South-East Queensland Ocean Racing Qualifier



12th NOVEMBER 2021

NOTICE OF RACE

Organising Authority

Southport Yacht Club

1 Macarthur Pde, Main Beach Qld 4217



The South-East Queensland Ocean Qualifying Race will be conducted on the waters from Moreton Bay heading to Double Island Point and then finishing at Main Beach on the Gold Coast.
Owners and charterers of eligible boats are invited to enter on the conditions of this Notice of Race ("NOR").

The race is organised and conducted by the Southport Yacht Club ("SYC" or the "Organising Authority") with the cooperation of the Queensland Cruising Yacht Club ("QCYC").

1. THE RACE

1.1 The race is a 220 nautical mile passage race.

1.2 The start of the race will be on Moreton Bay Queensland near the 'Coffee Pots', the fleet will then head north offshore to a starboard waypoint turning mark at Double Island Point, and then proceed south (passing on the eastern side of Cape Morton and Point Lookout) to the finish line at Main Beach on the Gold Coast. Details of the course will be included in the Sailing Instructions.

1.3 The warning signal for the race will be signalled not before 1555 hours (Australian Eastern Standard Time) on Friday 12th November 2021.

2. RULES

2.1 The race will be governed by the rules, as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 ("RRS") of World Sailing, including;

a. the IRC Rules 2021 Parts A, B and C;
b. the ORC Rating Rules 2021;
c. the rules and regulations of each One Design Class for which there is an eligible boat entered in the race;
d. the prescriptions and special regulations of Australian Sailing ("AS Special Regulations")
e. applicable special regulations for Category 3 events as amended and including N.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

A boat must satisfy the following requirements in order to have its entry accepted:

3.1 Boat

A boat shall:

a. be single hulled
b. have an overall length (LOA) not more than 30.48 metres and be not less than 9.0 metres and a waterline length (LWL) not less than 7.3 metres;
c. satisfy the stability criteria of the Special Regulations Part 1 Appendix B for Category 3;
d. be built in accordance with the AS Special Regulations Part 1, Section 3.03.
e. carry a life raft, PLB's for all crew and either a HF radio OR Satellite Phone
f. comply with Special Regulations Part 1 and its amendments for Race Category 3N plus additional items as amended by this NOR;
g. Eligibility for Two Handed boats requires a minimum of five (5) valid two handed crewed boats.

3.2 Insurance

The owner or charterer of a boat shall hold a marine legal liability insurance policy with respect to the boat current when racing, with a sum insured of not less than A$10 million (or such higher amount as the owner/charterer considers appropriate having regard to the size and type of boat, the number of crew and the conditions it may encounter during the race, or its equivalent in another currency). The insurance policy shall state that the boat is covered for the race or that it is covered for yacht races of a length greater than 220 nautical miles.

3.3 Handicap Categories/Class

A boat shall enter one or more of the following handicap categories:

a. *IRC Boats* **-** A boat may only enter the IRC Handicap Category if the boat has a current, valid Endorsed IRC Certificate, being issued by RORC or UNCL and complies with all of the current Id Regulations, except to the extent they are specifically amended or excluded in this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions (refer RRS 78.1).



b. ORC Club Boats (ORCc) - A boat may only enter the ORC Club Handicap Category if the boat has a current, valid ORC Club Certificate and complies with all of the current ORC Club Rating System Rules, save to the extent they are specifically amended or excluded in this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions (refer RRS 78.1).

c. PHS Boats- A boat that does not enter one or both of the above shall enter the Performance Handicap Category.

The Race Committee may create divisions within Handicap Categories and allocate boats to divisions within a Handicap Category at its sole discretion. The composition and allocation of boats into divisions shall not be subject to protest or grounds for a request for redress amends RRS 60.1 and 62.1(a) and RRS 63.1 shall not apply.

3.4 Crew

Fully Crewed boats:

a. A Boat shall have a minimum (including the Owner and/or Person-in-Charge) of four (4) crew.

b. 75% of the crew (including the Owner and/or Person-in-Charge) must be greater than 18 years of age unless special dispensation is granted by the Organising Authority.

c. For crew younger than 18 years of age, a Juvenile Consent Form signed by a parent / guardian is required together with evidence of past sailing experience. The Organising Authority may, in its absolute discretion, refuse to allow any crew member aged under 18 years of age to participate in the race.

d. All crew shall meet the requirements of World Sailing Regulation 19 (World Sailing Eligibility Code). Crew who do not hold a current Australian Sailing Identification Number may apply to the Organising Authority for short term membership.

e. A minimum of two members of the crew (including the Owner and/or Person-in-Charge) must have completed previously in a Category 1, 2 or 3 race on any boat and be able to provide published evidence of this within the last three years.

f. A minimum of one member of the crew (including the Owner and/or Person-in-Charge) must have a current Australian Sailing Safety and Sea Survival Certificate (or approved equivalent). A second member of the crew (including the Owner and/or Person-in-Charge) must have, at some point within the last ten years, completed an Australian Sailing Safety and Sea Survival Certificate (or approved equivalent) and be able to provide evidence of this (refer Special Regulations Part 1, Section 6.01).

g. Two (2) crew members shall hold a current Senior First Aid (Apply First Aid/Provide First Aid) Certificate; or hold a First Aid qualification that the Race Committee considers is equivalent.

h. On a boat using HF radio, a minimum of one member of the crew must hold a Long-Range Marine Radio Operator's Certificate of Proficiency (LROCP) or higher qualification issued by a relevant authority (amends Special Regulations Part 1, Section 3.25.8).

h. It is recommended that the skipper or 2IC have a recognised Australian Sailing certificate (or equivalent) of at least an Offshore Skipper certification.

Two Handed boats:

a. The minimum age of all crew is 18.

b. Both crew members shall have completed a Category 3 race or a passage that the Race Committee deems equivalent (fully crewed or two-handed).

c. Both crew members shall have completed a minimum 100nm two-handed race or passage (including overnight experience) together in the boat entered.

d. Both crew members shall hold a current certificate demonstrating that they have completed an Australian Sailing Safety and Sea Survival Course.

e. Both crew members shall hold a current Senior First Aid (Apply First Aid/Provide First Aid) Certificate; or hold a First Aid qualification that the Race Committee considers is equivalent.

f. On a boat using HF radio, one crew members shall hold a Long-Range Marine Radio Operators Certificate of Proficiency (LROCP) issued by a relevant authority (amends Special Regulations Part 1, Section 3.25.8).

g. It is recommended that the skipper or 2IC have a recognised Australian Sailing certificate (or equivalent) of at least an Offshore Skipper certification.



3.5 Qualifying Race or Ocean Passage

A boat shall either:

a. completed the 2021 Surf to City Yacht Race – Offshore Course, or;
b. completed a race of not less than 80 nautical miles not more than six months before the start of the race, or;
c. completed a non-stop ocean passage of 12 hours not more than six months before the start of the race. A boat completing an ocean passage shall submit a detailed log of the passage.

The Owner and/or Person-in-Charge must have been on board during the qualifying race or passage.

3.6 Documentation & Entry

Eligible boats shall enter online at the Southport Yacht Club Website http://www.southportyachtclub.com.au/sailing/special-sailing-events-2/ by 1700hrs on 7th November 2021. A boat shall ensure that the Organising Authority receives the following information by this date:

a. Australian Sailing Special Regulations Equipment Audit Form for 'Category 3 N uprated' as amended by this NOR or higher, audited by an approved National Equipment Auditor.
b. Inflatable lifejacket service certificates
c. Verification of stability (refer to NOR 3.1)
d. be built in accordance with the AS Special Regulations Part 1, Section 3.03. (refer to NOR 3.1)
e. declaration of Crew Experience (through the Crew List in the online entry) (refer NOR 3.4);
f. A Certificate of Currency for Insurance compliance (refer to NOR 3.2).
g. A colour photograph of the boat under sail and beam on, no older than 12 months and suitable in clarity and size for search and rescue purposes.
h. A Declaration of Stability and supporting documentation.
i. Life Raft current Inspection Certificate(s).
j. HF Radio Installation Inspection form OR Satellite Phone Declaration as appropriate.
k. VHF Radio Installation Inspection form.
l. Verification of qualifying race or ocean passage – online form.
m. Detailed Crew list including qualifications, PLB details, Next of Kin details, experience details, contact details and Australian Sailing numbers.
n. Juvenile Consent Forms as applicable - online form
o. Proof of Australian Sailing Safety and Sea Survival Course participation.
p. Applied First Aid Certificates or acceptable equivalent
q. Marine Radio Operators Certificates
r. Conditions of Entry form signed by owner – online form
s. Disclaimer and acknowledgment of rights form, as supplied and signed by each crew member – online form

3.7 Entry Fees

b. An 'Early Bird' entry fee for entries received prior to the 22nd of October 2021 will be $125.00.
c. The Entry Fee after this date is $175.00.
d. Entrants will be charged the entry fee based on the date of their actual payment, not when their entry was submitted.
e. Entries shall be lodged with the Organising Authority no later than 1700 hours on 7th of November 2021.
f. **No late entries will be accepted.**

3.8 Race & Weather Briefing

A Compulsory Skippers Race & Weather Briefing will be held via Zoom on Thursday 11th November 2021 at 1900 hours (link will be provided in the Sailing Instructions). At least two (2) crew members of each boat are required to attend the briefing, one attendee being the Owner or Person-in-Charge.

4 DETERMINATION

A decision of the Organising Authority as to any matter under this NOR, including as to whether a boat and her crew meet the eligibility criteria for entry in the race, is final and binding and shall not be grounds for a request for redress (amends RRS 60.1 and 62.1(a) and RRS 63.1 shall not apply). The Organising Authority is not responsible for any failure of, or errors in the information provided to it through, the online entry system.



5 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

The following is the schedule of events (Australian Eastern Standard Time – Qld):

DATE - 2021	EVENT	TIME
Sun 7th November	Entries Close including submission of all required documents.	1700hrs
Tue 9th November	Sailing Instructions, final list of Competitors & PHS Handicaps published.	1700hrs
Thu 11th November	Compulsory Race & Weather Briefing	1900hrs
Fri 12th November	Warning Signal (Not Before)	1555hrs
Sun 14th November	Presentation of Prizes	1700hrs

6 SCORING

6.1 Overall Winner

The overall winner of the South-East Queensland Ocean Qualifying Race will be the fully crewed boat that wins the overall IRC Handicap Category

6.2 Line Honours

A boat that enters the race will be scored in a handicap category as well as the line honours category. No boat will be scored only for line honours. The Line Honours winner of the South-East Queensland Ocean Qualifying Race will be the fully crewed boat that wins the Line Honours Category. A separate line honours category may be awarded for Two Handed Boats if an eligible category (refer to NOR 3.1h)

6.3 All scoring

a. Scoring penalties will be applied when determining a score. A boat subject to a scoring penalty is not eligible for a race record.
b. Time penalties will be applied when determining a score, elapsed time or race record.
c. Redress will be applied when determining a score, elapsed time or race record.
d. Fully crewed boats in a division of the IRC Handicap Category will also be scored in the overall IRC Handicap Category result.

6.4 Line Honours results

Subject to NoR 6.3, the boat with the lowest elapsed time shall be scored first in the line honours and Two- Handed line honours categories, respectively and other boats shall be ranked accordingly.

6.5 IRC (IRC Handicap Category, IRC Two-Handed, and Divisions of them)

a. Results will be calculated by the application of the IRC Time Corrector (TCC) as a multiplier of elapsed time.
b. Subject to NoR 6.3, the boat with the lowest corrected time will be scored first and other boats shall be ranked accordingly.

6.6 ORCc Divisions

a. Results will be decided by the application of the All purpose Time-on-Time Single Number Scoring Option as printed on each boat's ORCc Certificate, as a multiplier of elapsed time. b. Subject to NoR 6.3, the boat with the lowest corrected time will be scored first and other boats shall be ranked accordingly.



6.7 PHS Divisions

a. Results will be calculated by the application of Time Correction Factors (TCF's) as a multiplier of elapsed time.
b. A boat's TCF will be determined by the Race Committee or its nominee. The determination of the TCF will not be subject to protest or redress (amends RRS 60.1 and 62.1(a) and RRS 63.1 shall not apply).
c. Subject to NoR 6.3, the boat with the lowest corrected time will be scored first and other boats shall be ranked accordingly.

6.8 Scoring Penalties

Scoring penalties will be applied as set out in the Sailing Instructions for a breach of RRS Part 2 outside Moreton Bay and may be applied for other breaches of the rules or by the Race Committee in circumstances set out in the Sailing Instructions. RRS 44.1 (Two Turns penalty) shall apply until clearing the NW Fairway Buoy.

7 CHANGES TO RATING SYSTEM RULES, AS SPECIAL REGULATIONS AND RRS

7.1 Changes to the IRC Rules:

a. IRC Rule 21.1.5: A spare mainsail may be carried as a bona fide replacement for a mainsail damaged during the race.
b. IRC Rule 11.2 & 21.6.1: In accordance with a prescription by Australian Sailing, a boat in the IRC Handicap Category may carry one more spinnaker than shown on the boat's IRC Certificate without an increase of rating.
c. IRC Rule 22.4.2 shall not apply. The maximum number of crew that may sail aboard a boat shall be the Crew Number printed on her certificate plus one. There is no crew weight limit.

7.2 Changes to AS Special Regulations:

a. SR 3.16.2 shall apply at Category 2 level.
b. SR 3.18.3 is amended to 7.5 litres of fresh water per crew member.
c. SR 3.20.3 in addition to the requirements, a second bilge pump is required; this is not required to be of manual operation.
d. SR 3.24.5 shall apply at a Category 2 level.
e. SR 3.25.1 A permanently installed HF radio or satellite phone must be carried together with a permanently installed VHF radio. If carrying a HF radio SR 3.25.3 and 3.25.5(a) also apply at Category 2 level.
f. SR 3.29(a): An AIS Transponder shall be carried and be switched on, such that it is receiving and transmitting. The failure of any station to receive a signal from a boat's AIS Transponder shall not be subject to protest or grounds for redress (amends RRS 60.1 and 62.1(a) and RRS 63.1 shall not apply).
g. SR 4.07.9 the additional items are to be carried: Codeine 8mg + Paracetamol 500mg X 10. Crepe bandage 100mm by 1.5m X 1. Sterile eye patches X 2. Burn cream X 1. Anti-diarrhoea treatment X 1 pkt. Electrolyte replacement - pack of 10. Antihistamine 25mg tablet X 10.
h. SR 4.08 shall apply at a Category 2 level.
i. SR 4.11.2 shall apply at a Category 2 level.
j. SR 4.18.2 shall apply at a Category 2 level.
k. SR 4.18.4 shall apply at a Category 2 level.
l. SR 4.19 Coastal Liferaft's sufficient to carry the entire crew are required.
m. SR 4.19.3 and 4.19.4 shall apply at a Category 2 level.
n. SR 4.20 shall apply at a Category 2 level.
o. SR 4.21 shall apply at a Category 2 level.
p. SR 5.01 shall apply at a Category 2 N level.
q. SR 5.05 shall apply at a Category 2 level.



r. Appendix B to Part 1 is amended to include Domestic Commercial Vessel compliance (minimum class C – restricted offshore water) and Classification Society Stability approval for equivalent waters as methods that may be used to assess Resistant to Capsize.

7.3 Changes to the Racing Rules of Sailing:
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.

7.4 Amendments:
Amendments to this NOR will be published on the Official Website Notice Board (www.southportyachtclub.com.au). A notice of an amendment will also be sent to boats that have commenced the entry process.

8 PAPER CHARTS

The following paper charts shall be carried:
•AUS 814
•AUS 815,
• AUS 816,
This is a minimal chart list; skippers may wish to add more to the list

9 BERTHING ARRANGEMENTS

As space in the SYC Marina is limited, free berthing (tie up / rafting up) will be available at the SYC Marina for finishing competing yachts for 48 hours after finishing. Berthing allocation must be arranged well in advance through the Marina Office. Phone (07) 5591 3500.

10 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the South-East Queensland Ocean Qualifying Race entirely at their own risk. See Rule 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the Race.
RRS 3 states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race 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.

11 PRIZES / TROPHIES

Trophies and prizes will be awarded as appropriate to the number of Handicap Categories and Divisions.

12 FURTHER INFORMATION

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