



## SOUTHPORT YACHT CLUB



## 2025 TK ROBERTSON TROPHY RACE

SUNDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JULY

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



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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 Special Regulations (SR) of Australian Sailing (AS): Part 2 shall apply for Off the Beach Dinghies.
- 1.3 As applicable, the relevant One Design Class Rules.
- 1.4 The Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions. 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
- 1.5 RRS Appendix T Arbitration will apply.
- 1.6 The International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea (COLREGS) 1972 shall apply at all times. 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 COLREGS shall apply to all boats and shall over-ride all other rules.

**2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the Schedule of Races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

**3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at SYC Hollywell.
- 3.2 Notices may also be posted on the Southport Yacht Club website.

**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**

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the main flag pole on the Hollywell east lawn.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1minute' is replaced with 'not less than 15 minutes' in the race signal AP.

**6. SCHEDULE**

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Entries Close	1600hrs
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Registration	0900hrs
	Compulsory Skippers Briefing	1100hrs
	Warning Signal (not before)	1155hrs

**7. COMPULSORY SKIPPERS BRIEFING**

- 7.1 A compulsory Skipper's briefing will be held in accordance with the Schedule of Events, located at Southport Yacht Club Sailing Squadron, Hollywell.

**8. CLASS FLAG**

DIVISION	FLAG
OTB Dinghy Junior Division (AS YS > 153)	K Flag
OTB Dinghy Senior Division (AS YS < 153)	E Flag

**9. RACING AREA**

9.1 The racing area will be the Broadwater, between the Sovereign Island and Wavebreak Island.

**10. THE COURSE**

10.1 The course shall be passage type course as described at the Compulsory Briefing.

**11. MARKS**

11.1 The start/finish mark will be an orange inflatable cylinder with a black top.

11.2 Other marks will be Yellow inflatable cylinders

11.3 All boats competing are to maintain a minimum distance of 3 meters from any navigation marker. Any boat involved in a marine incident, which includes a collision with an aid to navigation must report the incident in the official format.

**12. THE START**

12.1 Races will be started using RRS Rule 26.

12.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Control Tower and the course side of the starting mark.

12.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes.

12.4 A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

**13. SHORTENING THE COURSE AFTER THE START**

13.1 The Finish Line may be between an SYC Committee Boat displaying the shortened course Flag "S" and a Lateral Beacon or prominent feature of their choice.

**14. THE FINISH**

14.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Control Tower and the course side of the finishing mark.

**15. PENALTY SYSTEM**

15.1 Rule 44.2 of the RRS is changed to a **One Turn Penalty**, including one tack and one gybe in the same direction, and shall apply for infringement of the Rules of Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing.

**16. HEARING REQUESTS**

- 16.1 Immediately after finishing a boat intending to protest shall, in addition to the requirements of RRS 61.1(a), inform the Race Committee at the finish line of her intention to protest and the identity of the boat(s) protested against. The protesting boat must receive an acknowledgement from the Race Committee. This changes RRS 61.
- 16.2 Appendix T Arbitration applies.
- 16.3 Protest forms are available at the Sailing Office at SYC Hollywell Sailing Office. Protests shall be delivered there within the Protest Time Limit.
- 16.4 The Protest Time Limit is twenty (20) 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.
- 16.5 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. Hearings will be held in the Sailing Office (located at the southwest corner of the clubhouse) as soon as possible and in the approximate order of receipt.
- 16.6 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under Rule 61.1(b).

**17. SCORING**

- 17.1 The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A2 will apply.

**18. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 18.1 20.1 A boat that retires from the race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 18.2 All helmspersons shall sign on, on the sheets provided, prior to going afloat for racing.
- 18.3 All helmspersons shall sign off within twenty (20) minutes of completing racing for that session.
- 18.4 Boats failing to comply with these Safety Regulations will have a 5-minute time penalty added to their elapsed time without a hearing. This changes RRS Rule A4.

**19. OFFICIAL BOATS**

- 19.1 SYC Support Vessels can be identified by either the SYC Logo displayed on the vessel or a SYC Burgee.

**20. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 20.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmission while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats with a VHF radio.

**21. PRIZES**

- 21.1 The overall first place winners will be presented with the Southport Yacht Club TK Robertson Perpetual Trophy for each Division.
- 21.2 Other Prizes may be awarded by the Race Committee

**22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 22.1 All those taking part in races conducted by Southport Yacht Club do so at their own risk and responsibility.

22.2 The Southport Yacht Club, any sponsor and any party involved in the organisation of any event disclaims any and every responsibility for any loss, damage, injury to persons and/or things, both ashore and at sea, as a consequence of participation in any way in the races covered by these sailing instructions.

22.3 Attention is drawn to RRS 3 which states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

## **23. INSURANCE**

23.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance, with a minimum cover of \$10M (AUD) 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.

## **24. FURTHER INFORMATION**

Contact the Sailing Office

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