



# SOUTHPORT YACHT CLUB

## TED ELKES MEMORIAL REGATTA INC THE 2024 GOLD COAST IRC CHAMPIONSHIPS

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2025

SPECIAL  
EVENT





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## 1. RULES

- 1.1. The Regatta will be governed by the current rules, as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. The Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) Part 1 Category 6 shall apply.
- 1.3. When conflict occurs between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the rules of the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
- 1.4. IRC International Rating Certificate (IRC) Parts A, B & C (including AS Prescriptions) where applicable.
- 1.5. ORC Offshore Racing Congress (ORC) Rating Rules where applicable.
- 1.6. OMR Offshore Multihull Rating (OMR) Rules where applicable.
- 1.7. As applicable, the relevant One Design Class Rules.
- 1.8. RRS Appendix WP – Rules for Racing Around Waypoints will apply when applicable.
- 1.9. Where lifelines complying with AS SR Part 1 Section 3 Rule 3.12 have not been fitted, all crew while racing shall wear a visible personal floatation device as per AS SR Part 1 Section 5.
- 1.10. IRC:
  - (a) The current IRC Rules shall apply for boats competing in IRC Division.
  - (b) Boats competing in IRC shall submit a copy of their current IRC Certificate.
- 1.11. CBH Sportsboats and Trailerables:
  - (a) The ATYSBR Rules shall apply for boats completing in Sportsboats and Trailerable Yachts.
- 1.13. [NP] denotes that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.14. [DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee
- 1.15. [SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty will be applied by the Race Committee without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
- 1.16. All competitors are reminded of RRS Part 1.1 Helping Those in Danger, “A boat or competitor shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger”.
- 1.17. 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”.
- 1.18. 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 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 over-ride all other rules.
- 1.19. For the purposes of IRC rules 21.1.5 (d) and (e) this regatta is on consecutive days, however the sails carried on board may not remain the same for the duration of the event. Sails shall remain the same for each day and a boat shall not carry more sails than permitted by her IRC Certificate. For the purpose of this rule, the day begins when the boat leaves the marina for the first time each day and ends when the boat returns to the marina after racing. Before the first race of the regatta, all IRC rated boats in Division 1 shall submit to the Main Reception a declaration of all sails for the duration of the regatta (IRC Rule 21.1.5(d)) and a Crew List Declaration on board for the duration of the regatta (AS prescription to IRC Rules 11.1 and 11.3). See SI Attachment C & D for forms.
- 1.20. RRS 44.3(c) is amended to a scoring time penalty as per SI 12.
- 1.21. RRS 52 Manual Power is not applicable.
- 1.22. GPS positions or waypoints specified use WGS84 Datum.
- 1.23. RRS Appendix T – Arbitration applies.
- 1.25. For crew younger than 18 years of age, a Juvenile Consent Form signed by a parent / guardian is required with the Boats Entry together with evidence of past sailing experience. The Organising Authority may, in its absolute discretion, refuse to allow any crew member aged under 18 years of age to participate in the race.



- 1.26 All crew shall meet the requirements of World Sailing Regulation 19 (World Sailing Eligibility Code). Crew who do not hold a current Australian Sailing Identification Number may apply to the Organising Authority for short term membership – “Sail Pass”.

## 2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0730 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.

## 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, [racing.admin@syncgc.com.au](mailto:racing.admin@syncgc.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.
- 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 Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.2 Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment or place advertising provided by the organising authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

## 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located on the Quarterdeck of Southport Yacht Club, Main Beach.

## 6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

6.1 The following is the schedule of events (Australian Eastern Standard Time – Qld):

2025 KEY DATES	EVENT	TIME
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	- Divisions and PHS Handicaps published	1700hrs
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	- BBQ Breakfast	0700hrs
	- Compulsory Skippers Briefing @ SYC Main Beach	0800hrs
	- Warning Signal (not before)	0955hrs
	- Sausage Sizzle (approx.)	1600hrs
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	- Daily results presentation at SYC Main Beach (approx.)	1700hrs
	- BBQ Breakfast	0700hrs
	- Compulsory Skippers Briefing @ SYC Main Beach	0800hrs
	- Warning Signal (not before)	0955hrs
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	- Sausage Sizzle (approx.)	1600hrs
	- Presentation at SYC Main Beach (approx.)	1700hrs

## 7. DIVISIONS

The Warning Signal for Division One will be Numeral Pennant 1

The Warning Signal for Division Two will be Numeral Pennant 2

## 8. RACING AREA

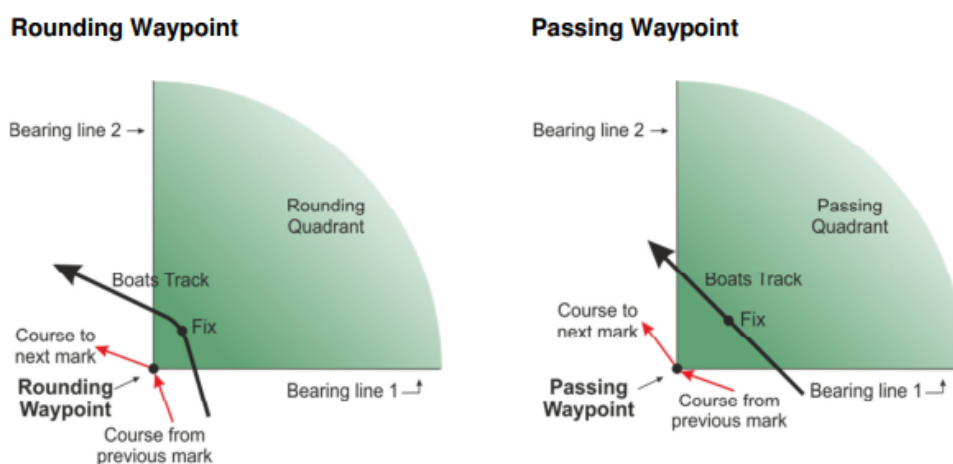
The Racing Area will be the offshore waters between the Gold Coast Seaway and Point Danger. When entering or departing the Gold Coast Seaway, the Organising Authority strongly encourages all skippers to carefully observe the prevailing conditions and wave patterns. During the crossing of a designated coastal bar in an open boat, as well as in any open area of a boat of any length, and on certain craft, wearing a lifejacket is **compulsory** as per Maritime Safety Queensland regulations.

## 9. THE COURSE

- 9.1 There is a mixture of windward/return courses and passage races scheduled for this regatta.
- 9.2 The diagrams in SI Attachment B show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.3 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display a Course Board with the course to be sailed.

## 10. MARKS

- 10.1 Refer to SI Attachment A Marks & Buoys.
- 10.2 If a designated Mark is missing or has shifted more than 100 Metres for Passage courses from its approx. GPS position, then boats shall round the position using the GPS Coordinates as stated in Attachment A.
- 10.3 If one of the gate marks is missing, then the remaining mark shall be left to port.
- 10.4 When Rounding or Passing Waypoints are used, the GPS Co-ordinates as listed in Attachment A are to be used.
- 10.5 Rounding or Passing Waypoint Marks have an associated rounding quadrant defined as the area enclosed between the two bearing lines (with 90 degrees between them) extending from the waypoint. A boat that provides a valid GPS fix within this quadrant is deemed to have rounded or passed the Waypoint Mark on the correct side.



## 11. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS & PROHIBITED AREAS.

- 11.1 The finish line is an obstruction, unless finishing. Boats crossing the finish line incorrectly will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 11.2 All coastline “Shark Nets” are to be passed to seaward and are designated obstructions.
- 11.3 For the purposes of RRS 19 & 20 “Wonder Reef” – the Gold Coast dive attraction which is located 2.5km east of Main Beach at approximately 27.57.70 S 153.27.30 E is a continuing obstruction and a prohibited area. This area is defined with four (4) yellow special marker buoys. Should any of the four (4) yellow special marker buoys be missing, a yacht is still not permitted into this prohibited area. This instruction may only be protested by the race committee. This alters RRS 60.1 and 60.2

Location of Wonder Reef special markers exclusion zone:

- Wonder Reef SW 27 57.805 S 153 27.189 E
- Wonder Reef SE 27 57 806 S 153 27.434 E
- Wonder Reef NE 27 57.589 S 153 27.429 E
- Wonder Reef NW 27 57.593 S 153 27.187 E

- 11.4 A boat shall not sail into a prohibited area.



## 12. THE START

- 12.1 The starting area shall be located approx. 1nm off Main Beach.
- 12.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an Orange flag or shape on the Race Committee Vessel at the Starboard end of the line, and the Starting Mark at the Port end.
- 12.3 [NP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 12.4 A boat that does not start within 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2..

## 13. HANDICAPS

- 13.1 ORC Windward/Leeward time on time ratings will be used for Windward /Leeward Courses.
- 13.2 ORC All purpose Time On Time ratings will be used for all Passage Courses.
- 13.3 PHS Handicaps will be calculated using a rating expressed as a TCF to three decimal points. The starting Performance Based Handicap Time Correction Factor (TCF) for each yacht will be determined by the Southport Yacht Club Handicap Committee. The decision of the Handicap Committee or the representative on any handicap matter will be final and will not be grounds for requests for redress. This alters RRS 60.1 (b).

## 14. THE FINISH

The finish line will be between the signal mast displaying a Blue flag on the race committee signal vessel at the Port end of the line, and the Finish Mark at the Starboard end.

## 15. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 Alternative Penalties - For windward/leeward courses the two-turns penalty (RRS 44.1) is changed to a one turn penalty, except for infringements that occur within the zone.
- 15.2 Event Nominated Penalties 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 an Event Nominated Penalty under this instruction will be ENP. The penalty shall be applied to the race sailed nearest, in time to that of the breach. This changes RRS Rule 60, 60.2, A4 and A5.

## 16. TIME LIMIT

- 17.1 **Windward/Leeward Courses:** The time limit for the first yacht to finish is 90mins. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat of their division sails the course and finishes or within the time limit, whichever is the later, will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus 25% of the number of starters in her Division, rounded to the nearest whole number, but no more points than the number of starters. Such boats will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE). This changes RRS 35, A4.2 and A5. Prior to the time limit expiring, the Race Committee shall record the score of TLE to boats still racing that will not make the time limit. This changes rule 28.1, 35, A4.2 and A5.





- 17.2 **Passage Courses:** The time limit for all yachts to finish is 6 hours. Boats failing to finish within 6 hours will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus 25% of the number of starters in her Division, rounded to the nearest whole number, but no more points than the number of starters. Such boats will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE). This changes RRS 35, A4.2 and A5. Prior to the time limit expiring, the Race Committee shall record the score of TLE to boats still racing that will not make the time limit. This changes rule 28.1, 35, A4.2 and A5.

## 19. PROTESTS & HEARING REDRESS

- 19.1 Boats intending to protest shall inform the Race Committee immediately after finishing the race via VHF09 and advising of their intention to protest. This changes RRS 61 and is in addition to the requirements of RRS 61.1.
- 19.2 Protest forms are available at SYC Reception, Main Beach. Protests shall be delivered there within the Protest Time Limit.
- 19.3 The Protest Time Limit is ninety (90) minutes after the last boat has finished in your division. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the Race Committee and Protest Committee and to request for redress. This changes Rules 61.3 and 62.2.
- 19.4 Notices will be posted within thirty (30) minutes of the Protest Time Limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 19.5 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under Rule 61.1(b).

## 20. SCORING

- 20.1 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 20.2 When fewer than three (3) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 20.3 When four (4) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## 21. SAFETY REGULATIONS (NP)

- 21.1 The Race Committee may consider other AS Special Regulations Part 1 Categories for some One Design Classes to comply with Division Rules.
- 21.2 A boat may be inspected at any time for compliance with Special Regulations or Rating Certification.
- 21.3 All boats shall "Log On" with Gold Coast Seaway Tower on VHF73 providing Boat Name, Sail Number, Persons on Board (POB), Mobile Number, Vessel Registration Number and Estimated Time of Return (ETR) **prior** to departing the Gold Coast Seaway.
- 21.4 All boats shall "Sign On" with Race Control **before** the first warning signal on VHF09 advising their Boat Name, Sail Number and Persons on Board (POB). Race Control will confirm their recorded details for confirmation on "Sign On".
- 21.5 A boat that retires from a race shall notify Race Control as soon as possible. This must be via VHF09 if Race Control is still On Station **or** by texting the mobile number 0499 181 707, advising their exact location and their intentions of travel.
- 21.6 All helmspersons shall "Log Off" with Gold Coast Seaway Tower on VHF73 immediately upon safely retuning through the Gold Coast Seaway.



## 23. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 23.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Sailing Instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a Race Committee Equipment Inspector, Safety auditor or Measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.
- 23.2 RRS 52 is not applicable.

## 24. OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be marked with the SYC Burgee.

## 25. 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.

## 26. PRIZES

- 26.1 Prizes will be awarded to First, Second and Third for overall Series Scores for ORC, IRC and PHS results for division 1 and ORC and PHS for division 2.
- 26.2 The Overall First place winner of ORC results for Division 1 & 2 will be presented with the Southport Yacht Club Ted Elkes Memorial Regatta Perpetual Trophy at the Presentation.
- 26.3 The Overall First place winner of IRC Monohull Division 1 results will be presented with the Gold Coast Yachting Championships IRC Perpetual Trophy.
- 26.4 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

## 27. INDEMNITY

- 27.1 Any entrant found to be deliberately invalidating certificates, falsifying documentation or otherwise misleading the Race Committee may be subject to action under ISAF RRS 69.1. If the Protest is upheld the yacht may be subject to disqualification from any future SYC event and the incident will be reported to Australian Sailing.
- 27.2 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race 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.**



## 28. FURTHER INFORMATION

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## ILLUSTRATION A – THE COURSE

## ATTACHMENT A – MARKS &amp; BUOYS

DESIGNATED MARKS	LOCATION	Approximate GPS COORDINATES	RRS Appendix WP-Quadrant between bearing lines (if used)
Offshore Start/ Finish	Approx. 1NM South of Sand Pump Jetty	27° 57.300'S   153° 26.200'E	
A	Surfers Mark	28° 00.135'S   153° 26.800'E	180° and 270° when heading in a Southerly direction. 0° and 270° when heading in a Northerly direction.
B	Burleigh Mark	28° 05.100'S   153° 27.800'E	180° and 270° when heading in a Southerly direction. 0° and 270° when heading in a Northerly direction.
C	Currumbin Mark	28° 07.300'S   153° 29.500'E	180° and 270° when heading in a Southerly direction. 0° and 270° when heading in a Northerly direction.
E	Laid Mark	As described at Skipper's Briefing	
F1	Offshore Yellow "FAD1"	27° 59.330'S   153° 31.750'E	
X	Laid Clearance Buoy (If Used)	Approx. 0.8NM to windward of the Start Line and to be rounded as signalled by the Race Committee vessel.	



BUOY	DESCRIPTION
START	Orange Inflatable cylinder with Black Top
FINISH	Yellow Inflatable cylinder
A, B, C, E, S, X	Yellow Inflatable cylinder
F1	Yellow Conical MSQ Marker – “FAD1”
1, 1a, 2, 3s, 3p	Orange, Red or Yellow Inflatable Cylinder as advised at Skipper’s Briefing
Barging Buoy	Pink Teardrop

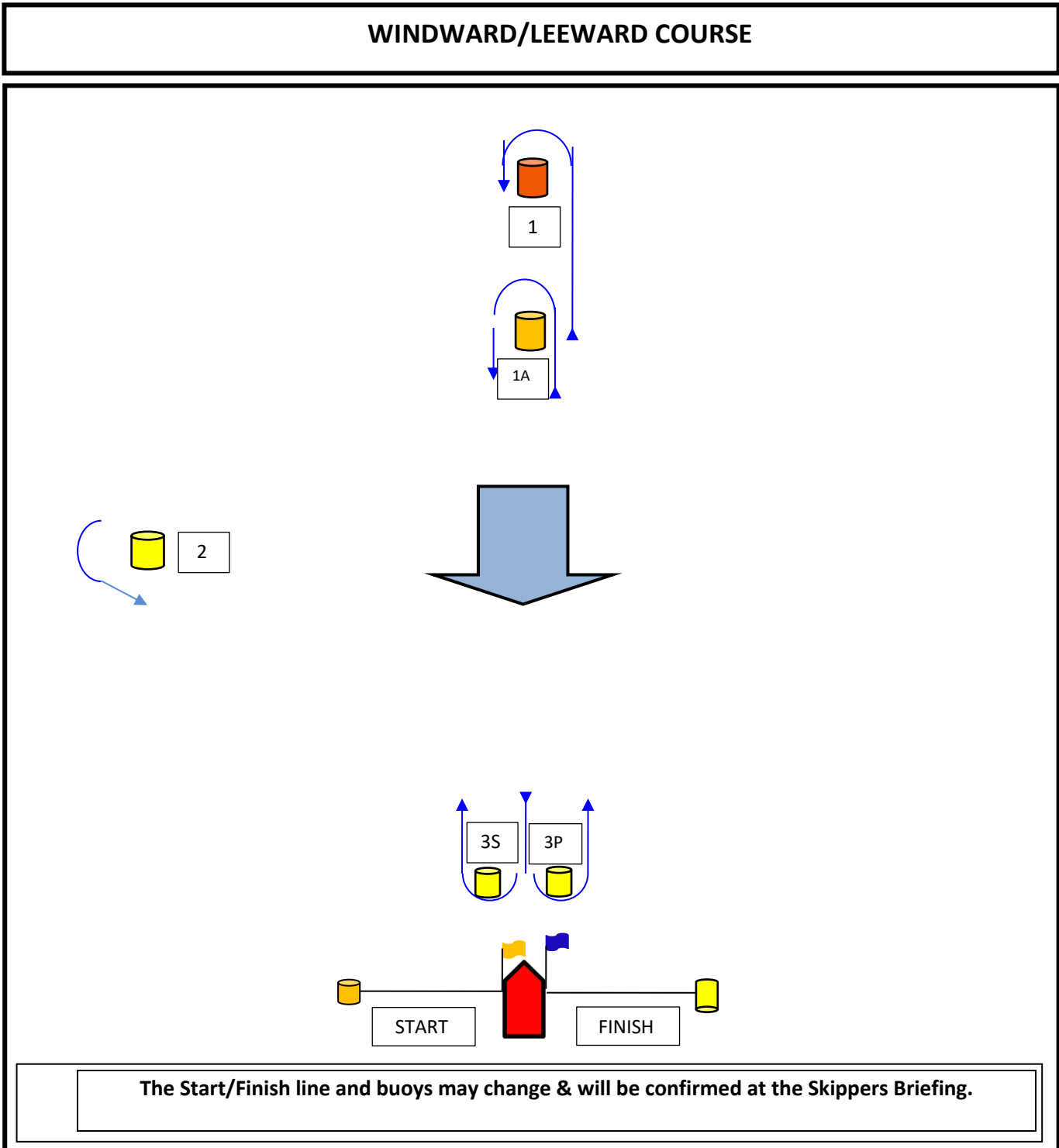


**ATTACHMENT B - COURSES**

COURSE	MARK ROUNDINGS	TYPE
1	DIV 1: START – 1 – FINISH DIV 2: START – 1a – FINISH	RTC
2	DIV 1: START – 1 - 3s/3p – 1 - FINISH DIV 2: START – 1a - 3s/3p – 1a - FINISH	RTC
3	DIV 1: START – 1 – 3s/3p – 1 – 3s/3p – 1 – FINISH DIV 2: START – 1a – 3s/3p – 1a – 3s/3p – 1a - FINISH	RTC
4	DIV 1: START – 1 – 2 – 3p – FINISH DIV 2: START – 1a – 2 – 3p – FINISH	RTC
5	DIV 1: START – 1 – 2 – 3p – 1 – 3p – FINISH DIV 2: START – 1a – 2 – 3p – 1a – 3p – FINISH	RTC
6	DIV 1: START – 1 – 2 – 3p – 1 – 3s/3p – 1 – 2 – 3p – FINISH DIV 2: START – 1a – 2 – 3p – 1a – 3s/3p – 1a – 2 – 3p – FINISH	RTC
B1	START – X* – A (P) – B (P) – A(S) – FINISH	PSG
B2	START – X - A (P) – B (P) – A (S) – X (P) – A (P) – FINISH	PSG
B3	START – X* - A (P) – B (P) – A (P) – START (P) – A (P) – FINISH	PSG
F1	START – X* - F1 (S) – A (S) - FINISH	PSG
F2	START – X - F1 (S) – A (S) – X (S) – A (S) - FINISH	PSG
F3	START – X* - A (P) – F1 (P) – A (S) - FINISH	PSG
Q1	START – X* – A (P) – FINISH	PSG
Q2	START – X* – A (P) – X (P) – A (P) – FINISH	PSG
C1	START – X* – A (P) – C (P) – A (S) – FINISH	PSG
C2	START – X* – A (P) – D (P) - A (S) – FINISH	PSG
SP1	START – X* – A – B – E - FINISH	PSG
SP2	START – X* – A – B – E – A (S) - FINISH	PSG
SP3	START – X* – E – A – E - FINISH	PSG
SP4	START – A – E - FINISH	PSG
X1	A Course set by the Race Committee as advised at the Skipper’s Briefing	
<p><b>NB: Where no Leeward gate (3s/3p) is present, 3p shall be substituted.</b></p> <p><b>*If used – (laid clearance buoy approx. 0.8nm to windward of start line).</b></p>		

**ATTACHMENT B - COURSES**

**WINDWARD/LEEWARD COURSE**



**The Start/Finish line and buoys may change & will be confirmed at the Skippers Briefing.**



**ATTACHMENT C**

2024/2025 Ted Elkes Memorial Regatta inc.  
 Queensland Yachting Championships - IRC Division

**Sail Declaration**

Yacht Name		Sail No.
Type of Sail		Manufacturer

Owner / Skipper Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_





**ATTACHMENT D**

2024/2025 Ted Elkes Memorial Regatta inc.

Gold Coast IRC Championships

**Crew Declaration**

Yacht Name	Sail Number
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Crew no. printed on IRC certificate: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Crew List</b>	
	Name
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	
7	
8	
9	

Owner / Skipper Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## PARENTAL CONSENT & INDEMNITY FORM

**For Participants under the age of 18**

<b>Event Details/Name:</b>	<b>TED ELKES MEMORIAL YACHT RACE 2024/2025</b>
<b>Participant Details:</b>	
<b>First Name:</b> _____	<b>Surname:</b> _____
<b>Email:</b> _____	<b>Mobile:</b> _____
<b>Please note any medical conditions which are relevant for this event:</b>	
_____	

<b>Parent/Guardian Details:</b>		
<b>Full Name:</b> _____	<b>Relationship to the Child:</b> _____	
<b>Email:</b> _____	<b>Phone:</b> _____	
<b>Address:</b> _____	<b>State:</b> _____	<b>P/Code:</b> _____

### 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.

**Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_