



# Amendment of Sailing Instructions

## Cook Island Yacht Race 2024

### AMENDMENTS, ADDITIONS & DELETIONS

#### 2. RULES

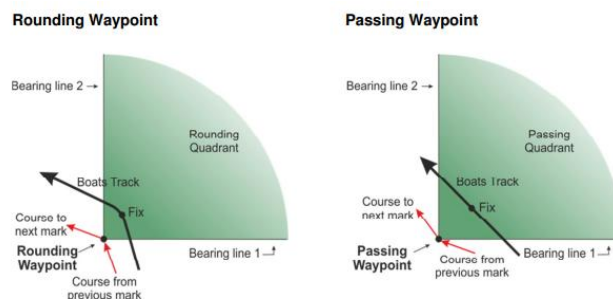
- 2.3 All boats shall comply with the Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994 and Regulation. In the event of a reportable Marine Incident the SYC Sailing Officer is to be notified as soon as practical; but no later than 1 hour after the last boat has finished, a copy of the MSQ Marine Incident Report is required to be lodged with the OA at the same time it is lodged with Maritime Safety Queensland.

#### 10. RACING AREA

- 10.2 ~~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.~~ 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.

#### 12. MARKS

- 12.3 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.



## 14. OBSTRUCTIONS & PROHIBITED AREAS

14.1 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.

14.2 All coastline “Shark Nets” are to be passed to seaward and are designated obstructions.

14.3 For the purposes of RRS 19 & 20, “Wonder Reef” – the Gold Coast dive attraction which is located 2.5 km 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 with the following co-ordinates, should they be missing:

NE	Latitude:	27° 57.459’S	Longitude: 153°27.432’E
NW	Latitude:	27° 57.453’S	Longitude: 153°27.188’E
SE	Latitude:	27° 57.742’S	Longitude: 153°27.431’E
SW	Latitude:	27° 57.749’S	Longitude: 153°27.187’E

**A boat shall not sail into a prohibited area.**

14.4 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:

- Brisbane: Latitude: 27° 29.230' S Longitude: 153° 37.900' E
- 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.

## 17. PENALTY SYSTEM

17.4 Boats who failure to comply with SI(s) ~~21~~ 20 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

## 21. SAFETY & COMMUNICATIONS

21.9 Failure to comply with these Safety Regulations, a boat will be scored ENP (Event Nominated Penalty). The penalty shall be an additional 20% of the score for Did Not Finish, rounded to the nearest whole number (0.5 rounded upward). This changes RRS A4.

21.10 Competitors must provide a clearly identifiable Sail Number on their mainsail as noted in the Yachts Race entry in accordance with RRS Appendix G. A failure to carry clearly distinguishable Sail Numbers may result in a yacht being scored a 30% additional time penalty, Discretionary Penalty Imposed (DPI) without a hearing. This shall not provide ground for redress. This changes RRS Rule 63.1, A4 and A5.

## 22. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 22.1 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.
- 22.2 RRS 52 is not applicable.

## 23. OFFICIAL BOATS

- 23.1 Official boats will be marked with the SYC Burgee.

## 25. INSURANCE

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 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023~~, **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2024** 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.