



SOUTHPORT YACHT CLUB

DINGHY MARATHON



2026

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.
- 1.2. The Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 (Off the Beach Boats) shall apply.
- 1.3. RRS Appendix T – Arbitration applies.
- 1.4. 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.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

All race documents will be posted to the Southport Yacht Club website – Dinghy Marathon event page:

<https://southportyachtclub.com.au/events/dinghy-trophy-marathon-race-2026/>

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900hrs on the day it takes effect, except that any change to the schedule of events will be posted by 1700hrs on the day before it takes effect.

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 provided by the Organising Authority with care and 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 at the Southport Yacht Club Hollywell Sailing Squadron Race Control Tower.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 15' minutes.

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Sunday 8 th March	Registration	1000hrs
	Compulsory Briefing	1100hrs
	Warning Signal (Not before)	1155hrs
	Presentation	1600 or ASAP after Racing

7. DIVISIONS AND FLAGS

Class flags will be:

DIVISION	FLAG
OTB Dinghy Div.2 (Juniors)	J Flag
OTB Dinghy Div. 1 (Seniors)	K Flag

8. RACING AREA

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

9. COURSE

The course will be published on the Official Noticeboard before the briefing.

10. MARKS

- 10.1. The start/finish mark will be Yellow with an orange top inflatable cylinder
- 10.2. Other marks will be yellow inflatable cylinders
- 10.3. Navigation marks of the I.A.L.A. Buoyage System may be designated as marks of the course. The specific navigation marks to be used as marks of the course will be identified on the Official Notice Board before the briefing as part of the published course. Boats shall maintain a minimum distance of 3 meters from all navigation marks.

11. THE START

- 11.1. Races will be started by using Rule 26 with the Warning Signal given five minutes before the Starting Signal.
- 11.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Sailing Tower and the orange inflatable starting mark.
- 11.3. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes.
- 11.4. 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 A4.2.

12. SHORTENING THE COURSE AFTER THE START

The course may be shortened by the Race Committee as per RRS 32.2 between a mark of the course and a Committee Boat displaying code flag "S".

13. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

The following areas are designated as obstructions:

- 13.1. The Start / Finish line is an obstruction unless starting or finishing.
- 13.2. All I.A.L.A. Buoyage System navigation marks are obstructions, except those that are designated as marks of the course under SI 10.3. Boats shall keep well clear and shall not make contact with any navigation mark.

14. THE FINISH

The Finish Line will be between a Staff displaying a blue flag on the Sailing Tower at the Western end and a blue inflatable mark to the East.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty, including one tack and one gybe in the same direction.

16. TIME LIMITS

Boats failing to finish by 1500hrs will be scored 'Did Not Finish' without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4.2 and A5.

17. HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1. Appendix T Arbitration applies to these Sailing Instructions.
- 17.2. Protest forms are available at the Sailing Office at the Hollywell Sailing Squadron. Protests shall be delivered there within the Protest Time Limit.
- 17.3. The Protest Time Limit is 45 minutes after the last boat has finished. 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.
- 17.4. Notices will be posted within 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

The Low point scoring system, World Sailing RRS Appendix A will apply.

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1. Compulsory Skipper briefing at 1100 hours in front of the official noticeboard.
- 19.2. **Sign On;** All competitors shall sign on using the paper sign-on sheet located at the Official Notice Board before leaving the shore.
- 19.3. **Sign Off;** All competitors shall sign off using the paper sign-off sheet located at the Official Notice Board as soon as practicable after finishing or retiring, and no later than the protest time limit. A boat that fails to sign off will be scored DNF (Did Not Finish) without a hearing, unless the Race Committee is satisfied there is a valid reason.
- 19.4. A boat that has not signed on will be scored DNC (Did Not Compete) without a hearing.
- 19.5. A boat that retires from the race shall notify the Race Committee by SYC support boat as soon as possible.

20. SUPPORT BOATS

Support boats will be marked with the SYC Burgee.

21. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio or data transmissions while racing, unless such communication is available to all boats. This includes, but is not limited to, mobile phones, smart devices, and internet-based messaging or data services.

Support boats may communicate on designated race channels as directed by the Race Committee.

22. PRIZES

- 22.1. Prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place in each Division.
- 22.2. Other Prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 22.3. The overall first place winners in each division will be presented with the Southport Yacht Club Dinghy Marathon Trophies.

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.
- 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.
- 23.3. 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."
- 23.4. Competitors participate in Southport Yacht Club events entirely at their own risk. See Rule 3 (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 regatta.

24. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum limit of \$10M (AUD) per incident. By taking part in a race, all boat owners are deemed to have made a declaration that they have such cover.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Contact the Sailing Office

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

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APPENDIX 1 – Gold Coast Broadwater Chart

