SOUTHPORT YACHT CLUB



COCK OF THE BROADWATER

NOTICE OF RACE

SUNDAY 18TH JANUARY 2026

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1. INVITATION

1.1 Southport Yacht Club extends a warm invitation to all owners, skippers and crew of all eligible boats to enter and compete in the 2026 Cock of the Broadwater to be sailed on the Gold Coast Broadwater, between the Gold Coast Seaway and the entrance to the Coomera River on Sunday 18th January 2026

2. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

2.1 The Organising Authority shall be Southport Yacht Club Inc. (SYC) located at the Hollywell Sailing Squadron located at 1 Marina Crescent, Hollywell, Qld 4216, Phone (07) 5537 7030.

3. RULES

3.1 The Race will be governed by the current rules, as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

3.2 The Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS): Part 2 shall apply for Off the Beach Dinghies

3.3 The relevant Class Rules shall apply.

3.4 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.

3.5 The *International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea* (COLREGS) *1972* shall always apply. 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 COLREGS shall apply to all ships and shall override all other rules. This is a condition imposed by the Gold Coast Waterways Authority within our Aquatic Event Authority.

3.6 RRS Appendix T – Arbitration applies.

4. ADVERTISING

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

5. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

5.1 The person-in-charge of a boat shall be a current financial member of a Club affiliated with Australian Sailing (AS); an affiliated member of Australian Sailing, and the boat shall be listed on the register of vessels of a Club affiliated with Yachting Australia.

5.2 The 2026 Cock of the Broadwater Race is open to Off-the-Beach Dinghies that comply with Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 for Off-The-Beach Boats.

5.3 There will be provisions for four (4) divisions, Division A, Division B, Junior Division & Green Fleet with a minimum of five (5) entries required to constitute a division.

5.4 Sub-divisions may be made, or Divisions may be joined, subject to the number of entries received and at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority.

5.5 A boat shall not change specifications after the close of entries. Any changes to the hull, spars, sails, foils, appendages, ballast, equipment, or any other factor that may affect the performance of the boat may be made only with the express written consent of the Race Committee. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

6. FEES

6.1 Fees are required to be paid by the following dates, as per the Schedule of Events:

6.2 Division A & B Early Bird entries, paid on and before Sunday 11th January 2026 is $35.00.

6.3 Junior Divisions Early Bird entries, paid on and before Sunday 11th January 2026 is $30.00.

6.4 Division A & B entries paid up to and including Friday 16th January 2026 is $45.00.

6.5 Junior Divisions entries paid up to and including Friday 16th January 2026 is $40.00

6.6 Eligible boats shall enter via the Southport Yacht Club website located at https://southportyachtclub.com.au/events/cock-of-the-broadwater-2026/ accompanied by the Entry Fee. **No late entries will be accepted.**

7. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Sunday 11th January	Early Bird Entries Close	Midnight
Friday 16th January	Entries Close	Midnight
Sunday 18th January	Registration	0830 hours
	Compulsory Skipper's Briefing	0900 hours
	Morning Session Warning Signal	0955 hours (not before)
	Afternoon Session Warning Signal	1255 (not before)
	Cock of the Broadwater Presentation	1500 hours **or** ASAP after racing

7.1 A maximum of three (3) races will be sailed during the morning session

7.2 A maximum of one (1) race will be sailed during the afternoon session.

7.3 No warning signal will be given after 1400hrs

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available from the Sailing Office and online on the SYC website after 1700hrs Wednesday 14th January 2026.

9. COMPULSORY SKIPPER'S BRIEFING

9.1 A Compulsory Skipper's Briefing will be held at Southport Yacht Club, Sailing Squadron, Hollywell at 0900 hours on Sunday 18th January 2026.

10. VENUE

10.1 The 2025/26 Cock of the Broadwater race will be conducted from Southport Yacht Club Hollywell, 1 Marina Crescent Hollywell. The racing area shall be the Broadwater, between the Gold Coast Seaway and the entrance to the Coomera River.

11. COURSES

11.1 The Morning Session courses shall be windward/leeward as described in the Sailing Instructions.

11.2 The Afternoon Session shall be a passage type course as described in the Sailing Instructions.

12. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

12.1 The Two-Turns penalty is changed to a One Turn penalty except for infringements that occur within *"three (3) boat lengths of a rounding mark",* this changes RRS 44.1.

13. SCORING

13.1 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A shall apply.

13.2 One race must be completed to constitute a series.

13.3 A boats series score will be the total of her race scores.

14. PRIZES

14.1 Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, & 3rd for each Division.

14.2 Other Prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

14.3 The overall first Junior SYC competitor will be presented with the Southport Yacht Club Junior Champion of the Broadwater Perpetual Trophy

14.4 The Overall First Division A & B Combined SYC Sailor will be presented with the Southport Yacht Club Cock of the Broadwater Perpetual Trophy.

15. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

15.1 By participation in the 2025/26 Cock of the Broadwater, 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 2025/26 Cock of the Broadwater event entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising 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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