

JULIAN ROCKS YACHT RACE



Saturday 14th January 2023



NOTICE OF RACE

Organising Authority

Southport Yacht Club Inc.

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INVITATION

Southport Yacht Club extends a warm invitation to all owners, skippers and crews of all eligible boats to enter and compete in the 2023 Julian Rocks Yacht Race to be held offshore from the Gold Coast to Julian Rocks off Byron Bay on the 14th January 2023.

Owners and charterers of eligible boats are invited to enter on the conditions of this Notice of Race (“NOR”).

The Organising Authority (“OA”) is Southport Yacht Club (“SYC”).

1. THE RACE

- 1.1 The race is an approximate 84 (eight four) nautical mile passage race.
- 1.2 The start of the race will be on the Gold Coast near the Sand Pumping Jetty heading south and rounding Julian rocks near Cape Byron and then returning to the finish on the Gold Coast near the Sand Pumping Jetting. Details of the course will be included in the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.3 The warning signal for the race will be signalled not before 0855 hours (Australian Eastern Standard Time) on Saturday 14th January 2023.

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 prescriptions and special regulations of Australian Sailing (“AS Special Regulations”)
 - d. applicable special regulations for Category 3 events as amended and including N.
 - e. Compliance with Qld government COVID-19 contact tracing via the electronic app “Check in Qld”.
 - f. A compulsory skippers briefing & registration will be held at SYC Main Beach on Thursday 12th January 2023.

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;
- 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 PLB's for all crew
- 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 a Double Handed Class requires a minimum of five (5) valid double handed crewed boat entries.

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 84 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.
- d. DhHC Boats- Double handed boats may enter the Double Handed Performance based 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 Requirements

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 with the Boats Entry 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 – “Sail Pass”.

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. 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 – “Sail Pass”.

- d. 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 Documentation & Entry

Eligible boats shall enter online at the Southport Yacht Club Website <http://www.southportyachtclub.com.au/sailing/special-sailing-events-2/> by 2359hrs on 19th November 2022. 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 as amended by this NOR or higher, audited & certified by an approved National Equipment Auditor.
- b. Inflatable lifejacket service certificates
- c. Verification of stability (refer to NOR 3.1) with a Declaration of Stability and supporting documentation.
- d. Be built in accordance with the AS Special Regulations Part 1, Section 3.03. (refer to NOR 3.1)
- e. A Certificate of Currency for Insurance compliance (refer to NOR 3.2).
- f. 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.
- g. Detailed Crew list including qualifications, PLB hex details, Next of Kin details, experience details, contact details and Australian Sailing numbers.
- h. Juvenile Consent Forms as applicable.

3.6 Entry Fees

- a. An 'Early Bird' entry fee for entries received prior to the 19th November will be \$60.00.
- b. The Entry Fee after this date is \$80.00.
- c. Entrants will be charged the entry fee based on the date of their actual payment, not when their entry was submitted.
- d. Entries shall be lodged with the Organising Authority no later than 2359 hours on 6th January 2022.

3.7 Race & Weather Briefing

A Compulsory Skippers Race & Weather Briefing will be held on Thursday 12th January 2022 at 1900 hours. 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 - 2022	EVENT	TIME
Monday 9 th January 2023	- Sailing Instructions published	1700hrs
Friday 6 th January 2023	- Entries Close	2359hrs
Wednesday 11 th January 2023	- Handicaps published	1700hrs
Thursday 12 th January 2023	- Registration & Compulsory Skippers Briefing @ SYC Main Beach	1900hrs
Saturday 14 th January 2023	- Warning Signal Not Before	0855hrs
Sunday 15 th January 2023	- Presentation of Prizes @ SYC Main Beach	1900hrs

6. SCORING

6.1 Overall Winner

The overall winner of the Julian Rocks Yacht Race will be the fully crewed boat that wins the overall ORC Club 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 Julian rocks Yacht 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.

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 Divison

- 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 Division

- 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

- a. Alternative Penalties – The two-turn penalty (RRS 44.1) is changed to a one-turn penalty.
- b. Event Nominated Penalties – Breaches of Sailing Instruction Safety requirements and Covid Registrations, NOR 2.1 e & f shall be a 20% scoring penalty. This will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1 (a). The scoring abbreviation for a Event Nominated Penalty imposed under this instruction will be (ENP).

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. A GPS capable 406 MHZ Personal Locator Beacon (PLB) registered with a national registration authority shall be carried by or attached to each member of the crew when on deck.
- b. MMSI and crew name for AIS personal crew overboard beacon must be recorded and kept on board and provided to the organising authority with their entry.
- c. 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:

- a. 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.
- b. RRS 44.1 and 60.1(a) are changed in accordance with this NOR.

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. BERTHING ARRANGEMENTS

As space in the SYC Marina is limited, complimentary berthing (tie up / rafting up) will be available at the SYC Marina for finishing competing yachts for 24 hours after finishing. Berthing allocation must be arranged well in advance through the Marina Office. Phone (07) 5591 3500.

9. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the Julian Rocks 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.

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.

10. PRIZES / TROPHIES

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

11. FURTHER INFORMAITON

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ILLUSTRATION A – THE COURSE

