



SOUTHPORT YACHT CLUB



NOTICE OF RACE

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1. INVITATION

Southport Yacht Club extends a warm invitation to all owners, skippers, and crews of all eligible boats to enter and compete in the 2026 Julian Rocks Yacht Race, to be held on the offshore waters from the Gold Coast to Julian Rocks off Byron Bay on 14 March 2026.

This race forms Race 4 of 4 in the Coral Sea Pointscore Series, Southport Yacht Club's annual blue water pointscore that brings together four major offshore racing events. The series winner is determined by the lowest accumulated IRC points across the four races, with one race drop allowed. The Julian Rocks Yacht Race is the final overnight event of the series, covering approximately 85 nautical miles as the fleet races south to round the iconic Julian Rocks near Cape Byron.

The Julian Rocks Yacht Race is also included in the Queensland Offshore Sailing Championship (QOSC), a five-race offshore series conducted by three Organising Authorities: Southport Yacht Club, Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron and Queensland Cruising Yacht Club. The Championship is open to both Monohulls and Multihulls in accordance with the eligibility requirements of each race's Organising Authority.

Queensland Offshore Sailing Championship Notice of Series:

<https://southportyachtclub.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/Notice-of-Series-Queensland-Offshore-Sailing-Championship.pdf>

2. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

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

3. THE RACE

- 3.1 The race is an approximate 84 (eight four) nautical mile passage race.
- 3.2 The start of the race will be on the Gold Coast near the Sand Pumping Jetty, heading south and rounding Julian Rocks near Cape Byron, and then returning to the finish on the Gold Coast near the Sand Pumping Jetty. Details of the course will be included in the Sailing Instructions.
- 3.3 The warning signal for the race will be signalled not before 0955 hours (Australian Eastern Standard Time) on Saturday 14th March 2026.

4. RULES

- 4.1 The race will be governed by the rules, as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing ("RRS") of World Sailing, including;
- 4.2 The Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) Part 1 Category 3N shall apply.
- 4.3 IRC International Rating Certificate (IRC) Parts A, B & C (including AS Prescriptions) where applicable.
- 4.4 ORC Offshore Racing Congress Club (ORC) Rating Rules, where applicable.

- 4.5 OMR Offshore Multihull Rating (OMR) Rules, where applicable.
- 4.6 As applicable, the relevant One Design Class Rules.
- 4.7 RRS Appendix WP – Rules for Racing Around Waypoints will apply when applicable.
- 4.8 The International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea (COLREGS) 1972 shall apply at all times. RRS will apply only to boats 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.
- 4.9 A compulsory skippers' briefing and registration will be held at 1900 hours on Thursday 12th March 2026 at SYC Main Beach. The briefing will also be broadcast live via Facebook on the Southport Yacht Club Page for entrants unable to attend in person.

5. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

A boat must satisfy the following requirements to have its entry accepted:

5.1 Boat

A boat shall:

- a. have an overall length (LOA) not more than 30.48 metres;
- b. satisfy the stability criteria of the Special Regulations Part 1 Appendix B for Category 3;
- c. be built in accordance with the AS Special Regulations Part 1, Section 3.03.
- d. carry registered PLB's for all crew
- e. comply with Special Regulations Part 1 and its amendments for Race Category 3N plus additional items as amended by this NOR;

5.2 Insurance

The owner or charterer of a boat shall hold a marine legal liability insurance policy with respect to the boat current when racing, with a sum insured of not less than A\$10 million (or such higher amount as the owner/charterer considers appropriate having regard to the size and type of boat, the number of crew and the conditions it may encounter during the race, or its equivalent in another currency). The insurance policy shall state that the boat is covered for the race or that it is covered for yacht races of a length greater than 84 nautical miles.

5.3 Handicap Categories

A boat shall enter one or more of the following handicap categories:

- a. IRC (International Rating Certificate) - A boat may only enter the IRC Handicap Category if the boat has a current, valid Endorsed IRC Certificate, being issued by RORC or UNCL and complies with all of the current regulations, except to the extent they are specifically amended or excluded in this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions (refer RRS 78.1).
- b. ORC (Offshore Racing Congress) - A boat may only enter the ORC Club Handicap Category if the boat has a current, valid ORC Certificate and complies with all of the current ORC Rating System Rules, except to the extent they are specifically amended or excluded in this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions (refer RRS 78.1).
- c. OMR (Offshore Multihull Rating) - A boat may only enter the OMR Handicap Category if the boat has a current, valid OMR Certificate and complies with all of the current

- OMR Rating System Rules, except to the extent they are specifically amended or excluded in this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions (refer RRS 78.1).
- d. DhPHS (Double-handed Performance Handicap System) - Double-handed boats may enter the Double Handed Performance Handicap Category.
 - e. PHS (Performance Handicap System) A boat that does not enter any of the above categories shall enter the Performance Handicap Category.
 - f. A minimum of five (5) valid entries is required for each Handicap Category.
 - g. The Race Committee may create divisions within Handicap Categories and allocate boats to divisions within a Handicap Category at its sole discretion. The composition and allocation of boats into divisions shall not be subject to protest or grounds for a request for redress, as amended by RRS 60.1 and 62.1(a), and RRS 63.1 shall not apply.

5.4 Crew Requirements

(i) Fully Crewed boats:

- a. A Boat shall have a minimum (including the Owner and/or Person-in-Charge) of four (4) crew.
- b. 75% of the crew (including the Owner and/or Person-in-Charge) must be greater than 18 years of age unless special dispensation is granted by the Organising Authority.
- c. For crew younger than 18 years of age, a Juvenile Consent Form signed by a parent / guardian is required with the Boats Entry together with evidence of past sailing experience. The Organising Authority may, in its absolute discretion, refuse to allow any crew member aged under 18 years of age to participate in the race.
- d. All crew shall meet the requirements of World Sailing Regulation 19 (World Sailing Eligibility Code). Crew who do not hold a current Australian Sailing Identification Number may apply to the Organising Authority for short term membership – “Sail Pass”.

(ii) Two Handed boats:

- a. The minimum age of all crew is 18.
- b. Both crew members shall have completed a Category 3 race or a passage that the Race Committee deems equivalent (fully crewed or two-handed).
- c. All crew shall meet the requirements of World Sailing Regulation 19 (World Sailing Eligibility Code). Crew who do not hold a current Australian Sailing Identification Number may apply to the Organising Authority for short term membership – “Sail Pass”.
- d. It is recommended that the skipper or 2IC have a recognised Australian Sailing certificate (or equivalent) of at least an Offshore Skipper certification.

5.5 Documentation & Entry

Eligible boats shall enter online at the Southport Yacht Club Website <https://southportyachtclub.com.au/events/julian-rocks-yacht-race-2026/>

A boat shall ensure that the Organising Authority receives the following information with her entry **no later than 2359 hrs Thursday 12th March**:

- a. Australian Sailing Special Regulations Equipment Audit Form for ‘Category 3N’ as amended by this NOR or higher, audited & certified by an approved National Equipment Auditor.
- b. Inflatable lifejacket service certificates
- c. Verification of stability with a Declaration of Stability and supporting documentation.
- d. Be built in accordance with the AS Special Regulations Part 1, Section 3.03.
- e. A Certificate of Currency for Insurance compliance.
- f. A colour photograph of the boat under sail and beam on, no older than 12 months and suitable in clarity and size for search and rescue purposes.

- g. Detailed Crew list including qualifications, PLB HEX IDs details, Next of Kin details, experience details, contact details and Australian Sailing numbers.
- h. Parental Consent Forms as applicable.

5.6 Entry Fees

- a. The entry fee for entries received prior to **Friday 6th March 2026** will be \$100.00.
- b. The Entry Fee from **Saturday 7th March 2026** is \$200.00
- c. Entrants will be charged the entry fee based on the date of their actual payment to the OA, not when their entry was submitted.
- d. Entries shall be lodged with the Organising Authority no later than 2359 hours on **Thursday 12th March 2026**.
- e. No late entries will be accepted.

5.7 Race & Weather Briefing

A Compulsory Skippers Race & Weather Briefing will be held on **Thursday 12th March 2026** at 1900 hours. At least two (2) crew members of each boat are required to attend the briefing, one attendee being the Owner or Person-in-Charge.

6. DETERMINATION

A decision of the Organising Authority as to any matter under this NOR, including as to whether a boat and her crew meet the eligibility criteria for entry in the race, is final and binding and shall not be grounds for a request for redress (amends RRS 60.1 and 62.1(a) and RRS 63.1 shall not apply). The Organising Authority is not responsible for any failure of, or errors in the information provided to it through, the online entry system.

7. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Wednesday 11 th March 2026	Sailing Instructions Published	1700 hours
Thursday 12 th March 2026	Compulsory Skippers Briefing @ SYC Main Beach	1900 hours
Thursday 12 th March 2026	Entries Close	Midnight
Saturday 14 th March 2026	BQQ Breakfast	0700 hours
Saturday 14 th March 2026	Warning Signal (not before)	0955 hours
Thursday 19 th March 2026	Presentation at SYC Main Beach	1900 hours

8. SCORING

8.1 All scoring

- 8.1.1 Scoring penalties will be applied when determining a score.
- 8.1.2 Time penalties will be applied when determining a score, elapsed time or race record.
- 8.1.3 Redress will be applied when determining a score, elapsed time or race record.

8.2 IRC Handicap Category

- 8.2.1 Results will be calculated by the application of the IRC Time Corrector (TCC) as a multiplier of elapsed time.
- 8.2.2 Subject to NoR 6.1, the boat with the lowest corrected time will be scored first and other boats shall be ranked accordingly.

8.3 ORC Handicap Category

- 8.3.1 Results will be decided by the application of the All-purpose Time-on-Time Single Number Scoring Option as printed on each boat's ORC Certificate, as a multiplier of elapsed time.
- 8.3.2 Subject to NoR 6.1, the boat with the lowest corrected time will be scored first and other boats shall be ranked accordingly.

8.4 OMR Handicap Category

- 8.4.1 Results will be decided by the application of the OMR rating as a multiplier of elapsed time as listed in the current OMR Rating system.
- 8.4.2 If a multihull does not have a current OMR rating then the Race Committee or its nominee will determine an OMR rating. The determination of the OMR rating will not be subject to protest or redress (amends RRS 60.1 and 62.1(a) and RRS 63.1 shall not apply).
- 8.4.3 Subject to NoR 6.1, the boat with the lowest corrected time will be scored first and other boats shall be ranked accordingly.

8.5 PHS Handicap Category (inc. Double handed)

- 8.5.1 Results will be calculated by the application of Time Correction Factors (TCF's) as a multiplier of elapsed time.
- 8.5.2 A boat's TCF will be determined by the SYC Handicap Committee. The determination of the TCF will not be subject to protest or redress (amends RRS 60.1 and 62.1(a) and RRS 63.1 shall not apply).
- 8.5.3 Subject to NoR 6.1, the boat with the lowest corrected time will be scored first and other boats shall be ranked accordingly.

8.6 Scoring Penalties

- 8.6.1 Event Nominated Penalties – Breaches of Sailing Instruction Safety requirements shall be a 20% scoring penalty. This will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1 (a). The scoring abbreviation for an Event Nominated Penalty imposed under this instruction will be (ENP).

9. CHANGES TO RATING SYSTEM RULES, AS SPECIAL REGULATIONS AND RRS

9.1 Changes to the IRC Rules:

- 9.1.1 IRC Rule 21.1.5: A spare mainsail may be carried as a bona fide replacement for a mainsail damaged during the race.
- 9.1.2 IRC Rule 11.2 & 21.6.1: In accordance with a prescription by Australian Sailing, a boat in the IRC Handicap Category may carry one more spinnaker than shown on the boat's IRC Certificate without an increase of rating.

9.2 Changes to AS Special Regulations:

- 9.2.1 A GPS capable 406 MHZ Personal Locator Beacon (PLB) registered with a national registration authority must be carried by or attached to each member of the crew when on deck.
- 9.2.2 It is strongly recommended that all crew carry an AIS-enabled Man Overboard (MOB) beacon while on deck. AIS MOB MMSI numbers may be uploaded in TopYacht under each crew member's details.
- 9.2.3 Appendix B to Part 1 is amended to include Domestic Commercial Vessel compliance (minimum class C – restricted offshore water) and Classification Society Stability approval for equivalent waters as methods that may be used to assess Resistant to Capsize.

9.3 Changes to the Racing Rules of Sailing:

- 9.3.1 The International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea (COLREGS) will replace Part 2 of the RRS between the hours of sunset and sunrise.
- 9.3.2 RRS 44.1 and 60.1(a) are changed in accordance with this NOR.

9.4 Amendments:

Amendments to this NOR will be published on the Official Website Notice Board. A notice of an amendment will also be sent to boats that have commenced the entry process.

10. PRIZES

- 10.1 Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd for each Handicap Category.
- 10.2 The SYC Julian Rocks Line Honours Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the first fully crewed monohull boat to finish. A separate Line Honours prize may be awarded for Multihulls & Two-Handed Boats.
- 10.3 The overall winner of the SYC Julian Rocks Yacht Race Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the fully crewed boat that wins the ORC Handicap Category and the fully crewed boat that wins the IRC Handicap Category.

11. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participation in the 2026 Julian Rocks Yacht Race, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority and the sponsors of the event, 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.

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the Julian Rocks Yacht Race 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 Race.

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

By participating in this event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

13. FURTHER INFORMATION

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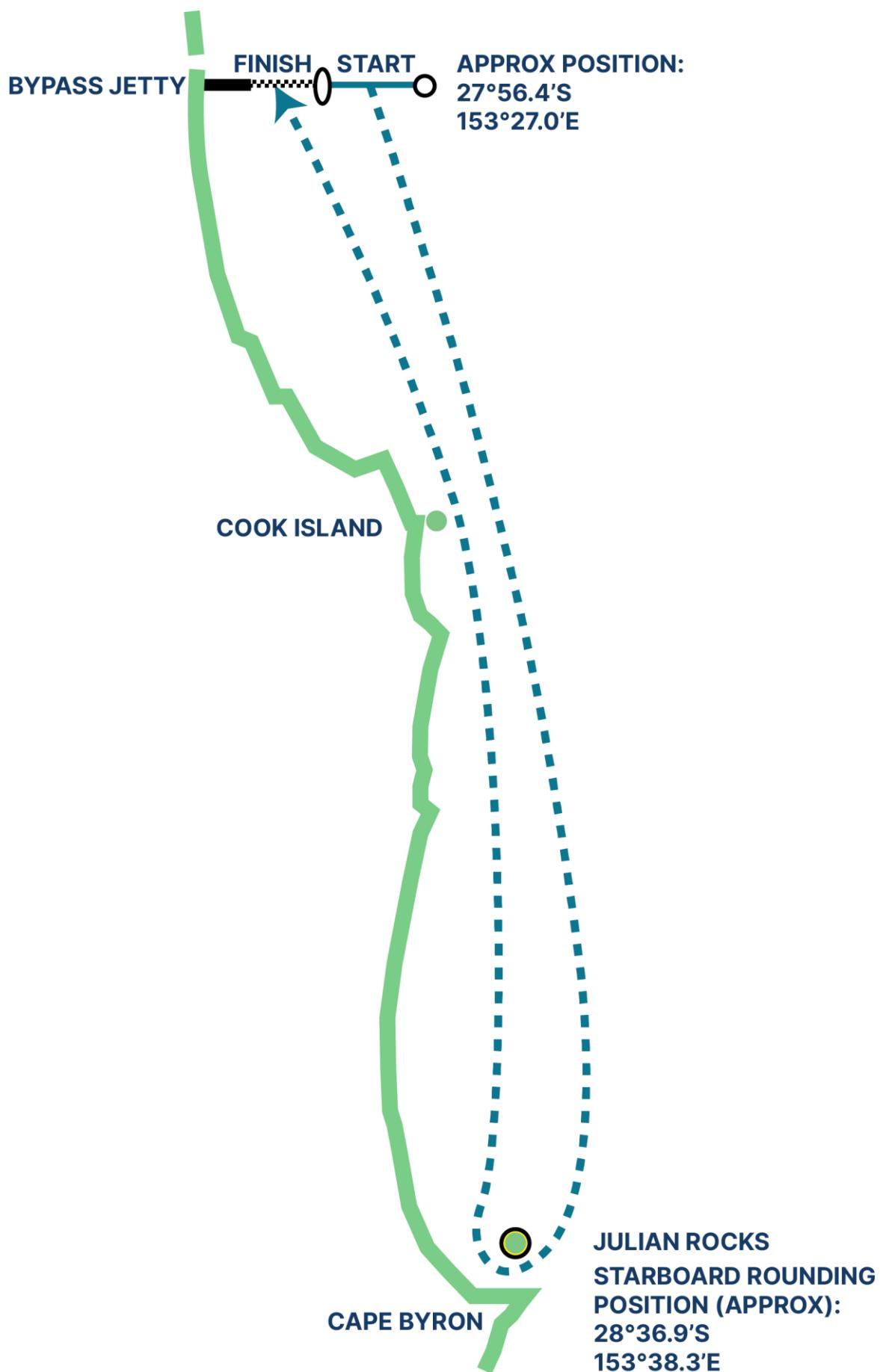
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PARENTAL CONSENT & INDEMNITY FORM

For Participants under the age of 18

Event Details/Name:	JULIAN ROCKS YACHT RACE 2026	
Participant Details:		
First Name:	Surname:	
Email:	Mobile:	
Please note any medical conditions which are relevant for this event: <hr/> <hr/>		

Parent/Guardian Details:	
Full Name:	Relationship to the Child:
Email:	Phone:
Address:	State: _____ P/Code: _____

PARENTAL CONSENT & INDEMNITY

Parental Consent: I give permission for my child to attend and participate in the abovementioned Southport Yacht Club event. **Indemnity:** I understand that while every reasonable precaution will be undertaken to ensure the protection of my child, I hereby release Southport Yacht Club, authorised staff and volunteers from any and all liability in the event of any injury, accident, misfortune, damage or loss that may occur to my child and/or their property while present at the aforementioned Southport Yacht Club event. Further, I indemnify Southport Yacht Club, authorised staff and volunteers from and against all loss, including legal expenses, connected with or arising from any claims or demands in relation to my child's attendance at the event. I agree and understand that Southport Yacht Club, authorised staff and volunteers reserve the right to exercise discretion to refuse to register any participant upon medical and/or other grounds without providing a detailed reason for doing so. **Medical Treatment Consent:** I give permission for Southport Yacht Club to obtain emergency medical, hospital or ambulance assistance and/or treatment for my child at any time they consider necessary. I understand that every effort will be made for myself to be notified before instituting such procedures. I acknowledge that I will be liable for any medical, hospital or ambulance expenses incurred in my child's treatment and I agree to pay those expenses. **Privacy Declaration:** I understand that Southport Yacht Club may collect information about my child in accordance with their Privacy Policy, and that this information may be disclosed to certain parties it engages in this event. I consent to these details being used by Southport Yacht Club for the promotion of future events and resources.

Full Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____