined as the area enclosed between the two bearing lines (with 90 degrees between them) extending from the waypoint.

11.4. A boat is required to provide evidence of a GPS fix within this quadrant, is then deemed to have rounded or passed the waypoint on the correct side.



11.5. The Rounding Waypoint Mark of “SNAPPER” is located at 28°09.330’S, 153° 33.000’E and is to be rounded to PORT (P). Rounding Quadrant between bearing lines 180 degrees and 090 degrees to the waypoint.

11.6. The Passing Waypoint Mark of “SURFERS” is located at 28°00.150’S, 153° 26.400’E and is to be passed to Starboard (S). Passing Quadrant between bearing lines 180 degrees and 270 degrees to the waypoint.

12. THE START

- 12.1. The Race will be started using RRS 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.
- 12.3. 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.
- 12.4. Any boat which starts later than Ten (10) minutes after their Starting Signal will be scored as Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing.
- 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 boat on VHF09 as soon as possible but no later than five (5) minutes after the Starting Signal. This changes 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. Boats 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. Boats shall record their own Finish time.

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. 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 1650hrs on Sunday 12th December 2021.
- 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 their actual finish time.
- 16.4. Boats who failure to comply with SI(s) 19.2, 19.3, 19.6, 19.7, 19.8 and 19.9 will have a ten (10) minute scoring penalty added to their actual finish time for each infringement incurred without hearing and shall not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1 & 63.1.

17. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for the race will be six and three quarter (6.75) hours from the time of the starting signal. Boats which have not finished by this time will be scored DNF.

18. PROTESTS AND REDRESS

- 18.1. RRS Appendix T – ARBITRATION applies.
- 18.2. Boats intending to protest shall inform the RO immediately after finishing the race via text and advising of their intention to protest. This changes RRS 61 and is in addition to the requirements of RRS 61.1.
- 18.3. Protests shall be submitted on a Hearing Request Form, available from the SYC Sailing Office or from the Reception Desk at SYC Main Beach. The completed Hearing Request Form must be mms texted to the RO within 75 minutes after finishing and no later than 1650hrs on Sunday 12th December 2021.
- 18.4. Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt and as soon as possible.
- 18.5. Boats, 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 & COMMUNICATIONS

- 19.1. The Race Officer (**RO**) mobile number for boats to call, text, mms messages to is **0400 55 8917**.
- 19.2. All boats shall via VHF73, Log-On with Gold Coast Seaway Tower prior to departing the Gold Coast Seaway and Log-Off upon returning through the Gold Coast Seaway after finishing or retiring from the race.
- 19.3. All boats shall via VHF09, Sign On with the Race Committee Vessel prior to the Warning Signal, confirming their Boat Name, total Persons on Board (POB) and confirming her Sail Number.
- 19.4. A boat that retires from the race shall notify the RO via text as soon as possible.
- 19.5. All times shall be notified to the RO in (HRS:MIN:SEC) format (example 15:00:45).
- 19.6. Within 15 minutes after rounding the SNAPPA Waypoint Rounding Mark, all competing boats shall notify the RO via text, detailing the Boat's Name together with a mms photograph of an instrument displaying the fix and time of the Rounding of the Waypoint Mark within the Rounding Quadrant. *A boat may also provide their Estimated Time of Finishing within this text message in order to compete for the Navigators Prize.*
- 19.7. Within 15 minutes after passing the SURFERS Waypoint Passing Mark, all competing boats shall notify the RO via text, detailing the Boat's Name together with a mms photograph of an instrument displaying the fix and time of the passing of the Waypoint Mark within the Passing Quadrant.
- 19.8. Within 15 minutes of crossing the Finish line, boats shall notify the RO via text, detailing their Finish time.
- 19.9. All skippers shall complete and submit as soon as possible after finishing but no later than 1650hrs on Sunday 12th December 2021, a Skippers Declaration Form (Attachment A) detailing the finishing time of the boat and any of their infringements of RRS if applicable.
- 19.10. All competing boats are encouraged to login to RaceQs and start "Live Tracking" from 0945hrs on Sunday 12th December 2021 and will allow the live tracking for the duration of the race.

20. SCORING & HANDICAPS

- 20.1. The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A.2 will apply.
- 20.2. A boats ORC Club all purpose time on time rating will be used from a boats valid ORC Club Certificate.
- 20.3. PHS 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 changes RRS 62.1(a).

21. PRIZES

- 21.1 Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, & 3rd on corrected time for ORC Club and PHS results.
- 21.2 A prize will be awarded to the boat with the fastest elapsed time - Line Honours
- 21.1. A Navigators Prize will be awarded to the boat which has the closest actual finishing time to their Estimated Time of Finishing in accordance with SI 19.6.
- 21.3 The ORC Club winner will be presented with the Southport Yacht Club Cook Island Yacht Race Perpetual Trophy at the Presentation.
- 21.4 The Line Honours winner will be presented with the Southport Yacht Club Cook Island Line Honours Perpetual Trophy at the Presentation.
- 21.5 Other Prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

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 boat 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 3, which states, "The responsibility for a boats decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." By participating in this event each

competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

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 Australian Sailing 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 10th December 2021, 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 Australian Sailing Prescriptions.

24. FURTHER INFORMATION

Please do not hesitate to contact the Sailing Office:
Southport Yacht Club Inc.
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OD – Offshore Division Sailing Committee Representative

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ATTACHMENT A – SKIPPER’S DECLARATION

To the Sailing Administrator, 2021 Cook Island Yacht Race.
 Southport Yacht Club, 1 Marina Crescent Hollywell Qld 4216.
 Phone (07) 5537 7030, Race Officer (RO) Mobile **0400 558 917**

I hereby declare that I am a Member of _____ Yacht Club.

During the 2021 Cook Island Race, organised by Southport Yacht Club and starting on Sunday 12th December 2021 I was on board and in charge of the boat:

BOAT NAME	SAIL NUMBER

I declare that during the race the following Rules were NOT observed by our boat and / or we incurred the following infringements, with an explanation given as follows:

The finishing time of my Boat was recorded as: ____:____:____ On Date: ____/____/2021

Name of Person-In-Charge: _____ Date: ____/____/2021

Signature of Person-In-Charge: _____

Witnessed by: (Crew Member) _____ Member of: _____

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At Date: ____/____/2021 Time: ____:____:____ Location: _____

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



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