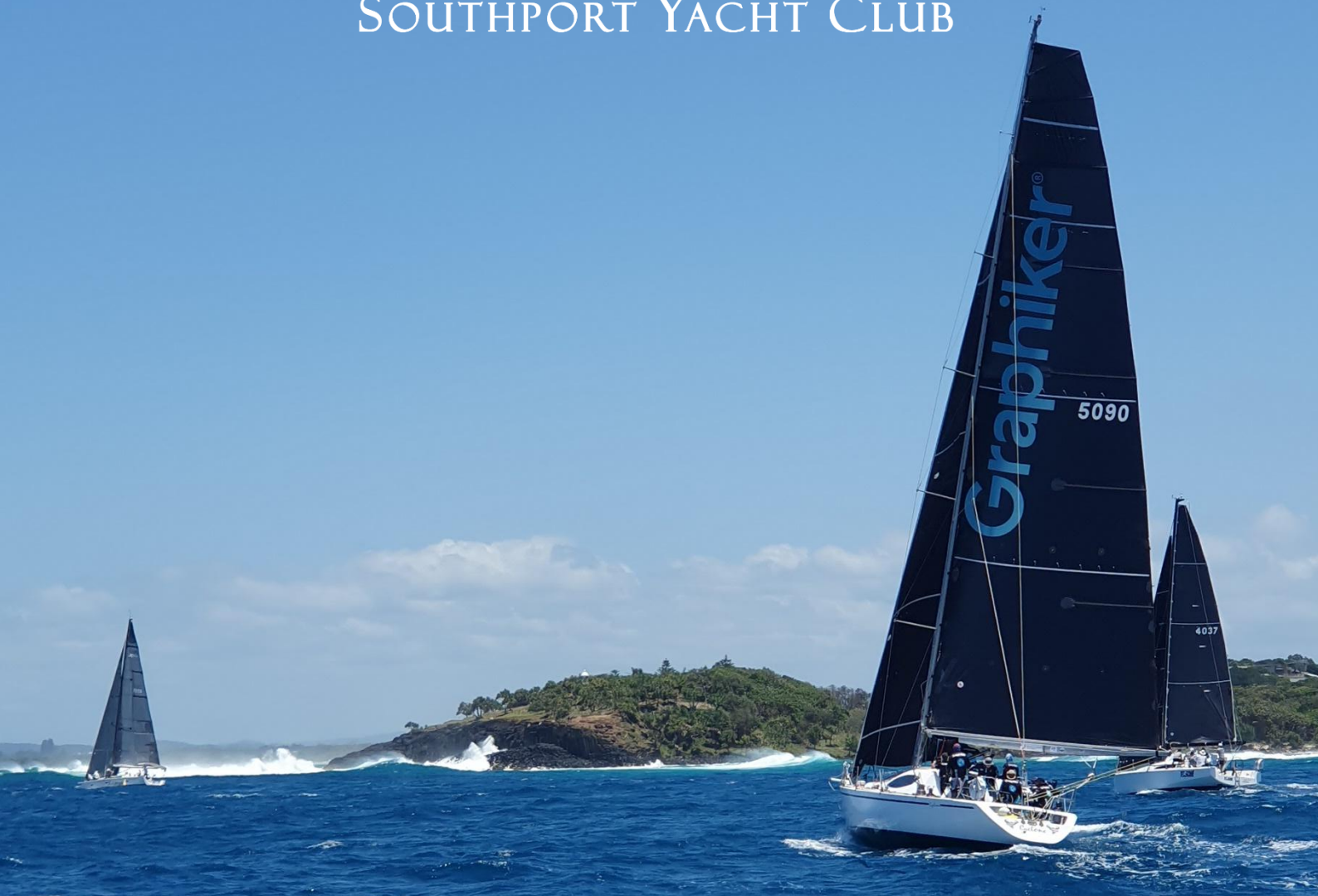




SOUTHPORT YACHT CLUB



COOK ISLAND YACHT RACE

NOTICE OF RACE

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1. INVITATION

- 1.1 Southport Yacht Club extends a warm invitation to owners, skippers and crews of all eligible boats to enter and compete in the 2025 Cook Island Yacht Race, proudly sponsored by Document Solutions, to be sailed on the waters off the Gold Coast on Sunday 2nd November 2025.

2. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 2.1 The Organising Authority shall be Southport Yacht Club Inc. (SYC) located at 1 Macarthur Parade, Main Beach QLD 4217. Phone 07 5537 7030.

3. RULES

- 3.1 The Race will be governed by the current rules, as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-2028.
- 3.2 The Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) shall apply.
- 3.3 When conflict occurs between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the rules of the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 3.4 All competitors are reminded of RRS 1.1 Helping Those in Danger: "A boat or competitor shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger"
- 3.5 IRC International Rating Certificate (IRC) Parts A, B & C (including AS Prescriptions) where applicable.
- 3.6 ORC Offshore Racing Congress Club (ORC) Rating Rules where applicable.
- 3.7 OMR Offshore Multihull Rating (OMR) Rules where applicable.
- 3.8 As applicable, the relevant One Design Class Rules.
- 3.9 RRS Appendix WP – Rules for Racing around Waypoints applies
- 3.10 RRS 52: RRS 52 does not apply.
- 3.11 RRS Appendix T – Arbitration applies.
- 3.12 The International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea (COLREGS) 1972 shall apply at all times. The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) will only apply between those boats that are participating in the event, for the duration of the event. Should interaction occur with non-participating boats, then the COLREGS shall apply to all boats and shall over-ride all other rules.
- 3.13 Where lifelines complying with AS Special Regulation 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.
- 3.14 IRC Division:
- (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.
- 3.15 [NP] denotes that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 3.16 [DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee.
- 3.17 [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.

4. ADVERTISING

- 4.1 The Organising Authority may reject the entry of a boat, which in its opinion is carrying advertising conflicting with that of the Regatta sponsors. In any case of doubt, the Organising Authority should be consulted as soon as practicable.

5. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 5.1 All competitors must be a current member of Australian Sailing and have the appropriate documentation available for inspection at Registration.
- 5.2 The Race is open to Monohull and Multihull yachts which:
Comply with the requirements of Australian Sailing Special Regulations: Part 1 for Racing Boats - Category 4;
Are 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 prescription to Rule 46.
- 5.3 Eligible yachts shall enter on the SYC Website accompanied by the required fee.

6. FEES

- 6.1 Fees are required to be paid, by the following dates, as per the Schedule of Events:
The Early Bird Entry, paid by Friday 19th October 2025 is \$75.00.
All Entries, paid from Saturday 20th October 2025 to Wednesday 29th October 2025 is \$150.00.
- 6.2 Eligible yachts shall enter via the Southport Yacht Club website accompanied by the required Entry Fee.

7. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Friday 19 th October	Early Bird Entries Close	Midnight
Wednesday 29 th October	All Entries Close	Midnight
	Skippers Briefing at SYC Main Beach	0800 hours
Sunday 2 nd November	Warning Signal	0955 hours (not before)
	Presentation at SYC Main Beach (or as soon as possible after racing)	1700 hours

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1 Sailing Instructions will be available from the Sailing Office and online on the SYC website after 1700 hours Friday 31st October 2025.

9. COMPULSORY SKIPPER'S BRIEFING

- 9.2 A Compulsory Skipper's Briefing will be held at Southport Yacht Club, Main Beach at 0800 hours on Sunday 2nd November 2025.

10. VENUE

- 10.1 The 2025 Cook Island Classic Yacht Race will be conducted from Southport Yacht Club, Main Beach. The racing area may be between the waters offshore from the Gold Coast Seaway and Cook Island Aquatic Reserve, approximately 600m offshore from Fingal Head, northern NSW.

11. THE COURSE

- 11.1 The Course will be a coastal passage race from the Start Line near the Gold Coast Seaway Sand Pumping Jetty heading South, rounding Cook Island to Port and return to the Finish Line at the Gold Coast Sand Pumping Jetty.

12. SCORING

- 12.1 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A shall apply.

13. BERTHING

- 13.1 All yachts competing are encouraged to berth at SYC Main Beach for the duration of the 2025 Cook Island Yacht Race. BERTHING SPACE IS LIMITED, and we ask that you please arrange berthing allocations well in advance with the Marina Office: Ph 07 5591 3500.

14. PRIZES

- 14.1 Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd & 3rd on corrected time and to the Fastest Elapsed Time for IRC, PHS and ORC scoring.
- 14.2 A prize will be awarded for Line Honours
- 14.3 Other Prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 14.4 The Overall ORC First Place Winner will be presented with the Southport Yacht Club Cook Island Yacht Race Perpetual Trophy
- 14.5 All prizes will be presented at Southport Yacht Club at 1700hrs on Sunday 2nd November 2025.

15. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 15.1 By participation in the 2025 Cook Island Yacht Race, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority and the sponsors of the event, the right the right, in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion or still pictures and/or videos, live, taped or filmed televisions and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the Regatta or said event in which the competitor participated and all material related to the said event, without compensation.

16. INSURANCE

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

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 17.1 Competitors participate in the 2025 Cook Island Yacht Race event entirely at their own risk. See Rule 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the race.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information can be gained by contacting:

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