

SOUTHPORT YACHT CLUB

THE

GREAT RACE



2023

Saturday, 25th March 2023



**HOLLYWELL SAILING SQUADRON TO
ROYAL QUEENSLAND YACHT SQUADRON**



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1. INVITATION

- 1.1 The Southport Yacht Club (SYC) Inc. invites all eligible classes to enter and compete in **The Great Race 2023**.
- 1.2 The Great Race is an endurance race, approximately 37nm (68 kilometres) for Off the Beach Dinghies and Off The Beach Multihulls that starts at SYC Hollywell and finishes in Moreton Bay near the entrance to the Manly Boat Harbor.

2. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 2.1 The Organising Authority is the Southport Yacht Club, 1 Marina Crescent, Hollywell, Queensland, 4216, Phone (07) 5537 7030, Email: sailing.admin@sycgc.com.au in conjunction with Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron.

3. SPECIAL ATTENTION

- 3.1 There are several unique requirements which need to be addressed in order to compete in this event. Special attention should be drawn to the specific details of **5. Eligibility & Entry** and **7. Safety** in this Notice of Race.

4. RULES

- 4.1 The Event will be governed by the rules as defined in the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS), the relevant Class Rules (as applicable), the Official Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.
- 4.2 All competitors will wear positive personal buoyancy at all times whilst racing. This amends Part 4 Other Requirements When Racing, Rule 40 of Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 4.3 All classes will be required to sail to their Class Rules and Specifications. No changes will be accepted. If a boat doesn't have a yardstick, it may be eligible to enter at the discretion of the Organising Authority if it complies with the safety regulations (see item 3).

5. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 5.1 The race is open to Off the Beach Multihulls and Monohulls. The Divisions are as follows.
 - DIVISION 1. Monohulls with an AS Yardstick rating less than or equal to 112
 - DIVISION 2. Multihulls with an AS Yardstick rating less than or equal to 92.5
 - DIVISION 3. Foiling Multihulls
 - DIVISION 4. Foiling Monohulls
- 5.2 All Entrants must be current financial members of an Australian Sailing (AS) affiliated Sailing Club and have a current Australian Sailing Sailor Identification Number (SIN).
- 5.3 All Boats entered shall be covered by a valid Third Party and Public Liability Insurance Policy of a Minimum \$10Million including coverage for racing. Proof of this is required and must be submitted with the online entry.
- 5.4 All Crews must complete and submit the declaration and waiver (Appendix A) which indicates that the competing crew is of sound physical condition and do not have any limitations which may prevent them from adequately completing the race. This also must include details of a nominated shore-based support person who is not competing and who will be able to be mobile in case of an emergency. See Safety 4.3 below.

- 5.5 All eligible Entries must complete the online entry and registration details at <https://www.southportyachtclub.com.au/sailing/special-sailing-events> together with the following documents:
- (a) A completed Personal Declaration (Appendix A attachment);
 - (b) A copy of their current Insurance Policy;
 - (c) Full payment of the prescribed entry fee.

5.6 An entry is invalid unless all items are completed in full and submitted online with entry.

5.7 Entries CLOSE at 1600hrs on Monday 20th March 2023.

6. FEES

6.1 The “Early Bird” entry fee paid before midnight Monday the 13th March 2023 will be \$65.00.

6.2 The entry fee paid after this date will be \$80.00.

7. SAFETY

7.1 All classes will be governed by the Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 – Off the Beach Boats

7.2 All Entered vessels must carry the following list of additional Special Requirements:

- Mobile telephone in a waterproof container, that is switched on and working.
- A tow line no less than 1.5 times the length of your vessel (this changes class rules for some classes)
- Two (2) Litres of drinking water per crew member
- Approved PFD type 1 or 2 buoyancy vests per crew member
- All crew must carry a sheathed sharp knife or cutting tool ready for immediate emergency use if required.

7.3 All entrants must have a land-based support person who is able to be on mobile in case of an emergency. This person must be nominated with contact details on the Appendix A form attached, before close of entries. If there are any changes to a support person after close of entries the organising authority must be notified in writing no later than 08:00hrs on Wednesday the 22nd March 2023.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

8.1 The official Sailing Instructions will be made available online from Saturday 18th March 2023 and may be downloaded at <https://southportyachtclub.com.au/sailing/special-sailing-events-2/>.

9. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday 24th March 2023

1600hrs

Meals & drinks will be available from the bar and bistro at Southport Yacht Club Hollywell Sailing Squadron Club House.

Saturday 25th March 2023

0700hrs

Sailing Office opens for Registration.

0800hrs

A **Compulsory Briefing** for all divisions will be held at the Southport Yacht Club Hollywell Sailing Squadron at **0800hrs**

1700hrs

Presentation of prizes and trophies at RQYS, Manly.

A BBQ Sausage sizzle is included in your race fees.

The scheduled warning signal and starting times for the divisions will be considered as “Not Before”:

DIVISION:	WARNING:	START TIME:
DIVISION 1	08:55	09:00
DIVISION 2	09:25	09:30
DIVISION 3	09:55	10:00
DIVISION 4	10:25	10:30

A backup date has been allocated for Sunday 26th March 2023 should the Organising Authority deem the weather to be inclement to run the event on Saturday 25th March 2023.

10. COURSE

- 10.1 The course for The Great Race shall be a 37nm passage race from SYC Hollywell, to Manly observing all navigational markers.
- 10.2 A full colour laminated map, outlining the course to be followed, will be on display at the briefing and will remain available for display until all boats have left the shore.
- 10.3 In the case of adverse weather conditions, SYC may shorten course at any point along the course. All entrants must have a land-based support person who is able to be mobilized and collect them from the new finishing point (e.g.: Cleveland).

11. PRIZES & PRESENTATION

- 11.1 Prizes shall be awarded following the racing at the official presentation at the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron (RQYS), Manly. Presentation of prizes will commence at approximately 17:00hrs but may be sooner or later depending on the racing conditions.
- 11.2 Prizes shall be awarded to the first three finishers overall on Australian Sailing Yardsticks for each division. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority. The winning vessel on Corrected Time will also be awarded the perpetual “The Great Race” Trophy.

12. INDEMNITY

- 12.1 All those taking part in the race do so at their own risk and responsibility. SYC Inc. including employees and volunteers shall not be responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.

13. CORRESPONDENCE AND ENQUIRIES

Please forward all correspondence or any enquiries to:

Southport Yacht Club Sailing Office, 1 Marina Crescent, Hollywell, Qld. 4216.

Phone: (07) 5537 7030, Fax: (07) 5537 7131 Email: sailing.admin@sygcg.com.au

SYC Inc. as the Organising Authority appoints the Southport Yacht Club Race Committee.

APPENDIX A – PERSONAL DECLARATION AND WAIVER

Due: Wednesday 22nd March 2023

Declaration

I _____ being the person in charge of boat name _____ of class _____ declare that all the information supplied by me is correct. I agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the relevant Class Rules, the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions, COLREGS, Australian Sailing Special Regulations and their Prescriptions.

I acknowledge that Southport Yacht Club Inc. is not and will not be held responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. Furthermore, I agree to indemnify Southport Yacht Club Inc. from any responsibility regarding myself, my crew and my vessel during this event. I agree that this indemnity extends to all officers, sponsors and agents of Southport Yacht Club Inc.

I believe that I am of sound health and capable of safely completing The Great Race. I am over the age of 16, and I enter this race of my own accord and understand that *the responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.*

Release of Personal Information

I agree that Southport Yacht Club Inc. and its employees and volunteers may exchange information about me which includes the information I provide to administer my entry into the nominated event and to run their business. I agree that descriptions and names of my boat, myself and crew and our results may be used by the Southport Yacht Club Inc. to publicize and promote activities at Southport Yacht Club and may be released to the press and for public audience. I agree that all information may be disclosed to necessary stakeholders in emergent situations and when bound by law to do so. I agree that Southport Yacht Club Inc. may use the information that I provide to inform me of other events and club promotions. If I do not want this I can let them know.

I understand and agree to the above terms and ask that you accept my entry.

Signature required Date...../...../.....

NOMINATED SHORE-BASED SUPPORTER PERSON DETAILS

Full Name: _____ Relationship to Crew: _____

Mobile Phone #: _____ Alternate Phone #: _____