



## SOUTHPORT YACHT CLUB



2026 COCK OF THE BROADWATER  
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**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), except as modified by the Notice of Race and/or the Sailing Instructions. If a conflict is encountered, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
- 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 RRS Appendix T Arbitration will apply.
- 1.5 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.
- 1.6 The International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea (COLREGS) 1972 shall always apply. 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 override 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.
- 2.2 Changes to Sailing Instructions will also be posted on the Southport Yacht Club website.

## 3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Southport Yacht Club Website as well as the notice board located at SYC Hollywell.

## 4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

## 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed at the SYC Hollywell Sailing Squadron Race Control Tower.

## 6. COMPULSORY SKIPPERS BRIEFING

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

## 7. SCHEUDLE

- 7.1 The schedule of races is as per the timetable below.
- 7.2 Start times for each Division will be notified at the compulsory Skippers Briefing.

DATE	EVENT	TIME
<b>Sunday 18th January</b>	Registration	0830
	Compulsory Skippers Briefing	0900
	Morning Session Warning Signal not before	0955
	Afternoon Session Warning Signal not before	1255
	Presentation	1500 or ASAP after Racing

## 8. CLASS FLAG

DIVISION	FLAG
OTB Dinghy Junior Fleet	J Flag
OTB Dinghy Open Division	K Flag

## 9. RACING AREA

The racing area will be the Broadwater, between the Sovereign Island and Wave Break Island.

## 10. THE COURSES

- 10.1 The Morning Session courses shall be windward/leeward as described at the Compulsory Skippers Briefing.
- 10.2 The Afternoon Session shall be a passage type course as described at the Compulsory Skippers Briefing

## 11. MARKS

- 11.1 The start/finish mark will be an orange with black top inflatable cylinder.
- 11.2 Other marks will be yellow inflatable cylinders
- 11.3 Barging Buoy will be a pink teardrop.
- 11.4 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. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 12.1 The following areas are designated as obstructions:
- 12.2 Crab Island West Cardinal Beacon is an obstruction.
- 12.3 All I.A.L.A. Buoyage System Beacons to the North of the Crab Island West Cardinal Beacon are considered obstructions.
- 12.4 Southport Yacht Club Inc. Hollywell Sailing Squadron pontoon is an obstruction.
- 12.5 The start line and finish line, and its extensions, is an obstruction, unless starting and finishing. Boats crossing the line incorrectly will be scored DNF.
- 12.6 The 6 knot Special Marks North of the Crab Island West Cardinal Beacon are not obstructions

## 13. THE START

- 13.1 Races will be started using RRS Rule 26.
- 13.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag from the Sailing Tower (or alternatively a vessel on water) and the course side of the starting mark.
- 13.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes.
- 13.4 A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing.

## 14. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag from the Sailing Tower and the course side of the finishing mark.

## 15. SHORTENING THE COURSE AFTER THE START

The Finish Line may be between the Support Boat or Sailing Tower displaying the shortened course Flag "S" and a Lateral Beacon or prominent feature of their choice.

## 16. PENALTY SYSTEM

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.

## 17. HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1 RRS Appendix T – Arbitration applies
- 17.2 Protest forms are available at the Sailing Office at the Hollywell Sailing Squadron. Protests shall be delivered within the Protest Time Limit.
- 17.3 The Protest Time Limit is thirty (30) minutes after the last boat has finished in her division.
- 17.4 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 as soon as possible and in the approximate order of receipt.
- 17.5 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under Rule 61.1(b).

## 18. SCORING

18.1 **The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A shall apply only to individual race finishing place listings and for recording purposes. Overall series results, including Junior and Senior overall trophies, will be calculated in accordance with SI 22.2, 22.3 and 22.4 based on each boat's combined corrected times. The Low Point System will not be used to determine overall placings.**

- 18.2 One race must be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.3 A boats series score will be the total of her race scores.

## 19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1 A boat that retires from the race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 19.2 Two Sign On / Off sheets will be provided: one for the morning and one for the afternoon Session/s.
- 19.3 All helmspersons shall sign on, on the sheets provided, prior to going afloat for racing.

- 19.4 All helmspersons shall sign off within thirty (30) minutes of completing racing for that session.
- 19.5 Boats failing to comply with these Safety Regulations will have a 5-minute time penalty added to their elapsed time without a hearing.

## 20. OFFICIAL BOATS

Support boats will be marked with the SYC logo.

## 21. RADIO COMMUNICATION

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

## 22. PRIZES

- 22.1 Prizes will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place per Division for each race.
- 22.2 Overall Results will be calculated based on a boat's corrected time for each race. The total combined corrected time from a boat's races will be its overall time. The boat in each division with the lowest overall time will be awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place, and prizes will also be awarded for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> overall.
- 22.3 The first overall Junior Competitor will be presented the Junior Champion of the Broadwater Perpetual Trophy, which will be calculated based on a boat's combined corrected times from all races sailed. The boat with the lowest time wins.
- 22.4 The first overall Senior Competitor will be presented Southport Yacht Club Cock of the Broadwater Perpetual Trophy, which will be calculated based on a boat's combined corrected times from all races sailed. The boat with the lowest time wins.
- 22.5 Other Prizes may be awarded by the Organising Authority

## 23. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 23.1 All those taking part in races conducted by Southport Yacht Club do so at their own risk and responsibility. 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."
- 23.2 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.

## 24. INSURANCE

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.

## 25. FURTHER INFORMATION

Contact the Sailing Office

Southport Yacht Club, Hollywell Sailing Squadron, 1 Marina Crescent, Hollywell, Queensland, 4216.

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