



2023 Paper Tiger Catamaran 52nd AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS Info Sheet – Update July 2022

The Queensland Paper Tiger Catamaran Association together with Southport Yacht Club are in busily preparing for the 2023 PTC Nationals. We have updated our info sheet based on some of the feedback that we have received from conversations, emails and facebook posts recently. See on the following pages, especially on the FAQ section for updates.

Location	Southport Yacht Club (SYC), Hollywell Sailing Squadron. 1 Marina Crescent, Hollywell, Qld, 4216
Dates	6 th Jan 2023 – registration and measurement 7 th – 11 th Jan 2023 – racing with 1 lay day
Sailing Area	The sailing area will be offshore Gold Coast (see Attachment 1 on page 2), with backup of the 'Deep Hole' in the Broadwater if the weather is not favourable for sailing offshore or state of seaway prevents getting in and out.
Accommodation Suggestions	<p>Gold Coast Performance Centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Located 4 min drive / 1.9km from Hollywell Sailing Club Location, 1 Sports Drive, Runaway Bay QLD 4216 - This Lodge Includes: 8 x quad share rooms, 2 x twin ensuite rooms 1 male and 1 female bathroom (with 2 showers and 2 toilets in each) Kitchenette, Common Room with Dining Table, Lounge, Desk and TV Air Con in all bedrooms, Wi-Fi throughout <p>Phone: +61 7 5500 9956 E-mail: goldcoast_bookings@runawaybaysportlec.eq.edu.au Book at https://www.sportssupercentre.com.au/accommodation/</p> <p>Broadwater Shores Holiday Apartments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Located 5 minutes / 3km from Hollywell Sailing Club Location: 9 Bayview Street, Runaway Bay, 4216 <p>Telephone: 07 55373 555</p> <p>If you mention that you are attending a sailing regatta in the local area, managers will consider applying a discount (depending on accommodation availability) https://www.broadwatershores.com.au</p> <p>Runaway Bay Motor Inn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Located 5 minutes / 3.4km from Hollywell Sailing Club Location: 429 Oxley Drive, Runaway Bay, 4216 <p>Telephone: 07 55 375 555 Standard family unit and family courtyard spa unit https://runawayinn.etourism.net.au</p>



	<p>NRMA Treasure Island Holiday Resort (Caravan Park) - Located 9 minutes / 5.4km from Hollywell Sailing Club Location: 117 Brisbane Road, Biggera Waters, 4216 Telephone: 1800 339 966 Accommodation options include powered caravan and tent sites, ensuite caravan sites, ensuite cabins and one bedroom cabins and studio units. https://www.nrmaparksandresorts.com.au/treasure-island/book-now/</p> <p>Paradise Resort - Located 18 minutes / 11.2km from Hollywell Sailing Club Location: 122 Ferny Avenue, Surfers Paradise, 4217 Telephone: 1800 074 111 https://paradiseresort.com.au</p> <p>Other accommodation options, including holiday packages and discounts for the Gold Coast can be found at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.destinationgoldcoast.com/play • https://www.airbnb.com.au/ • https://www.stayz.com.au/ 		
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Look forward to seeing everyone up in sunny Queensland!

Queensland Paper Tiger Association



ATTACHMENT 1 – RACING LOCATION



MAIN BEACH

HOLLYWELL

OXENFORD

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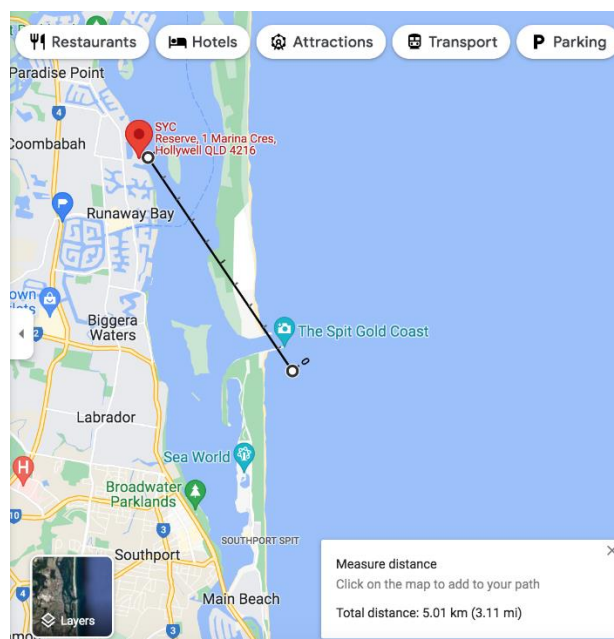


FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)

1. Q: Why are we going to the Gold Coast, a built up area with limited campsites?
 - a. We have chosen to go to Southport Yacht Club, the club with the most amount of active sailing PTC's in the Queensland fleet with 10 boats on a regular club sail. The Queensland PTC Association have a close relationship with the Southport Yacht Club and thus want to also show continued support to the club that has helped us grow over the last 4 years.

2. Q: Why is the Nationals being hosted at Southport Yacht Club instead of somewhere else like Lake Cootharaba or Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron where the 2032 Olympics will be at?
 - a. As per answer to Question 1 above. As to why not Lake Cootharaba, they could not guarantee the Nationals at the time of Xmas/New Years period. As to why not Royal Queensland in Brisbane where the 2032 Olympics will be at, their hosting fees are far more expensive and accommodation options there are even more limited when compared to the Gold Coast. In addition to that, the distance and time to sail out to the race course at Royal Queensland is similar to Southport Yacht Club.

3. Q: What is the sailing distance from the yacht club to the racing area and how long will it take?
 - a. The sailing distance from the yacht club to the racing area is approximately 2.5 nautical miles (5km) from the Southport Yacht Club. The typical time to sail out to the race course is 30 to 40 minutes from launching off the yacht club and similar for sailing back in after racing. In saying this, the organising and race committee are scheduling their races based on the incoming and outgoing tides to ensure that the trips will be as quick as possible (i.e. sailing out to race course on outgoing tide and sailing back to yacht club on an incoming tide). The Queensland PTC fleet and many other fleets does this trip fairly often and all of our state titles have been held offshore to ensure that we have fair racing in a wide course. Sailing in the broadwater has too much water traffic (jet skis, commercial boats, cruising boats, fishing boats) to ensure fair racing to all but is available as backup because of inclement weather





4. Q: With the sailing being offshore, our partners and family members will not be able to view the racing.
 - a. The racing will be just offshore. The racing can be viewed from “The Spit” or from Broadbeach. See the images and write up from recent Etchell Nationals that were held in the Gold Coast hosted by Southport Yacht Club. You will see from the images how close to land and easily viewable the sailing can be, <https://www.sailorgirlhq.com/lisa-rose-win-etchells-gold-coast-and-australasian-championship/?fbclid=IwAR1mIJLVBxgyZEDVzc2HLwdkI2QKPVH4Y6krjD-cixFcDCvSR9FjTQqi2f4>
5. Q: There are limited accommodation options, especially the ones that the PTC fleet traditionally use such as camp and campervan sites.
 - a. As per the suggestions on accommodation above, there are plenty of options widely available to competitors and their family, from campervan sites, motels, holiday resorts or modern methods such as Air Bnb’s and Stayz. There is also an additional option to use the Lodges at Gold Coast Performance Centre, who upon checking availability, they have options to sleep 36 people in one lodge in 8 sets of quad share rooms.
6. Q: Of the camper van sites available, they don’t have large ones that can accommodate us.
 - a. When we checked back at the end of April, Treasure Island caravan park have no more van sites over 22 feet for around 5th to 13th January but plenty of spots under this size and they have plenty of cabins still available. As for the Gold Coast Holiday Park in Helensvale, they need exact dates what people are needing as the availability fluctuates but if there is only a couple over 22 feet sites around this time it could work but depends on the dates.
7. Q: Are there camper van sites that have 5 adjacent sites to each other so that we can camp together?
 - a. See answer to question 6 above when we checked back at the end of April.
8. Q: All accommodation options are quite expensive. Are there any cheaper options for accommodation available?
 - a. When we hosted the OK Dinghy Nationals with 47 competitors, family groups typically booked either Air BnB or Stays and booked a big house on the water 2 minutes from the club and had heaps of room and worked out a very reasonable per family. This is a good option and one that we from Queensland use when we go away, such as when we attended the Victoria PTC state titles in Yarrowonga. Alternatively, there is also the **Gold Coast Performance Centre** in Runaway Bay. They have many bunkrooms and is within a 4 minute drive or 20 minute walking distance of the yacht club. Looking online, there is still availability for the lodge that can house up to 36 people which will put the costs at ~\$48 per person, per night. We believe this is a good option for the fleet to potentially combine to stay together to help reduce costs but also helps socialise with each other. There is free booking cancellation up to mid-July too.



9. Q: Why is the Notice of Race showing so many discrepancies compared to what we are used to for PTC Nationals?
- a. The Queensland PTC Association didn't receive an updated copy of the guidelines for hosting the Nationals, thus were doing it based on our experience of attending previous Nationals. Neil Waterman and Garry Williams have since been in touch and corrected us on those. In the updated Notice of Race (Revision 1), you will find that we have rectified many of the gaps (e.g. divisions, prizes, removal of yardstick or handicap).
10. Q: How many races are actually being held for the Nationals?
- a. 9 races.
11. Q: Why is up to 4 races a day allowed? Our PTC fleet have some aging members who can't physically race up to 4 races a day.
- a. This is to help cater for contingency scenario of a bad/inclement weather. To ensure that we get a regatta with sufficient races to constitute a series and as many opportunities for racing, the race committee will continually check the weather forecast and adjust the race schedule to ensure that we get as many races in so that everyone who travelled from afar get as much sailing in at the Gold Coast. We have used this model in our Queensland state titles and it was key to ensure that we got 6 races in over 2 days.
12. Q: Can we camp in the park right beside the yacht club?
- a. No, this area will be used for parking boat trailers.
13. Q: Why have the Queensland fleet not travelled to other nationals to date? Why should I bother travelling to Queensland if they won't bother travelling to other Nationals?
- a. The Queensland PTC association was only re-established in early 2019, thus missed the 2018 Arno Bay Nationals. In the 2020 Kurnell Nationals, the bushfires in NSW put a risk that many of the Queensland fleet were not willing to take, especially after one of the skiffs that travelled to Sydney from Queensland caught fire while travelling down. Thus, only two boats travelled down from Queensland for the 2020 Kurnell Nationals. For the 2022 Warrnabool Nationals, the Queensland fleet were not confident of COVID borders staying open as inter-state borders only opened 5 days prior at Christmas and the mandatory requirements for negative PCR tests prior to travel back into Queensland and the fact of 14-day quarantine requirements if a positive PCR tests occurred while in Victoria with none of us having backup accommodation options made the risks of travel too much for the Queensland fleet.
14. Q: What kid or family friendly activities are there to do near the yacht club or in the Gold Coast?
- a. The Gold Coast has an abundance of kid and family friendly activities. There are many theme parks (Dream World, Wet & Wild, Movie World, Sea World) that are very attractive and enjoyable as a whole family. In addition to that, there are many excursions to beaches whether it is at Surfer's Paradise, mountain hiking or Ziplining at Tamborine Mountain National Park or Springbrook National Park, Whale Watching Trips, Top Golf and many more.

Do a google search or click on this website for some ideas - <https://holidayswithkids.com.au/gold-coast-things-to-do/>