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**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**JULIAN ROCKS YACHT RACE**





## ORGANISING AUTHORITY

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## 1. RULES

- 1.1 The race will be governed by the rules, as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 (“RRS”) of World Sailing, including;
  - a. the current IRC Rules Parts A, B and C;
  - b. the current ORC Rating Rules;
  - c. the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (“AS Special Regulations”)
  - d. applicable Special Regulations for Category 3 events as amended and including N.
  - e. IRC Rule 11.2, 21.6.1 and ORC Rule 206.1 is changed to allow a boat may carry one more spinnaker than shown on the boat’s Certificate without an increase of rating.
- 1.2 A compulsory skippers briefing & registration will be held at SYC Main Beach on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January at 1900hrs.
- 1.3 When conflict occurs between the Notice Of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the rules of the Sailing Instruction’s shall prevail.
- 1.4 All yachts shall carry (as a minimum), a Personal Life Beacon (PLB) for each crew member and provide the OA with a detailed crew list and their allocated PLB Hex identification #. If any yachts use GPS capable 406 MHZ PLB’s (AIS MOB), then they are to provide the OA with a detailed crew list and their allocated PLB MMSI #'s. Personal man overboard beacons (AIS MOB) for all crew are recommended.
- 1.5 Changes to RRS in accordance with SI’s 13, 17, 20 and 23.
- 1.6 The International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea (COLREGS) 1972 shall apply at all times. RRS will apply only to boats participating in the event and only during its duration. Should interaction occur with non-participating boats, then COLREGS shall apply to all boats and shall override all other rules.
- 1.7 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.
- 1.8 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 changes to the Sailing Instructions made ashore will be posted at least one (1) hour before the race affected and the Notice to Competitors will be signaled by the display of Code Flag “L” ashore.

## 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://southportyachtclub.com.au/sailing-noticeboard/>
- 3.2 The race office is located at 1 Marina Crescent, Hollywell, (07) 5537 7030, [racing.admin@sycgc.com.au](mailto:racing.admin@sycgc.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 comply with the Southport Yacht Club 2024-2025 Sailing Season Policy

## 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 – Queensland):

2024 KEY DATES	EVENT	TIME
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	- Entries Close	23:59hrs
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	- Sailing Instructions published	17:00hrs
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	- Registration & Compulsory Skippers Briefing @ SYC Main Beach	19:00hrs
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	- Handicaps Published	17:00hrs
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	- BBQ Breakfast Available to Purchase - Warning Signal Not Before	06:30hrs 08:55hrs
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	- Presentation of Prizes @ SYC Main Beach	19:00hrs

## 7. DIVISIONS

The Race will comprise of one (1) division.

## 8. CLASS FLAGS

The Class Flag for the Warning Signal for all yachts shall be International Code Flag ‘T’.



## 9. RACING AREA

The Racing Area will be the offshore waters between the Gold Coast Seaway and Julian Rocks located in the vicinity of Byron Bay. 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.

## 10. THE COURSE

The course will be a coastal passage race, as follows:

- 10.1 Start in the vicinity of the Gold Coast Seaway Sand Bypass Jetty, between the Starting Mark (Port) and the Race Committee Vessel (Starboard).
- 10.2 Proceed in a Southerly direction towards Byron Bay, leaving Cook Island to Starboard.
- 10.3 Round Julian Rocks (approximately 28°36.68'S 153°37.73'E) to Starboard
- 10.4 **All Yachts must at all times NOT be within 200m of the Julian Rocks trigonometric station, situated on Julian Rocks.**
- 10.5 Proceed in a Northerly direction towards the Gold Coast, leaving Cook Island to Port.
- 10.6 Proceed to the Finish Line in accordance with SI 16.
- 10.7 The Course will be as shown in Illustration A, attached.

## 11. MARKS

- 11.1 The Starting Mark will be an Orange with black top and bottom inflatable cylinder, approximately 1.50 Metres high x 0.60 Metres diameter.
- 11.2 Julian Rocks (approximately 28°36.68'S 153°37.73'E) located in the vicinity of Byron Bay forms the turning point and shall be rounded to starboard.

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

The following areas are designated as obstructions:

- 12.1 Julian Rocks, All Yachts must at all times not be within 200m of the Julian Rocks trigonometric station, situated on Julian Rocks.
- 12.2 All coastline "Shark Nets" are to be passed to seaward and are designated obstructions.
- 12.3 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  
12.3.1 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



- 12.4 All Queensland wave monitoring sites have an enforceable 100 metre exclusion zone around each wave buoy which is a prohibited area. Wave monitoring sites are located at:

Gold Coast: Latitude: 27° 57.914' S Longitude: 153° 26.555' E

Palm Beach: Latitude: 28° 05.956' S Longitude: 153° 29.073' E

Bilinga: Latitude: 28° 08.581' S Longitude: 153° 30.646' E

A boat shall not sail into a prohibitive area.

## 13. THE START

- 13.1 The Race will be started according to RRS Rule 26.
- 13.2 The Starting Line shall 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, located approximately 1 nautical mile to the East of the seaward end of the Sand Bypass Jetty, at approx. 27°56.4'S, 153°27.0'E.
- 13.3 A yacht starting later than twenty (20) minutes after her Starting Signal will be scored Did Not Start without hearing.
- 13.4 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 yacht on VHF09 as soon as possible but no later than fifteen (15) minutes after the Starting Signal. This modifies RRS 29.1.
- 13.5 General Recalls will be signalled according to RRS 29.2
- 13.6 All yachts must comply with SI 21.2 in order to Start.

## 14. CHANGE OF COURSES AFTER THE START

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

## 15. SHORTENED COURSE

The Course will not be shortened by the Race Committee.

## 16. THE FINISH

- 16.1 The Finishing Line shall be the imaginary line formed between the Sand Bypass Jetty, located to the South of the Gold Coast Seaway and GPS Co-Ordinates 27° 56.315'S / 153° 26.500'E. Yachts shall cross the finishing line in a northerly direction.
- 16.2 Yachts shall record their own finishing time and text Matthew Dickinson on 0499 181 707 **within 30 minutes** of their finishing time, providing **Yacht Name**, Finishing Time (**HRS:MIN:SEC**), & confirming **POB (#)**.
- 16.3 All Skippers shall complete and submit a **Skippers Declaration Form** (attached to these Sailing Instructions as Appendix A) as soon as possible after finishing but no later than 1600 hours on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Skipper Declarations shall be submitted either via online form, mms text to Matthew Dickinson on 0499 181 707 or via email to [yachting.manager@sycgc.com.au](mailto:yachting.manager@sycgc.com.au).



## 17. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 17.1 Between the hours of sunrise and sunset, the two-turn penalty (RRS 44.1) is changed to a one-turn penalty for infringement of the rules of Part 2 of the RRS.
- 17.2 Between the hours of sunset and sunrise, 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 1600hrs on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2025.
- 17.3 Rule 44.3c is amended so that a boat's scoring penalty for a breach of RRS Part 2, will be ten (10) minutes added to their actual finish time.
- 17.4 Yachts failing to comply with SI 16.2, SI 16.3, SI 22.2, SI 22.3, SI 23, will have a thirty (30) minute scoring penalty added to their actual finish time for each infringement without hearing.

## 18. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for the race will be thirty (30) hours from the time of the starting signal. Yachts which have not finished by this time will be scored DNF without hearing.

## 19. RETIREMENT

19.1 Yachts which retire from the race shall inform via text to RO on 0499 181 707 providing:

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

19.2 Retired Yachts shall inform via text to RO on 0499 181 707 once they are safely back in port

## 20. PROTESTS & HEARING REDRESS

- 20.1 Protests shall be submitted on the Hearing Request Form, available from the SYC Yachting Office at the Hollywell Sailing Squadron or Reception Desk at Main Beach and delivered there ASAP, but no later than 1600 hours on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2025.
- 20.2 Hearing Notices will be posted within two hours (120) minutes of the Protest Time Limit to inform competitors when and where there is a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing or named as witnesses.
- 20.3 Hearings will be heard in approximately the order of receipt and as soon as possible.
- 20.4 Yachts, 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. SCORING

The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A. will apply.

## 22. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 22.1 When departing or entering 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.
- 22.2 All Yachts shall report to the Race Committee vessel at the starting area for a visual inspection Sign On no later than 10 minutes before the first warning signal. All crew are required to be on deck, each wearing their compliant PFD, safety harness and tether in hand for visual inspection (compliant in accordance with AS Special Regulation 5.02 SAFETY HARNESS AND SAFETY LINES (Tethers)). Upon visual inspection by the Race Officer, confirmation of Persons on Board (POB) will be hailed by the Race Officer to the Skipper of each Yacht confirming these details.
- 22.3 All yachts shall observe the mandatory Position Reporting Schedules (PRS). Failure of a yacht to report for two (2) consecutive PRS will automatically initiate Search and Rescue (SAR) actions. In the event that an unnecessary SAR is launched, any associated costs may be incurred by the yacht owner or their representative, the yacht may be DSQ at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 22.4 Yachts which retire from the race shall inform 'SYC RACE CONTROL' as soon as possible and are to maintain observance of the SMS Position Reporting Schedules until they enter the Gold Coast Seaway and log-off with Volunteer Marine Rescue Seaway Tower (Call sign "V.M.R. 414 SEAWAY TOWER", VHF73 or Channel 27.91MHz).

## 23. COMMUNICATIONS

The deliberate transmission of untrue position reports by a yacht will incur penalties to be applied at the discretion of the race committee or protest committee including disqualification of the yacht.

## 24. RADIO INSTRUCTIONS & SMS POSITION REPORTING SCHEDULES

### 24.1 VHF RADIO STATIONS

The Race Control Centre of Southport Yacht Club may maintain a listening watch on, **VHF16** for the duration of the Race. The call sign will be "SYC RACE CONTROL". Alternative phone contact is the Race Officer (RO) mobile #: 0499 181 707 (Matthew Dickinson– Yachting Manager).

### 24.2 DEPARTURE LOG-ON AND ARRIVAL LOG-OFF

- (i) All yachts shall log-on with Volunteer Marine Rescue Seaway Tower (Call sign "V.M.R. 414 SEAWAY TOWER", VHF73 or Channel 27.91MHz) prior to departing, stating the Vessel name and Registration Number, number of persons on board, and the estimated time of returning.
- (ii) All yachts shall log-off upon entering the Gold Coast Seaway after finishing or retiring from the race.

**NB: Seaway Tower is closed between and including the hours of 1800hrs and 0500hrs.** Please refer your communications to "VMR 400 Southport" on Ch 73 during these hours. They will in turn notify Seaway Tower.



### 24.3 SMS POSITION REPORTING SCHEDULES (PRS)

Yachts will SMS to the RO mobile #: 0499 181 707 when they are:

1. Abeam of Marine Rescue Point Danger
2. Have Rounded Julian Rocks (within 15 minutes)
3. Abeam of Marine Rescue Point Danger on the return trip

The above SMS's, to all include the following information:

- Vessel **Name** and **Sail** Number
- Current **position** as Latitude/Longitude
- General **direction** of travel (i.e.: heading South or heading North)
- Any relevant information regarding the yacht, crew or severe weather.

At SMS Position Reporting Schedule (PRS) 2 (Have Rounded Julian Rocks) Yachts shall also report:

- Estimated Time of Finishing (**ETF**)

A return SMS will be sent to each for confirmation.

The RO will call yachts which have failed to report and may ask for sightings of any unreported yachts. The RO may, at their discretion, direct yachts to use other frequencies or to relay information if difficulties in communication are experienced.

### 24.4 RADIO RESTRICTIONS

No restrictions are placed on the receiving of weather information broadcast by Government or commercial stations. This amends RRS 41.

### 24.5 SEVERE WEATHER FORECASTS

Requests for, the passing of, and receipt of information regarding severe weather warnings shall not be regarded as an infringement of RRS.

### 24.6 VHF MONITORING CHANNEL

All Yachts shall maintain a listening watch on Channel VHF16 whilst racing.

## 25. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 25.1 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.
- 25.2 RRS 52 is not applicable.

## 26. OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be marked with the SYC Burgee.

## 27. 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.



## 28. PRIZES

- 28.1 The Line Honours prize will be awarded to the first monohull and multihull if applicable.
- 28.2 Prizes will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> on corrected time for IRC, ORC & PHS Results.
- 28.3 The overall first place winner on corrected time of ORC results will be presented with the Southport Yacht Club Julian Rocks Perpetual Trophy.
- 28.4 Southport Yacht Club Navigators Perpetual Trophy - To be eligible for the Navigators Prize, a vessel's Skipper shall **SMS TEXT** to Matthew Dickinson **0499 181 707** of their Estimated Time of Finishing immediately upon rounding Julian Rocks. This prize will be awarded to the yacht which has the closest actual finishing time to their estimated time of finishing.
- 28.5 Other Prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 28.6 Overall provisional results shall be published online no later than Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2025, 1700hrs and presentation of prizes will take place at 1900hrs on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at the Southport Yacht Club Main Beach Clubhouse.

## 29. INDEMNITY

- 29.1 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.
- 29.2 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.**

## 30. FURTHER INFORMATION

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### **SYC Yachting Manager:**

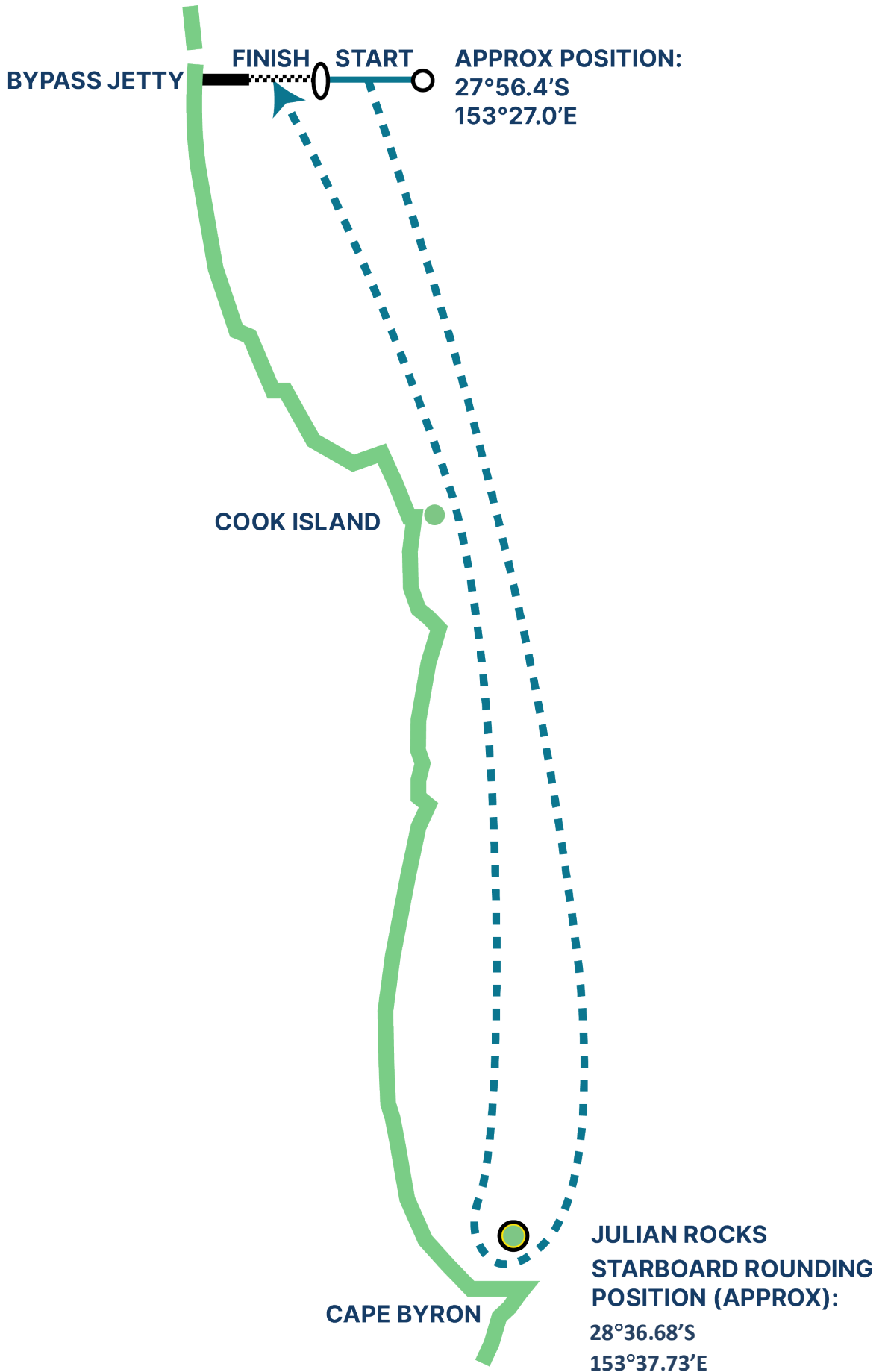
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ILLUSTRATION A – THE COURSE





APPENDIX A – SKIPPER’S DECLARATION

Complete Online: <https://form.jotform.com/250067385949065>

Or Physical Form Below

To the SYC Yachting Manager

1 Marina Crescent Hollywell Qld 4216.

Phone (07) 5537 7030, Mobile 0499 181 707, Email: [yachting.manager@sycgc.com.au](mailto:yachting.manager@sycgc.com.au)

I hereby declare that I am a financial member of \_\_\_\_\_ Yacht Club. During the Julian Rocks Yacht Race organised by Southport Yacht Club, I was on board and in charge of the yacht:

<b>BOAT NAME</b>		<b>SAIL NUMBER</b>	
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I declare that during the race the following Rules were NOT observed and / or Infringements were occurred by our yacht, with an explanation given as follows:


The finishing time of my yacht was recorded as: \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_ On Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/2025

Name of Person-In-Charge: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/2025

Signature of Person-In-Charge: \_\_\_\_\_

Witnessed by: (Crew Member) \_\_\_\_\_ Member of: \_\_\_\_\_



## PARENTAL CONSENT & INDEMNITY FORM

**For Participants under the age of 18**

<b>Event Details/Name:</b>	<b>JULIAN ROCKS YACHT RACE 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:** \_\_\_\_\_