

FLAT ROCK YACHT RACE



Saturday 29th April 2023

NOTICE OF RACE

Organising Authority

Southport Yacht Club Inc.

Hollywell Sailing Squadron

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1. INVITATION

Southport Yacht Club extends a warm invitation to all owners, skippers, and crews of all eligible boats to enter and compete in the 2022 Flat Rock Yacht Race to be held offshore from the Gold Coast Saturday 29th April 2023. The course length is approximately 67 nautical miles.

2. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority shall be Southport Yacht Club Inc. (SYC) located at 1 Macarthur Parade, Main Beach, QLD, 4217. Phone (07) 5537 7030. Fax (07) 5537 7131.

3. RULES

- 3.1 The Flat Rock Yacht Race will be governed by the current rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 3.2 The Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) Part 1 Category 3 will apply.
- 3.3 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
- 3.4 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.
- 3.5 RRS Appendix WP – Rules for Racing Around Waypoints applies.

4. 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.

5. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 5.1 The Yacht Race is open to monohull and multihull boats that comply with Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1 Category 3.
- 5.2 Sub-Divisions may be made by the Race Committee based on boat numbers. A minimum of 5 boats would be required to constitute a sub-division i.e. Monohull Spinnakers, Cruising (Monohull Non-Spinnakers), Multihull Division's, 2 handed division etc.
- 5.3 The Organising Authority or the Race Committee may reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor, subject to rule 76.3, provided it does so before the start of the first race and states the reason for doing so. On request the boat shall promptly be given the reason in writing. The boat may request redress if she considers that the rejection or exclusion is improper.

6. FEES AND DOCUMENTATION TO BE LODGED

- 6.1 The 'Early Bird' entry fee for entries received prior to the 15th April 2023 will be \$60.00.
- 6.2 From the 16th April 2023 onwards, the event entry fee for the 2023 Flat Rock Yacht Race is \$80.00.
- 6.3 Entrants will be charged the entry fee based on the date of actual payment received, not when entry is submitted.
- 6.4 Entries shall be lodged with the Organising Authority no later than 1700 hours on Wednesday 26th April 2023. Eligible boats shall enter via TopYacht Entry System online at the Southport Yacht Club Website <http://www.southportyachtclub.com.au/sailing/special-sailing-events-2/> accompanied by the required Entry Fee and supplementary documentation, including a comprehensive Crew List, as applicable.

- 6.5 All boats shall upload their current AS SR Equipment Compliance Form for Category 3 to their Topyacht profile at time of online Entry. These forms are available to download from the Southport Yacht Club website or Australian Sailing website.
- 6.6 Crew Particulars, including emergency contacts and Australian Sailing Numbers, are required at time of online Entry.

7. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Wed 26 th April	Entries Close	1700hrs
Thurs 27 th April	List of Competitors & PHS Handicaps Published Registration & COMPULSORY Skippers Briefing @ SYC Main Beach	1900hrs
Sat 29 th April	Warning signal not before	Not Before 0755hrs
Thurs 4 th May	Presentation of Prizes @ SYC Main Beach	Approx. 1900hrs

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available from the Sailing Office or online from 1800 hours Thursday 27th April 2023.

9. SKIPPERS BRIEFING

A Compulsory Skippers Briefing will be held at Southport Yacht Club Main Beach on Thursday 27th April 2023 at 1900hrs.

10. VENUE

The Flat Rock Yacht Race will be conducted from Southport Yacht Club (SYC) located at 1 Macarthur Parade, Main Beach, Qld 4217. Phone: (+61) 7 5591 3500 Fax: (+61) 7 5532 7507.

11. COURSE

- 11.1 The course will be a coastal passage race.
- 11.2 Start in the vicinity of the Gold Coast Seaway Sand Bypass Jetty, between the Starting Mark (Port) and the Race Committee Vessel (Starboard).
- 11.3 Proceed in a Northerly direction towards Moreton Bay Flat Rock **WAYPOINT MARK (27.23.414 Latitude S, 153.34.579 Longitude E)**, leaving Stradbroke Island to Port.
- 11.4 Rounding Moreton Bay Flat Rock WAYPOINT MARK (27.23.414 Latitude S, 153.34.579 Longitude E) to Port,
- 11.5 Proceed in a Southerly direction towards the Gold Coast, leaving Stradbroke Island to Starboard.
- 11.6 Finish by crossing the imaginary line formed by the transit of the lights on the Gold Coast Seaway Sand Bypass Jetty, crossing the finishing line in a southerly direction at a distance of not more than 800 Meters from the seaward end of the Sand Bypass Jetty.

12. HANDICAPPING

- 12.1 ORC Offshore Racing Congress Club (ORCc) Racing Monohulls which have a current valid endorsed ORC Certificate will be scored.

12.2 PHS results will be calculated based on a Performance Handicap System (PHS) Time Correction Factor (TCF). The TCF that is determined and allocated by the Race Committee, will be performance-based, and will be expressed as three (3) decimal places applied as a multiplier to elapsed times. The TCF will not be subject to protest, redress, or dispute. This changes RRS 60.1 and 62.1(a).

12.3 A list of Handicaps will be published on the website.

13. BERTHING ARRANGEMENTS

As space in the marina is limited, free berthing (tie up / rafting up) will be available at the SYC Marina for entered competing yachts from 1400 hours on Friday 28th April 2023 to 1000 hours on Monday 1st May 2023. Berthing allocation must be arranged well in advance through the Marina Office. Phone (07) 5591 3500.

14. PRIZES

14.1 Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, & 3rd on corrected time for ORC Club & PHS scores for each Division.

14.2 The SYC Flat Rock Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the Line Honours winner.

14.3 Other Prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

15. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY & RESPONSIBILITIES

15.1 By submitting an entry, the Owner and or Person in Charge agrees to be bound by all the rules and conditions of the race and acknowledges and accepts:

15.2 That for the Flat Rock Yacht Race the Organising Authority and or Race Committee reserve the right to alter or vary any part of the race, including its course should conditions prevent the safe conduct of the race.

15.3 They and the crew are familiar with and understand the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the boat complies (where applicable) with all the Australian Sailing Special Regulations

15.4 They and the crew are familiar with and understand RRS 3 "Decision to Race".

15.5 The Owner and or Person in Charge acknowledge that all their crew are satisfied as to the experience of the skipper and the adequacy of the boat, all safety equipment aboard the boat and insurance arrangements.

15.6 The entry of the boat is acknowledgment that the Owner and or Person in Charge and all crew are individually aware of and conversant with the risks involved in the sport of ocean racing and that the participation in this event is entirely at the risk of the Owner and or Person in Charge and crew;

15.7 The owner and or Person in Charge warrant the suitability of the boat for the race.

15.8 The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the Owner and or Person in Charge who must ensure that the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy, and managed by a crew of sufficient number and experience who are physically fit.

15.9 The Owner and or Person in Charge must be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. They must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and that the crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used.

15.10 Neither the existence of these conditions, and their use by the race organisers, or the inspection of the boat pursuant to these conditions in any way limits the absolute responsibility of the Owner and or Person in Charge and crew.

15.11 Neither the Southport Yacht Club nor its officers, employees nor agents shall be responsible or liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury however caused to the owner/charterer, his or her skipper or crew or their property as a result of their taking part in the Flat Rock Yacht Race and their related activities, including pre-start and post- finish operations and related shore activities;

15.12 Neither the Southport Yacht Club nor its officers, employees or agents will be liable for any costs or expenses that may be incurred as a result of special assistance at sea being arranged for any reason whatsoever.

16. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participation in an event, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority and the sponsors of the event, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition for said event in which the competitor participated and in all material related to the said event without compensation.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the Flat Rock Yacht 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.

18. INSURANCE

- 18.1 All boats shall have a current marine legal public liability insurance policy for the duration of race, with a sum insured of not less than AUD\$10 million (or its equivalent in another currency).
- 18.2 The policy must state that the boat is insured for the race (or racing) in which it is participating in and that it is covered for a length greater than the length (a minimum of 90 nautical miles for ocean racing) of the race in which it is participating.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

Contact SYC Sailing Office on:

Phone (07) 5537 7030

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