

2023 RL National Championships 50th Anniversary



Sunday 8th January to Friday 13th January 2023

NOTICE OF RACE



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1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Southport Yacht Club as Organising Authority on behalf of and in conjunction with the RL24 Owners Association of Australia Inc (RL24 OAofA) invite entries for this regatta to be held at Hollywell from Sunday 8th January 2023 to Friday 13th January 2023 according to the programme herein.

2. RULES

2.1 The Regatta will be governed by the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing for 2021-24 and Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1 2021-24. In the event of any discrepancy in this Notice of Race the provisions of the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 The regatta is open to boats of the RL24 class whose owners are financial members of the RL24 Owner's Association of Australia Inc.

3.2 Eligible boats shall enter for the Swing Keel, Drop Keel or Cruising Division via the SYC online entry system only.

3.3 Entries will be accepted until the close of entry, deadline 1700 hours on 31st December 2022.

3.4 Boats or skippers shall be required to carry a minimum of \$10 million indemnity insurance for the duration of the series.

3.5 All RL24s owners are advised that these National Championships are a Category 7 Event. The Organising Committee reserves the right to request a completed Category 7 Equipment Audit Form.

4. FEES

The Entry Fees for the RL24 National Championships are:

FEE TYPE	FEE
Early Bird Entry (per boat) until 2359 hours 31 st August 2022	\$225-00
Entries received from 1 st September 2022 to 30 th November 2022	\$275.00
Entries received from 1 st December 2022 to 31 st December 2022	\$300-00

All Entry Fees are payable by DIRECT DEPOSIT via the Top Yacht Entry System (TES) to the Southport Yacht Club.

NO PAPER ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

5. MEASUREMENTS AND SAFETY

5.1 Entrants will be expected to meet the measurement requirements as specified by the RL24 Owner's Association of Australia. All Entrants are required to hold current Category 7 Equipment Audit Certificates. The RL24 Owner's Association of Australia reserves the right to conduct a measurement of any entrant.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions for the Championship will be available from Race Headquarters.

7. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Sunday 8 th Jan 2023	Rob Legg Memorial Day (further details as they become available) this day will include Memorial Service, Dux Anchorage cruise, and Welcome BBQ at Southport Yacht Club – Hollywell	
Monday 9 th Jan 2023	Compulsory Skippers Briefing 1 st Warning Signal - Rob Legg Invitation Series Races, 1, 2 & 3 (back-to-back)	1200hrs 1330hrs
Tuesday 10 th Jan 2023	1 st Warning Signal Race Day 1 st Warning Signal – Championship Heats 3 & 4 (back-to-back) AGM Southport Yacht Club Hollywell (Club Room)	1330hrs 1800hrs
Wednesday 11 th Jan 2023	Resail Opportunity 1 st Warning Signal – Championship Heats 3 & 4 (back-to-back)	1100hrs 1300hrs
Thursday 12 th Jan 2023	Resail Opportunity 1 st Warning Signal – Championships Heats 5 & 6 (back-to-back)	1100hrs 1330hrs
Friday 14 th Jan 2023	1 st Warning Signal – Championship Heat 7 (Resail opportunity if required, after end of Heat 7) Presentation Dinner at SYC Hollywell Club Room	1100hrs 1830hrs

8. RACING AREA AND COURSES

7.1 Races will be conducted on the gold Coast Broadwater on courses as described in the Sailing Instructions.

9. SCORING

8.1 The Low Point scoring system, RRS Appendix A 4.1 will apply except that first place in each race will score 0.75 point. A minimum of 4 races is required to make up the RL24 National Championship event.

- i) When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of its race scores.
- ii) Where five or six races are completed, a boat's worst single score may be excluded.
- iii) Where seven races are completed, a boat's two worst single scores may be excluded.

8.2 The divisions for this National Championship will be:

- i) Swing Keel.
- ii) Drop Keel; and
- iii) Cruising.

If there are insufficient entries to form a Swing Keel Division (Minimum 3 boats) and insufficient entries to form a Drop Keel Divisions (Minimum 3 boats), all RL24s will sail together, and elapsed times will be corrected using Australia Sailing's July 2017 ATYSB's Class Based Handicaps (i.e. DK = 0.760; SK = 0.725).

10. PERSONAL BUOYANCY

All competitors shall always wear personal flotation devices whilst afloat and outside the cabin.

11. SAFETY

11.1 The Safety Category applicable to this series is Australia Sailing Special Regulations Part 1 Section 2.01.8 Category 7.

11.2 At the discretion of the Race Director, based on safety reasons, the Race Director may abandon the stated race programme (NoR) because of inclement weather.

When the wind strength consistently exceeds 25 knots for a 5-minute period within a 60 minute period immediately before the normal starting time of the first heat to be sailed each day, then that heat will be postponed or abandoned. A similar decision will be made regarding the second heat to be sailed on that same day at 1 hour after the advertised starting time for the first heat. No warning signal will be given after 4.30pm. When one or both races are abandoned for that day, the race(s) can be resailed on later days of the sailing programme.

Races will not be started in less than an average of 4 knots of wind on the course area. This lower wind limit may be higher if there is a strong current in the racing area.

11.3 In addition, the following Class Rules will apply:

3.24.3(b) Outboard motors shall be mounted in the normal operating position but may be retracted while sailing.

3.24.6 A minimum of 9 litres of fuel must be carried at the start of each race.

12. RADIO COMMUNICATION

12.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This includes Mobile phone communications.

13. DECISIONS OF PROTEST COMMITTEE

13.1 A Protest Committee will be appointed for the 2022-2023 Australisan RL Championship in accordance with RRS 91.

14. PRIZES

- Drop Keel Champion (Rob Legg Perpetual Trophy).
- Swing Keel Champion (Rob Legg Perpetual Trophy).
- Handicap Trophy (Perpetual Trophy)
- Rob Legg Invitation Series Trophy (Perpetual Trophy)
- Cruising Division Champion- depending on numbers of entries.
- Coolabah Trophy (Perpetual Trophy)
- Oldest Skipper Flag (Perpetual Trophy)
- Toad of Barmera Trophy (Perpetual Trophy)
- Other prizes may be awarded as determined by the RL24 OAofA.



15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

15.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 2021-24 Rule 3, Decision to Race. It is the Competitor's decision to enter the Regatta or to start or continue in any race. Neither RL24 OAofA nor the Southport Yacht Club will accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

16. INSURANCE

16.1 All boats shall include details of current third-party insurance to the cover value of AUD\$10,000,000.00 on the entry form. The completion, by a competitor, and acceptance, by the organising authority, of an entry form shall constitute acknowledgment by the competitor that such cover is valid and in place for the period of the Regatta. Each boat shall provide evidence of currency of Insurance Cover with the Entry Form.

17. MEASUREMENT

17.1 The RL24 OAofA reserves the right to inspect, measure or check hull, spars, sails, and safety equipment of any yacht at any time before or after any heat during the series. Each boat will have a valid measurement certificate and maybe required to produce it.

18. MANDATORY SIGN ON / SIGN OFF.

18.1 For each race or race session each competitor intending to race shall personally “sign-on”, by completing the appropriate details on the “sign-on/off” sheet located in the Southport Yacht Club Hollywell facilities prior to the warning signal of the race session. Failure to comply with this Sailing Instruction will result in a boat scoring DNC for the races of the session without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.

18.2 All boats shall “sign-off” upon returning to shore by completing the appropriate details on the “sign-on/off” sheet located in the Southport Yacht Club Hollywell facility no later than the end of protest time for that day. Failure to comply with this Sailing Instruction will result in a boat scoring DNF for the races of the session without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

18.3 Sign on / Sign off ashore is automatically accepted for one or more races of each “on water” session.

19. PRESENTATION DINNER.

Presentation Dinner will be held in main room, Southport Yacht Club Hollywell on Friday 13^h January 2023 at 1830 hrs.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION.

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21. RISK WARNING.

This RISK WARNING is issued by the SOUTHPORT YACHT CLUB to all persons wishing to participate in the sailing activities conducted by Southport Yacht Club.

Participants are warned that, regardless of the precautions, which might be taken by reasonable and experienced persons, sailing can be a dangerous pursuit and participants are exposed to significant risk of property damage, physical harm and possibly death.

- As an indication, these risks may include, but are not limited to:
- The extremes of weather and sea conditions.
- The potential that control of vessels may be lost, resulting in collision with objects and other vessels.
- The sudden movement of the vessel at any time and the possibility that participants may fall or be thrown overboard, resulting in drowning.
- The possibility that participants may be injured by equipment on the vessel.
- The absence of immediate medical care and the likelihood that significant delays may occur before medical care is available.
- Exposure to the elements for extended periods.

Participants are also advised that although Southport Yacht Club Inc. is covered by third party liability insurance, this cover DOES NOT extend to participants. Any participant who considers they have a need for insurance must make their own private arrangements with an insurer. A personal accident insurance policy is available with subscription to membership of Australian Sailing.