



Amendment of Sailing Instructions

2024/2025 Offshore Division

AMENDMENTS, ADDITIONS & DELETIONS

2. ELIGIBILITY

2.4 All boats must be entered via the Top Yacht entry system no later than 1400hours on each Tuesday prior to race day.

7. DIVISIONAL FLAGS

7.1. There will be two Divisions for the Summer & Winter Series. Entrants will be allocated to their Division by the Race Committee, prior to commencement of the series and is not subject to change.

FLEET	SCORING	FLAG
Division 1 - Passage	ORC Club, IRC, PHS	Numeral Pennant 1
Division 2 - Passage	ORC Club, IRC, PHS	Numeral Pennant 2
All Divisions	ORC Club, IRC, PHS	Code Flag T
RTC	ORC Club, IRC, PHS	Numeral Pennant 1
RTC – Short Passage	ORC Club, IRC, PHS	Numeral Pennant 2

11. OBSTRUCTIONS & PROHIBITED AREAS

11.1 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

14. THE FINISH

- 14.2 Yachts may be required to take their own Finish time. Finish times should be sent via SMS to the phone number advised at the Compulsory Skipper's Briefing. A boat which fails to declare its Finishing time within one (1) hour of crossing the line will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 14.3 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.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.2 ~~A boat that fails to provide the evidence of sailing the course required by SI 19.8 shall be penalised by the race committee without a hearing. The penalty shall be having an additional 10 minutes added to her elapsed time. This changes rule 63.1.~~

16. TARGET TIMES & TIME LIMITS

- 16.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (See RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below and applies to each Division.

COURSE TYPE	MARK 1 TIME LIMIT	RACE TIME LIMIT	FINISHING WINDOW
Round The Cans (RTC)	45 mins (0.75hrs)	120 mins (2hrs)	45 mins (0.75hrs)
Passage Series	150 mins (2.5hrs)	240 mins (4hrs)	120 mins (2hrs)

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.2 All ~~helmsperson~~ 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 of "Sign On".
- 19.4 All ~~helmsperson~~ boats shall "Log Off" with Gold Coast Seaway Tower on VHF73 immediately upon safety returning through the Gold Coast Seaway.
- 19.6 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.
- 19.8 **When advised**, at a Compulsory Skippers Briefing, all yacht shall within 15 minutes of rounding or passing a Waypoint Mark, shall notify the Race Officer via text/mms to the number given at the Compulsory Skippers Briefing providing:
- The Yachts Name AND
 - Photograph of an instrument displaying the fix and time of the Rounding or Passing the Waypoint Mark within the Rounding Quadrant

24. TRACKING DEVICES

- 24.1 — Boats competing may be required to use a suitable mobile phone application (Andriod/Apple) to operate “RaceQS” for tracking and relay purposes. Further details on using “RaceQS” can be downloaded from www.raceqs.com.
- 24.2 — ~~Boats competing in the Passage Series may be required to purchase and use a designated tracker (from SYC) for the purpose of safety and vessel location tracking for the entire duration of the race.~~
- 24.1 Boats competing may be required to carry onboard a tracking device supplied by the Organising Authority (OA).

Wonder Reef exclusion zone and Wave Rider Buoys are now included in Attachment A (not to scale)

