

FLAT ROCK YACHT RACE



Saturday 29th April 2023

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organising Authority

Southport Yacht Club Inc.

Hollywell Sailing Squadron
1 Marina Crescent
Hollywell QLD 4216

Mercedes-Benz
Gold Coast



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1. IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Southport Yacht Club

Office Hours

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Email: sailing.ops@sycgc.com.au

Website: www.southportyachtclub.com.au

First Aid & Emergency Services

Seaway Tower VMR400,	CH16,22,67,73,82	0755 912 948
Coast Guard Redcliff VMR403	CH16,21,63,67,73,82	0732 035 522
Coast Guard Southport VMR440,	CH16,21,22,67,72,73,74,80,81,82	0755 311 421
VMR Southport VMR400,	CH16,67,73,22,81,82	0755 323 417
RACQ Care Flight	CH16, 73	0755 068 400
Queensland (GC) Water Police	CH16, 73	0755 095 700
VMR Stradbroke Island	CH 16, 63, 67, 73, 81	0734 099 338

Race Committee

Vice Commodore Sail	Glenn Burrell
Principal Race Officer	Simon Turpin
S.C. Divisional Representative	Barry Schoonenberg

Support Staff

General Manager	Brett James
Sailing Operations Manager	Simon Turpin
Sailing Officer	Steve Murphy
Sailing Office	Karen Holdway & Hudson McKee

2. RULES

- 2.1 The Flat Rock Yacht Race will be governed by the current rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 2.2 The Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) Part 1 Category 3 events including N will apply.
- 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
- 2.4 All competitors are reminded of RRS Part 1.1 Helping Those in Danger, “A boat or competitor shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger”.
- 2.5 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”.
- 2.6 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.
- 2.7 RRS 44.3(c) is amended to a scoring time penalty.
- 2.8 RRS 52 is not applicable.
- 2.9 All yachts shall carry (as a minimum), a Personal Life Beacon (PLB) for each crew member and provide the OA with a detailed crew list and their allocated PLB Hex identification #. If any yachts use AIS personal overboard beacon/s, then they are to provide the OA with a detailed crew list and their allocated MMSI #'s.
- 2.10 GPS positions or waypoints specified use WGS84 Datum.
- 2.11 RRS Appendix T – Arbitration applies.
- 2.12 RRS Appendix WP – Rules for Racing Around Waypoints applies.

3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0730 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.

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 4.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board, located online at <https://southportyachtclub.com.au/sailing-noticeboard/>

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located on the Quarterdeck of the Southport Yacht Club Main Beach.

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

6.1 Australian Eastern Standard Time (Queensland) will be used for the timing of all signals.

DATE - 2022	EVENT	TIME
Wed 26 th April 2023	Entries Close	1700hrs
Thurs 27 th April 2023	Full list of Competitors & PHS Handicaps Published. Registration & COMPULSORY Briefing @ SYC Main Beach	1900hrs
Sat 29 th April 2023	Warning signal not before	Not Before 0755hrs
Thurs 4 th May 2023	Presentation of Prizes @ SYC Main Beach	Approx. 1900hrs

7. DIVISIONS

7.1 The Race will comprise of one (1) division

8. CLASS FLAGS

8.1 The Warning Signal for all yachts shall be International Code Flag 'T'.

9. RACING AREA

9.1 The Racing Area will be the region offshore between the Gold Coast Seaway and Flat Rock located in the vicinity of Moreton Island.

10. THE COURSE

10.1 The course will be a coastal passage race as follows:

10.2 Start in the vicinity of the Gold Coast Seaway Sand Bypass Jetty, between the Starting Mark (Port) and the Race Committee Vessel (Starboard);

10.3 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;

10.4 Rounding to Port the Moreton Bay Flat Rock WAYPOINT MARK (27.23.414 Latitude S, 153.34.579 Longitude E) with the Quadrant bearing lines between 270° and 000°;

10.5 Proceed in a Southerly direction towards the Gold Coast, leaving Stradbroke Island to Starboard;

10.6 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.

11. MARKS

- 10.7 The Starting Mark will be an orange cylinder buoy with a black top approximately 1.0 Meters high x 0.60 Meters diameter.
- 10.8 Moreton Bay Flat Rock WAYPOINT MARK 27.23.414 Latitude S, 153.34.579 Longitude E with the Quadrant bearing lines between 270° and 000° forms the rounding Waypoint Mark.
- 10.9 In accordance with RRS Appendix WP, 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 that provides a valid GPS fix within this quadrant is deemed to have rounded or passed the Waypoint Mark on the correct side.



12. THE START

- 12.1 The Race will be started according to RRS Rule 26.
- 12.2 The Starting Line shall be between a staff displaying an Orange flag or shape on the Race Committee Vessel at the Starboard end of the line, and the Starting Mark at the Port end, located approximately 1 nautical mile to the East of the seaward end of the Sand Bypass Jetty.
- 12.3 A yacht starting later than twenty (20) minutes after her Starting Signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4.
- 12.4 Individual Recalls will be signaled 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 fifteen (15) minutes after the Starting Signal. This modifies RRS 29.1.
- 12.5 General Recalls will be signaled according to RRS 29.2

13. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

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

14. SHORTENED COURSE

- 14.1 There is no provision to shorten the course after the start.

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 southerly 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 and text Simon Turpin on 0400 558 917 within 20 minutes of their finishing time, providing;
- 15.3 **Yacht Name**, Finishing Time (**HRS:MIN:SEC**) and **POB (#)**
- 15.4 **All Skippers shall complete and submit a Skippers Declaration Form** (attached to these Sailing Instructions as Appendix A) as soon as possible after finishing but no later than 1600 hours on Sunday 30th April 2023. Skipper Declarations shall be submitted via mms text to Simon Turpin on 0400 558 917 or via email at sailing.ops@sycgc.com.au.

16. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 16.1 Between the hours of sunrise and sunset, the 720° penalty, Rule 44.2 of the ISAF RRS shall apply for infringement of the rules of Part 2 of the RRS.
- 16.2 Between the hours of sunset and sunrise, 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 Skippers Declaration (attached to the Sailing Instructions) via mms text to Simon Turpin on 0400 558 917 or via email at sailing.ops@sycgc.com.au. as soon as practical but no later than 1600h on Sunday 30th April 2023.
- 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 Yachts failing to comply with SI 15.2, 15.3, 15.4, 20.1, 20.3, 20.4, 20.6 will have a 15 (Fifteen) minute scoring penalty added to their actual finish time for **each** infringement without hearing.

17. TIME LIMIT

- 17.1 The time limit for the race will be twenty-four (24) hours from the time of the starting signal. Yachts which have not finished by this time will be scored DNF without a hearing.

18. PROTESTS AND REDRESS

- 18.1 Protests shall be submitted on the Hearing Request Form, available from the SYC Sailing Office at the Hollywell Sailing Squadron or Reception Desk at Main Beach and delivered there ASAP, but no later than 1600hrs on Sunday 30th April 2023.
- 18.2 Hearing 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. SCORING

- 19.1 The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A4 will apply.
- 19.2 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. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 20.1 All yachts must always maintain a listening watch on Channel VHF09.
- 20.2 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.
- 20.3 **SEAWAY TOWER**; Departure **Log-On** and Arrival **Log-Off**:
- (i) All yachts shall log-on with Volunteer Marine Rescue Seaway Tower (Call sign “V.M.R. 414 SEAWAY TOWER”, Channel 27.91MHz or VHF73) prior to departing, stating the Vessel name and Registration Number, number of persons on board, and the estimated time of returning.
- (ii) All yachts shall log-off upon entering the Gold Coast Seaway after finishing or retiring from the race.
- NB:** Seaway Tower is closed between and including the hours of 2205pm and 0515am. Please refer your communications to “VMR 400 Southport” on Ch 73 during these hours. They will in turn notify Seaway Tower.
- 20.4 **SIGN ON RC**; All Yachts shall report to the Race Committee vessel at the starting area with all crew on deck, no later than **0740 hours** on Saturday 29th April 2023, each wearing their compliant safety harness and tether (compliant in accordance with AS Special Regulation 5.02 SAFETY HARNESS AND SAFETY LINES (Tethers)).
- 20.5 Upon visual inspection by the Race Officer, confirmation of Persons on Board (POB) will be hailed by the Race Officer to the Skipper of each Yacht confirming details.
- 20.6 **ROUNDING THE WAYPOINT MARK**; Within 15 minutes of rounding Moreton Bay Flat Rock WAYPOINT MARK, all competing yachts shall notify Simon Turpin via text/mms to 0400 558917 providing: [Yacht Name], [Photograph of an instrument displaying the fix and time of the Rounding the Waypoint Mark within the Rounding Quadrant] and Estimated Time of Finishing [ETF HRS:MIN:SEC].
- 20.7 **RETIREMENT**: Yachts which retire from the race shall inform via text to Simon Turpin on 0400 55 8917 providing: [Yacht Name], [Current GPS Lat Long Position], [general direction of travel], [POB #] and approximate Estimate Time of Return to Seaway [ETR HRS:MIN:SEC].

21. PRIZES

- 21.1 Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, & 3rd on corrected time for ORC Club & PHS scores.
- 21.2 The SYC Flat Rock Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the 1st boat to finish as the Line Honours winner.
- 21.3 Navigators Prize - This prize will be awarded to the yacht which has the closest actual finishing time to their Estimated Time of Finishing.
- 21.4 Other Prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 21.5 Announcement of overall results and presentation of prizes will take place at approximately 1900 hours on Thursday 4th May 2023 at the Southport Yacht Club Main Beach Clubhouse.

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 ISAF 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 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.**

23. APPENDIX A – SKIPPER’S DECLARATION

To SYC Sailing Office - 2023 Flat Rock Yacht Race.

1 Marina Crescent Hollywell Qld 4216.

Phone (07) 5537 7030, Mobile 0400 55 8917

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

During the 2023 Flat Rock Yacht Race, organised by Southport Yacht Club and starting on

Saturday 29th April 2023 I was on board and in charge of the yacht:

BOAT NAME	SAIL NUMBER

I declare that during the race the following Rules were NOT observed and / or Infringements occurred by my yacht, with an explanation given as follows (back of page may be used):

The finishing time of my yacht was recorded as: __:__:__ On Date: __/__/2023

Name of Person-In-Charge: _____ Date: __/__/2023

Signature of Person-In-Charge: _____

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

RECEPTION USE Only: Received By: _____

At Date: __/__/2023 **Time:** __:__:__ **Location:** _____

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