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2023



SOUTHPORT YACHT CLUB

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

Saturday 25th March 2023

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organising Authority

Southport Yacht Club Inc.

Hollywell Sailing Squadron
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Hollywell QLD 4216



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1. RULES

- 1.1. The Great Race will be governed by the rules, unless modified by these Sailing Instructions (SIs), as defined in:
 - a. The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing (WS);
 - b. Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) and AS Prescriptions;
 - c. The relevant Class Rules (as applicable), except as altered by these Sailing Instructions.
 - d. Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) Part 2 – Off the Beach Boats.
- 1.2. 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 yachts 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. Nothing in the Notice of Race (NOR) or Sailing Instructions (SIs) relieves a yacht of her responsibility under civil law to comply with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, or local regulations.
- 1.3. All competitors are reminded of RRS 1.1 Helping those in Distress. A yacht or competitor shall give all possible assistance to any person or vessel in danger.
- 1.4. The owner and skipper of all yachts shall ensure that no entities form unauthorised associations between themselves (and their products or services) and the event (otherwise known as “ambush marketing”) or any “hijack signage” is carried out by or on behalf of themselves, of their sponsors, with reference to the event and that nothing else is done which might undermine the event, the rights of the event sponsor, or any other sponsor or participant in the event.
- 1.5. Yachts shall not use boat tracking, photography, or video for commercial purpose without prior written approval of the organising authority.
- 1.6. RRS Appendix T Arbitration will apply.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions made ashore will be posted at least one (1) hour before the race affected and the Notice to Competitors will be signalled by the display of Code Flag “L” ashore.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Noticeboard at Southport Yacht Club Sailing Squadron. Notices may also be posted on the Southport Yacht Club online noticeboard <https://www.southportyachtclub.com.au/sailing-office-notice-board/>
- 3.2 The race office is located at 1 Marina Crescent, Hollywell, (07) 5537 7030, sailing.reception@sycgc.com.au.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 09.
- 3.4 Except in an emergency, a yacht shall neither make radio transmissions while racing, nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction applies to mobile telephones.
- 3.5 Race results for this event will be posted on the Regatta Noticeboard/s as soon as practicable after the event, as well as being posted online <https://www.southportyachtclub.com.au/sailing/special-sailing-events-2/>.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.2 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall [handle any equipment][or][place advertising provided] by the organizing authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Southport Yacht Club, Sailing Control Tower.
- 5.2 When a signal is displayed over a Divisional flag, it shall apply to that Division only.
- 5.3 When Code Flag “AP” (Answering Pennant) is displayed ashore, “One (1) minute” is replaced with “not less than thirty (30) minutes” in the Race Signal Answering Pennant (AP).

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

DATE	EVENT – ALL DIVISIONS	TIME
Monday 20 th March 2023	Event Entries Close	1600 hrs
Friday 24 th March 2023	Meals & Drinks available at SYC Hollywell, Bistro.	From 1600hrs
Saturday 25 th March 2023	Registration Open	From 0700 hrs
	Breakfast available at Southport Yacht Club Hollywell, Bistro.	From 0730 hrs
	Compulsory Competitors Briefing at Southport Yacht Club Hollywell	0800hrs
	Scheduled Racing (as per Divisional Order)	Not before 0900hrs
	Presentation of Prizes at Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, Manly & Sausage BBQ	As soon as practicable after racing. Not before 1600hrs

- 6.1 A compulsory Skipper’s briefing will be held in accordance with the Schedule of Events, located at Southport Yacht Club Sailing Squadron, Hollywell.
- 6.2 Changes to the Schedule of Races, that will be posted by 1800 hours on the day before it will take effect.

7. DIVISIONAL FLAGS

DIVISION	VESSELS	FLAG
Division 1	OTB Monohull AS Yardstick =< 112	Numeral Pennant 1
Division 2	OTB Multihulls AS Yardstick=< 92.5	Numeral Pennant 2

8. RACING AREA

- 8.1 The Great Race shall be conducted in the Protected waters between Southport Yacht Club, Hollywell, and Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, Manly. See “Attachment A”

9. COURSE AND MARKS OF THE COURSE

- 9.1 The starting area and course will be described at the Compulsory Skippers Briefing as per the Schedule of Events. Races will be held between Southport Yacht Club, Sailing Tower and Southern Moreton Bay.
- 9.2 The Race Committee may change the direction of and the course order depending on wind and tide conditions on the day.
- 9.3 The Race Committee may shorten the Course in accordance with RRS 32.1.
- 9.4 All Port and Starboard Lateral Marks of the Main Channel are Marks of the Course and shall be obeyed.

10. MARKS

MARK	DESCRIPTION/LOCATION	TYPE
Start Mark	Yellow with Orange Top - Adjacent SYC Hollywell	Buoy
Finish Mark	Blue - North West of King Island	Buoy
Waystation 1	Yacht displaying Pink Flag - Port Mark (Fl R 2.5s) at turn of channel to heading towards Jacobs Well	Waypoint
Waystation 2	Yacht displaying Pink Flag - Port Mark (Fl R 3s) Southeast of Long Island (Second red north of powerlines)	Waypoint

- 10.1 Lateral Markers of the Main Channel are Obstructions of the course as per the Maritime Safety QLD "Beacon to Beacon Guide":
- 10.2 Northern Gold Coast:
[Gold Coast guides \(Maritime Safety Queensland\) \(msq.qld.gov.au\)](http://msq.qld.gov.au)
- 10.3 Southern Moreton Bay:
[Moreton Bay guides \(Maritime Safety Queensland\) \(msq.qld.gov.au\)](http://msq.qld.gov.au)

11. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 11.1 The following areas are designated as obstructions of the course for this event:
- 11.2 All International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities (I.A.L.A.) Buoyage System Beacons are an obstruction;
- 11.3 [DP] The Start/Finish line is an obstruction unless starting or finishing the race.

12. THE START

Division	Warning	Start Time
Division 1	Not before 0855 hrs	Not before 0900 hrs
Division 2	Not before 0925 hrs	Not before 0930 hrs

- 12.1. The starting line will be between the signal mast displaying an orange flag on the Sailing Tower at the starboard end and a port end Orange with Red Top pin.
- 12.2. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other Divisions.
- 12.3. A yacht starting later than ten (10) minutes after her starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start" (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS Rule A4 and A5.

13. SHORTENING THE COURSE

- 13.1 The Race Committee may shorten the course at any part of the course. Yachts shall finish between the Race Committee vessel displaying Code Flag "S" and a prominent feature of their choice (which may include any lateral mark of the course).

14. THE FINISH

- 14.1 The finish line will be between the signal mast displaying a Large Pink Flag on the Finishing Vessel at the starboard end and the port end Blue finish pin. The Finishing Vessel will be located approximately North West of King Island.
- 14.2 Finish times will only be allocated to the main sail number as a yacht crosses the finish line. If the sail number is not registered for this event, the yacht will be scored "Did not Finish" (DNF) for this race. This alters RRS A5.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

Alternative Penalties

- 15.1 Alternative Penalties for this event are applied in that the two-turns penalty (RRS 44.1) is changed to a one-turn penalty.
- 15.2 Event Nominated Penalties for this event are applied in that Breaches of Sailing Instructions 1.7 and 18 at the discretion of the Race Committee only.
- 15.3 The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

16. TIME LIMITS

- 16.1 For all Divisions, yachts failing to finish by 1600hours will be scored "Did Not Finish" (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

17. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1 RRS Appendix T – Arbitration applies to all Divisions.
- 17.2 Protest forms are available from the Sailing office at the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron. Protests shall be delivered there within the Protest Time Limit.
- 17.3 The Protest Time Limit and Request for Redress is thirty (30) minutes after the last boat has finished in it's Division. This applies to competitors and to the Race Committee. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 17.4 Notices will be posted within thirty (30) minutes of the Protest Time Limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are a party or named as a witness. Hearings will be held in the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron Sailing Office (located at the southwest corner of the Club House), as soon as possible and in the approximate order of receipt.
- 17.5 Notices of Protest by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform yachts under RRS 61.1(b).

18. SCORING

- 18.1 The scoring system shall be the Low Point System, as per RRS Appendix A.
- 18.2 Results will be calculated by the application of the appropriate AS Yardstick multiplier of elapsed time. The yacht with the lowest corrected time (after the application of scoring penalties, if any) will be scored first, and so on.

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1 A yacht that retires from a race shall notify Race Control (or Official Support Boat), prior to leaving the Race Area.
- 19.2 Safety requirements for **all divisions** are as listed below:
- a. All Helmspersons shall “Sign On” at the compulsory skippers briefing with Race Committee. **prior** to departing shore.
 - b. All Helmspersons shall be “Signed Off” with Race Committee **upon** finishing.
 - c. All Entered vessels must carry the following list of Special Requirements:
 - (i) Mobile telephone in a waterproof container, that is switched on and working.
 - (ii) A tow line no less than 1.5 times the length of your vessel
 - (iii) Two (2) Litres of drinking water per crew member.
 - (iv) Approved PFD type 1, or 2 buoyancy vests
 - (v) All competitors are to wear positive personal buoyancy at all times whilst racing. This amends Other Requirements When Racing Rule 40 of the RRS.
 - (vi) All entrants must have a land based support person who is able to be mobilised in case of an emergency. This person must be nominated with contact details on the Official Entry before close of entries.
 - (vii) **Retirement from race:** A boat that retires from the race shall notify any Official Boat including Way-Station vessels, Support Boats or Rescue Boats immediately who will then inform the Communications Centre. If this is not possible, notify the Communications Centre directly who will relay your intentions to the Rescue Boats and Principle Race Officer. The Communications Centre Number is **0424 101 732** or **5537 7030**
- 19.3 Failure to comply with **any** of these Safety Regulations shall result in an Event Nominated Penalty (ENP) of a 20% time penalty scored accordingly by the Race Committee without a hearing. This changes RRS Rule 60, 60.2, A4 and A5.

20. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

- 20.1 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

21. OFFICIAL VESSELS

- 21.1 Race Committee Vessels will display the Southport Yacht Club burgee when on Station. Support Boats will display a Pink Flag.

22. PRIZES

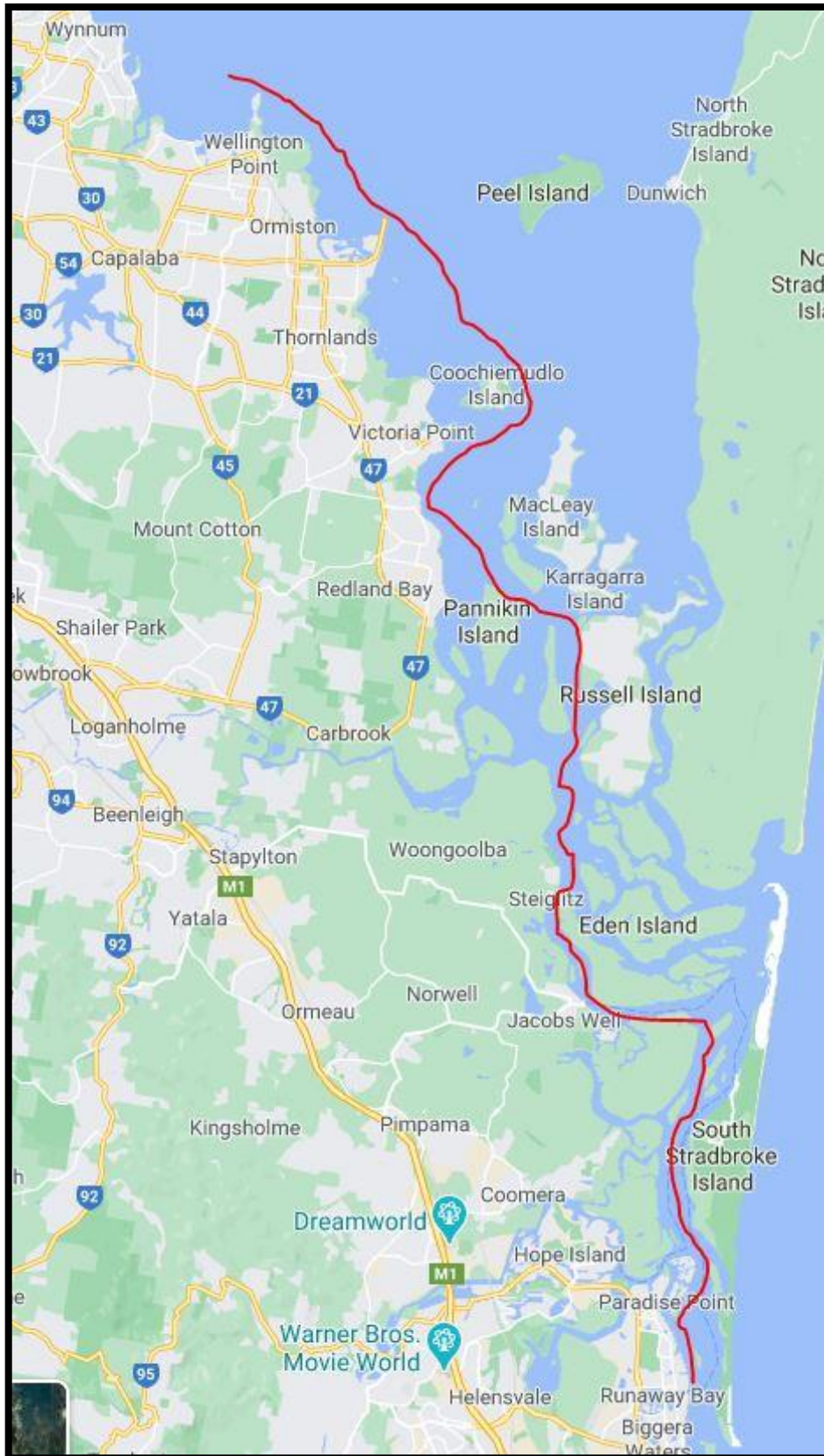
- 22.1 Prizes will be awarded to the First (1st), Second (2nd) and Third (3rd) in each Division.
- 22.2 The Perpetual Trophy will be awarded at the Presentation as per the Schedule of Events.

23. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 23.1 Competitors participation in the Regatta is entirely at their own risk. See Rule 3, Decision to Race. The Organising 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 Regatta.

24. INSURANCE



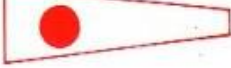





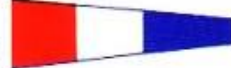












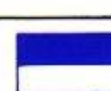


- 24.1 All entrants must have a valid Third Party and Public Liability Insurance Policy of a minimum \$10Million. Proof of Insurance must be presented as per the entry requirements.



INTERNATIONAL CODE FLAGS AND PENNANTS

WITH MEANINGS

ALPHABET FLAGS

<p>ALFA ..-</p>  <p>Have diver down, keep clear</p>	<p>KILO ---</p>  <p>Wish to communicate</p>	<p>UNIFORM ...-</p>  <p>You are running into danger</p>	<p>1</p>  <p>-----</p>
<p>BRAVO -...-</p>  <p>Dangerous goods</p>	<p>LIMA -...-</p>  <p>Stop instantly</p>	<p>VICTOR ...--</p>  <p>Require assistance</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>-----</p>
<p>CHARLIE -...-</p>  <p>Yes</p>	<p>MIKE --</p>  <p>My vessel is stopped making no way</p>	<p>WHISKEY ...--</p>  <p>Require medical Assistance</p>	<p>3</p>  <p>-----</p>
<p>DELTA -...-</p>  <p>Keep clear, maneuvering with difficulty</p>	<p>NOVEMBER --</p>  <p>No</p>	<p>XRAY -...-</p>  <p>Stop your intentions, Watch for signals</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>-----</p>
<p>ECHO .</p>  <p>Altering course to Starboard</p>	<p>OSCAR -...-</p>  <p>Man overboard</p>	<p>YANKEE -...-</p>  <p>Dragging my anchor</p>	<p>5</p>  <p>-----</p>
<p>FOXTROT -...-</p>  <p>Disabled, communicate with me</p>	<p>PAPA -...-</p>  <p>In harbour: All persons report on board</p>	<p>ZULU -...-</p>  <p>Require a Tug Fishing: Shooting nets</p>	<p>6</p>  <p>-----</p>
<p>GOLF -...-</p>  <p>Require a pilot Fishing: Hauling nets</p>	<p>QUEBEC -...-</p>  <p>Request free pratigue</p>	<p>SUBSTITUTES</p>	
<p>HOTEL</p>  <p>Pilot on board</p>	<p>ROMEO ...-</p>  <p>.</p>	<p>1st</p> 	<p>7</p>  <p>-----</p>
<p>INDIA ..</p>  <p>Altering course to Port</p>	<p>SIERRA ...-</p>  <p>Engines going astern</p>	<p>2nd</p> 	<p>8</p>  <p>-----</p>
<p>JULIETT -...-</p>  <p>On Fire, have dangerous cargo, keep clear</p>	<p>TANGO -</p>  <p>Keep clear, engaged in pair trawling</p>	<p>3rd</p> 	<p>9</p>  <p>-----</p>
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