

COOK ISLAND YACHT RACE



Sunday 10th December 2023

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



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1. IMPORTANT CONTACTS



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Race Communications Channel VHF09
Race Officer (RO) Mobile # 0475 434 800 (Steve Murphy)

First Aid & Emergency Services

Seaway Tower	CH16,22,67,73,82	0755 912 948
Coast Guard Southport VMR440,	CH16,21,22,67,73,81,82	0755 311 421
VMR Southport VMR400,	CH16,67,73,22,81,82	0755 323 417
Water Police Qld (Gold Coast)	CH16, 73	0755 095 700
VMR Point Danger	CH16, 88	0755 369 333
Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA)		1800 641 792

Southport Yacht Club Race Committee

Vice Commodore Sail	Glenn Burrell
Principal Race Officer	Simon Turpin
S.C. Divisional Representative	Barry Berg

Management & Support Team

Commodore	Drew Jones
General Manager	Brett James
Sailing Officer	Steven Murphy
Sailing Office	Karen Holdway

2. RULES

- 2.1 This Yacht Race will be governed by the current rules, unless modified by these Sailing Instructions (SI) as defined in:
- 2.2 The Racing Rules Of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing (WS)
- 2.3 The Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS).
- 2.4 ORC Rating Rules 2021 where applicable.
- 2.5 The *International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea 1972* (COLREGS) shall apply at all times. RRS will apply only between those ships 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 override all other rules.
- 2.6 All competitors are reminded of RRS 1.1 Helping Those in Danger: “A boat, competitor or support person shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger”.
- 2.7 All competitors are reminded of RRS 3 Decision to Race, “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone”.
- 2.8 When conflict occurs between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the rules of the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7
- 2.9 RRS Appendix T – Arbitration applies.

3. ALTERATIONS OF RACING RULES

- 3.1 RRS 52 is not applicable.
- 3.2 RRS 55.2 and 55.3 is amended to allow fixed and retractable spinnaker poles and bowsprits for the purpose of setting asymmetrical spinnakers.

4. DIVISIONS

- 4.1 The Race will comprise of one (1) Division. Other sub-Divisions may be made at the discretion of the Race Committee.

5. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 5.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board, located near reception at Southport Yacht Club Main Beach Clubhouse. Notices will also be published online at <https://www.southportyachtclub.com.au/sailing-office-notice-board/>

6. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0700 hours on the day of the Race, except that any change which affects the schedule of the Race will be posted before 1900 hours on the day before it will take effect.

7. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 7.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located at The Quarterdeck, Southport Yacht Club Main Beach.
- 7.2 When Answering Pennant (AP) flag is displayed ashore, ‘one minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than ninety minutes’.

8. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Events of the Race will operate according to the following schedule. Australian Eastern Standard Time (Queensland).

DATE	SCHEDULE	TIME
Sunday 10 th December	Compulsory Skippers Briefing @ SYC Main Beach	0800hrs
	Warning Signal (Not Before)	0955hrs
	Presentation of Prizes @ SYC Main Beach	Approx. 1700hrs

9. CLASS FLAGS

9.1 The Warning Signal for all boats shall be Code Flag 'T'.

10. RACING AREA

10.1 The Racing Area will be the region offshore between the Gold Coast Seaway Qld and Cook Island Laid Mark.

10.2 When entering or departing the Gold Coast Seaway, the Organising Authority strongly encourages all skippers to carefully observe the prevailing conditions and wave patterns. Skippers are strongly encouraged to have all crew on deck, all hatches securely closed and to consider the need for personal flotation devices and use of tethers whilst crossing the Seaway.

11. THE COURSE

Course Mark	Description	~ Location
Starting Line	As described in SI 13	27°57.300S, 153°26.200'E
COOK ISLAND LAID MARK	PORT Rounding of Cook Island Laid Mark	28°11.200S, 153°34.300'E to port
Finishing Line	As described in SI 16	27°56.315'S, 153° 26.500'E

12. MARKS

12.1 The Starting Mark will be an Orange with Black top cylindrical buoy.

12.2 The Cook Island Laid Mark shall be an Orange cylindrical buoy approx. 2 metres in height.

13. THE START

13.1 The Race will be started using RRS 26, with the Warning Signal given five minutes before the Starting Signal.

13.2 The starting line will be approximately 1 Nautical Mile to the South East of the Sand Bypass Jetty.

13.3 The Starting Line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Vessel to Starboard, and the Starting Mark to Port.

13.4 Any boat which starts later than Ten (10) minutes after their Starting Signal will be scored as Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing.

13.5 Individual Recalls will be signalled according to RRS 29.1, except that in the event of an Individual Recall the Race Committee Vessel will attempt to contact the recalled boat on VHF09 as soon as possible but no later than five (5) minutes after the Starting Signal. This changes RRS 29.1.

13.6 General Recalls will be signalled according to RRS 29.2

14. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

14.1 There is no provision for a change of course after the start.

15. SHORTENED COURSE

15.1 There is no provision for the Race Committee to shorten the course.

16. THE FINISH

16.1 The Finishing Line shall be the imaginary line formed from the seaward end of the Sand Bypass Jetty and coordinates at 27°56.315'S, 153° 26.500'E. Boats shall cross the finishing line in a northerly direction.

16.2 All skippers shall complete and submit via SMS text to the RO on 0400 558 917, as soon as possible after finishing but no later than 30 minutes after their finish time, a Skippers Declaration Form (Attachment A) detailing the finishing time of the boat and any of their infringements of RRS if applicable.

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17. PENALTY SYSTEM

17.1 Between the hours of sunrise and sunset, the 720° penalty, Rule 44.2 of the World Sailing RRS shall apply for infringement of the rules of Part 2 of the RRS.

17.2 Rule 44.3a is amended so that a boat need not display a yellow flag, however a boat that takes a scoring penalty shall submit a declaration (attached to the Sailing Instructions) to the race committee as soon as practical but no later than 1650hrs on Sunday 10th December 2023.

17.3 Rule 44.3c is amended so that a boats scoring penalty for a breach of RRS Part 2, will be ten (10) minutes added to the their actual finish time.

17.4 Boats who failure to comply with SI(s) 21 will have a ten (10) minute scoring penalty added to their actual finish time for each infringement incurred without hearing and shall not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1 & 63.1.

18. TIME LIMIT

18.1 The time limit for the race will be six and three quarter (6.75) hours from the time of the starting signal. Boats which have not finished by this time will be scored DNF.

19. RETIREMENT

Yachts which retire from the race shall inform via text to RO on 0400 558 917 providing:

- i. Yacht Name
- ii. Current GPS Lt Long Position
- III. General direction of travel
- iv. POB #
- v. Destination
- vi. (ETR HRS:MIN:SEC) approx. Estimate Time of Return to Destination

20. PROTESTS AND REDRESS

- 20.1 RRS Appendix T – ARBITRATION applies.
- 20.2 Boats intending to protest shall inform the RO immediately after finishing the race via text message and advising of their intention to protest. This changes RRS 61 and is in addition to the requirements of RRS 61.1.
- 20.3 Protests shall be submitted on a Hearing Request Form, available from the SYC Sailing Office or from the Reception Desk at SYC Main Beach. The completed Hearing Request Form must be mms texted to the RO within 90 minutes after finishing.
- 20.4 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt and as soon as possible.
- 20.5 Boats, which divert from their optimum course for the purposes of search and/or rescue, or alternatively when carrying out their obligations under RRS 1.1, are strongly advised to keep a detailed log of their movements and are invited to make an application to the Race Committee for redress. The granting of and the extent and method of calculating redress shall be at the absolute discretion of the Race Committee, except that the outcome of a successful application for redress shall not result in the abandonment of the race. This amends RRS 64.2.

21. SAFETY & COMMUNICATIONS

- 21.1 The Race Officer (**RO**) mobile number for boats to call, text, mms messages to is **0400 558 917**.
- 21.2 All boats shall via VHF73, Log-On with Gold Coast Seaway Tower prior to departing the Gold Coast Seaway and Log-Off upon returning through the Gold Coast Seaway after finishing or retiring from the race.
- 21.3 All boats shall via VHF09, Sign On with the Race Committee Vessel prior to the Warning Signal, confirming their Boat Name, total Persons on Board (POB) and confirming her Sail Number.
- 21.4 A boat that retires from the race shall notify the RO via text as soon as possible on 0400 558 917.
- 21.5 All times shall be notified to the RO in (HRS:MIN:SEC) format (example 15:00:45).
- 21.6 Within 15 minutes after rounding the COOK ISLAND LAID MARK, all competing boats shall notify the RO via text, detailing the Boat's Name, confirming POB and *may also provide their Estimated Time of Finishing (ETF) within this text message in order to compete for the Navigators Prize*.
- 21.7 All skippers shall complete and submit via SMS text to the RO on 0400 558 917, as soon as possible after finishing but no later than 30 minutes after their finish time, a Skippers Declaration Form (Attachment A) detailing the finishing time of the boat and any of their infringements of RRS if applicable.

22. TRACKING UNIT

A boat shall carry a tracking device if so required by the Organising Authority. The device will be supplied by the Organising Authority.

TackTracker link for delayed broadcasting which maybe viewed – to be advised at briefing:

23. SCORING & HANDICAPS

- 23.1 The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A.2 will apply.
- 23.2 A boats ORCc All Purpose (A/P) time on time rating will be used from a boats valid ORC Club Certificate.
- 23.3 PHS Results will be decided by application of the Performance Handicap System (PHS) Time Correction Factor (TCF), expressed as three (3) decimal places and applied as a multiplier to elapsed times. The PHS TCF will be allocated by the Race Committee or its nominee, will be performance based and will not be subject to protest, redress or dispute. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

24. PRIZES

- 24.1 Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, & 3rd on corrected time for ORCc (A/P) and PHS results.

- 24.2 A prize will be awarded to the boat with the fastest elapsed time - Line Honours. The Line Honours winner will be presented with the Southport Yacht Club Cook Island Line Honours Perpetual Trophy at the Presentation.
- 24.3 A Navigators Prize will be awarded to the boat which has the closest actual finishing time to their Estimated Time of Finishing in accordance with SI 21.6.
- 24.4 The ORCc (A/P) winner will be presented with the Southport Yacht Club Cook Island Yacht Race Perpetual Trophy at the Presentation.
- 24.5 Other Prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

25. INDEMNITY

- 25.1 Any entrant found to be deliberately invalidating certificates, falsifying documentation or otherwise misleading the Race Committee may be subject to action under RRS 69.1. If the Protest is upheld the boat may be subject to disqualification from any future SYC event and the incident will be reported to Australian Sailing.
- 25.2 Participant's attention is drawn to:
 - 25.2.1 RRS Fundamental Rule 3, which states, "The responsibility for a boats decision to participate in a race or to continue racing 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.**
 - 25.2.2 AS Special Regulation 1.02.1 which states, "The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner, or the owner's representative who must do their best to ensure that the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew who are physically fit to face bad weather. He must be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. He must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that the crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used."
- 25.3 All those taking part in Southport Yacht Club events do so at their own risk and responsibility. The SYC is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.

26. INSURANCE

- 26.1 All Competitors must comply with the requirements of Australian Sailing Special Regulations Category Four (4), hold current third party and public liability insurance (minimum) AUD\$10Million, comply with the requirements of registration according to the State, Territory or Country from which it hails, be listed on the register of a Yacht Club affiliated with their National Authority, be sailed by a minimum of three (3) crew who have attained 18 years of age on or before Friday 8th December 2023, and be entered by a Person-In-Charge who is a member of a Yacht Club affiliated with their State or National Authority, in accordance with Australian Sailing Prescriptions.

27. FURTHER INFORMATION

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SYC Offshore Division Sailing Committee Representative

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28. ATTACHMENT A – SKIPPER'S DECLARATION

To the Sailing Administrator, 2023 Cook Island Yacht Race.

Southport Yacht Club, 1 Marina Crescent Hollywell Qld 4216.

Phone (07) 5537 7030, Race Officer (RO) Mobile **0400 558 917**

During the 2023 Cook Island Race, organised by Southport Yacht Club and starting on Sunday 10th December 2023 I was on board and in charge of the boat:

BOAT NAME		SAIL NUMBER	
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I declare that during the race the following Rules were NOT observed by my boat and / or we incurred the following infringements, with an explanation given as follows:

The finishing time of my Boat was recorded as: __:__:__ On Date: __/__/2023

Name of Person-In-Charge: _____ Date: __/__/2023

Signature of Person-In-Charge: _____

Witnessed by: (Crew Member) _____ Member of: _____

Office Use Only: Received By: _____

At Date: __/__/2023 Time: __:__:__ Location: _____

Watch Correction: (Delete) ADD / SUBTRACT _____ Seconds to finishing time

29. PARENT/GUARDIAN DECLARATION FORM



PARENTAL CONSENT & INDEMNITY FORM

For Participants under the age of 18

Event Details/Name:

Participant Details:

First Name:_____ Surname:_____

Email:_____ Mobile:_____

Please note any medical conditions which are relevant for this event:

Parent/Guardian Details:

Full Name:_____ Relationship to the Child:_____

Email:_____ Phone:_____

Address:_____ State:_____ P/Code:_____

PARENTAL CONSENT & INDEMNITY

Parental Consent: I give permission for my child to attend and participate in the abovementioned Southport Yacht Club event. Indemnity: I understand that while every reasonable precaution will be undertaken to ensure the protection of my child, I hereby release Southport Yacht Club, authorised staff and volunteers from any and all liability in the event of any injury, accident, misfortune, damage or loss that may occur to my child and/or their property while present at the aforementioned Southport Yacht Club event. Further, I indemnify Southport Yacht Club, authorised staff and volunteers from and against all loss, including legal expenses, connected with or arising from any claims or demands in relation to my child's attendance at the event. I agree and understand that Southport Yacht Club, authorised staff and volunteers reserve the right to exercise discretion to refuse to register any participant upon medical and/or other grounds without providing a detailed reason for doing so. Medical Treatment Consent: I give permission for Southport Yacht Club to obtain emergency medical, hospital or ambulance assistance and/or treatment for my child at any time they consider necessary. I understand that every effort will be made for myself to be notified before instituting such procedures. I acknowledge that I will be liable for any medical, hospital or ambulance expenses incurred in my child's treatment and I agree to pay those expenses. Privacy Declaration: I understand that Southport Yacht Club may collect information about my child in accordance with their Privacy Policy, and that this information may be disclosed to certain parties it engages in this event. I consent to these details being used by Southport Yacht Club for the promotion of future events and resources.

☐ I give permission for Paracetamol to be administered to my child, at the discretion of Southport Yacht Club and authorised staff.

Full Name:_____ Signature:_____ Date:_____

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