

# 2024 CAT WEEKEND



Saturday 10th - Sunday 11th February 2024

## NOTICE OF RACE

Organising Authority



Southport Yacht Club Inc.

Hollywell Sailing Squadron  
1 Marina Crescent  
Hollywell QLD 4216



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**1. INVITATION**

Southport Yacht Club invite all owners, skippers and crews of all eligible Off-The-Beach Multihull yachts to enter and compete in the 2024 CAT Weekend.

**2. ORGANISING AUTHORITY**

The Organising Authority shall be Southport Yacht Club Inc. (SYC) located at 1 Marina Crescent, Hollywell.

**3. RULES**

- 3.1 The 2024 CAT Weekend Regatta is governed by the current Rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 3.2 The Special Regulations of Australian Sailing: Part 2 shall apply for Off-The-Beach Catamarans participating in the Regatta.
- 3.3 Where there is conflict between rules, other than RRS, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 3.4 Appendix T Arbitration will apply.
- 3.5 All competitors are reminded of RRS 1.1 Helping Those in Danger, whereby “A boat or competitor shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger”.

**4. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 4.1 Sailing Instructions will be available online from 0900hrs Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2024 at the Southport Yacht Club website - <https://www.southportyachtclub.com.au/sailing/special-sailing-events-2/>

**5. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS & REGATTA SITE**

- 5.1 The Regatta office will be located at Southport Yacht Club, Hollywell. The Official Notice Board is on the Southern Wall, adjacent to the Southport Yacht Club Sailing Office, 1 Marina Crescent, Hollywell, Qld 4216. Additionally, notices may be posted to the Official Online Notice Board <https://www.southportyachtclub.com.au/sailing-office-notice-board/>.

**6. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 6.1 The Regatta and included races are open to all classes of Off-The-Beach Multihull, who comply with Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 for Off-The-Beach Boats.
- 6.2 Every yacht shall be entered by and shall have on board while racing a person-in-charge who shall be a current financial member of a Club affiliated to Australian Sailing and an Australian Sailing card holder (SIN), or, if an international competitor, a member of a club affiliated to a World Sailing recognised Member Notional Authority, in accordance with the Australian Sailing prescription to Rule 46.
- 6.3 Where the person-in-charge of a yacht is under the age of eighteen (18) years of age, their Parent or Guardian shall complete a Parent Declaration Form which is available by contacting the Hollywell Sailing Office.
- 6.4 Entries shall be lodged via

<https://www.southportyachtclub.com.au/sailing/special-sailing-events-2/>

before entries close, as per the Schedule of Events. Entries close Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

6.5 Divisions are defined as follows:

Division	Australian Sailing Yardstick
1	< 78
2	> 78

Additional sub-divisions may be allocated by the organising authority.

## 7. ENTRY FEE

- 7.1 The Early Bird Entry fee, paid on and before Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024 is \$70.00 for all Divisions.
- 7.2 All Entries paid from Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024 are \$140.00.
- 7.3 Eligible boats shall enter via the Southport Yacht Club website located at <http://www.southportyachtclub.com.au/sailing/special-sailing-events-2/> accompanied by the required Entry Fee.
- 7.4 Entry includes a competitors Sausage Sizzle after racing on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

## 8. RACING AREA

- 8.1 The racing area will be the Gold Coast Broadwater, between Wave Break Island and the Never Fail Islands.

## 9. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	Time
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Entries close	2359hrs
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Compulsory Skippers Briefing	0915hrs
	Morning Session Warning not before	0955hrs
	Afternoon Session Warning not before	1330hrs
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Compulsory Skippers Briefing	0915hrs
	Final Session Warning not before	1055hrs
	Presentation	ASAP after Racing

No warning signal will be sounded after 1430hrs on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

## 10. VENUE

- 10.1 The 2024 CAT Weekend will be conducted from Southport Yacht Club Sailing Squadron, 1 Marina Crescent Hollywell Qld 4216.

## 11. THE COURSES

- 11.1 The Courses for this Regatta will be a combination of Windward/Leeward courses and Passage type courses as described at the daily compulsory briefings and/or as outlined in the Sailing Instructions.
- 11.2 Up to six (6) races will be scheduled for this Regatta.

## 12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 Alternative Penalties - The two-turn penalty (RRS 44.1) is changed to a one-turn penalty.
- 12.2 Event Nominated Penalties – Breaches of Sailing Instruction Safety requirements shall be a 20% scoring penalty. This will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). The scoring abbreviation for a Event Nominated Penalty imposed under this instruction will be (ENP).

- 12.3 The penalty shall be applied to the race sailed nearest, in time to that of the breach.

### 13. SCORING

- 13.1 Two races must be completed to constitute a series.  
13.2 A yacht's Series Score will be the total of her race scores.

### 14. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 14.1 Registration of Support persons vessels shall be made at the sailing office prior to entering the race area.

### 15. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 15.1 By entering and participating in this event, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her and their vessel, during the period of and after the competition of said event in which the competitor participated, and in all material, related to the said event without compensation.

### 16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 16.1 All persons taking part in this regatta, whether as an entrant or otherwise, do so at their own risk and responsibility. The Organising Authority are not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of it's equipment. The Organising Authority reserved the right to refuse or withdraw an entry at any time.
- 16.2 Attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 3 which states: *"The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."*
- 6.3 The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after this Regatta.

### 17. INSURANCE

- 17.1 Each participating yacht shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance, with a minimum cover of \$10M (AUD) for any one incident. By taking part in a race all yacht owners are deemed to have made a declaration that they have such cover.

### 18. PRIZES

- 18.1 Prizes will be awarded to First, Second and Third places in each division.  
18.2 Perpetual Trophies will be awarded to the overall winners in each division  
18.3 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

### 19. FURTHER INFORMATION

Additional information regarding this event can be gained by contacting:  
Southport Yacht Club Sailing Squadron, 1 Marina Crescent, Hollywell, QLD, 4216.

Phone: 07 5537 7030 Email: [sailing.reception@sycgc.com.au](mailto:sailing.reception@sycgc.com.au)