



SOUTHPORT YACHT CLUB

# TWO HANDED RACE



2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS





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## 1. RULES

- 1.1. Participants in the 2026 GC Sails Two Handed Yacht Race will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025–2028.
- 1.2. If there is a conflict between rules, the Sailing Instructions prevail over the Notice of Race. This changes RRS 63.7
- 1.3. Southport Yacht Club 2025/26 Sailing Policy always apply. <https://southportyachtclub.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/24-25-SYC-Sailing-Policy.pdf>
- 1.4. The Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing. Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1 Category 7 shall apply.
- 1.5. Prevention of Collision at Sea (COLREGS).
- 1.6. The *International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea 1972* (COLREGS) shall apply at all times. The *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) will apply only between those ships that are participating in the event, for the duration of the event. Should interaction occur with non-participating ships, then COLREGS shall apply to all ships and shall over-ride all other rules. This is a condition governed by local Statutory Authorities for the OA's approved Aquatic Event Permits.

## 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. All race documents will be uploaded to Southport Yacht Club website – Two Handed Race event page: <https://southportyachtclub.com.au/events/gc-sails-two-handed-race-2026/>
- 2.2. On the water the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel VHF09.
- 2.3. While racing from the first Warning Signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

## 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

## 4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1. [NP] Competitors and support persons are bound by SYC Code of Conduct Policy.
- 4.2. [NP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.3. [NP] 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	TIME	EVENT
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	0900hrs	Handicaps Published
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	1000hrs	Compulsory Skippers Briefing at Hollywell
	1055hrs	Warning Signal (not before)

## 7. DIVISIONS AND FLAGS

- 7.1. There will be Two Divisions, further sub-divisions may be made at the absolute discretion of the Race Committee and subject to the number of entries received.
- 7.2. The Class Flag for Division 1 Monohulls will be International Code Numeral Pennant 1.
- 7.3. The Class Flag for Division 2 Multihulls will be International Code Numeral Pennant 2.

## 8. RACING AREA

The racing area shall be the Broadwater, between Wave Break Island and the northern branch of the Coomera River.

## 9. COURSE

The Course will be a passage racecourse as described at the Skippers' briefing.

## 10. MARKS AND OBSTRUCTIONS

[NP] [DP] Unless otherwise stated, breaches of this section shall not be grounds for protest by a boat (RRS 60.1(a)), but may result in a discretionary penalty applied by the Race Committee.

- 10.1. [NP] [DP] Navigation marks of the IALA Maritime Buoyage System north of, and including, Crab Island West Cardinal (CWC), must be observed and left in accordance with Queensland Transport Maritime Safety Regulations and standard navigation practice. Boats shall not pass within 3 metres of any fixed navigation mark. Except where an IALA mark is included as a Mark of the course, areas outside of the intended channel(s) defined by the IALA lateral and cardinal marks north of and including the Crab Island West Cardinal "Q(9)15s" are considered an obstruction. For the purposes of this definition, it shall be considered that a competitor has remained clear of the obstruction provided they have left all IALA lateral and cardinal marks to their required side.
- 10.2. [NP] [DP] The Start Line and the Finish Line shall be considered continuing obstructions. Boats shall not sail through, cross, or otherwise pass between the staff displaying the start/finish flag on the Hollywell Race Control Tower and the Start/Finish mark except when preparing to start, starting, or finishing.



## 11. THE START

- 11.1. Races will be started by using Racing 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 Hollywell Race Control Tower and an Orange inflatable mark. Any change to the start or finish location will be communicated on VHF 09 and may be signalled by displaying Flag L at the tower.
- 11.3. A boat starting later than ten (10) minutes after her Starting Signal will be scored 'Did Not Start'. This changes Appendix A Scoring Rule A4.

## 12. SHORTENING THE COURSE AFTER THE START

The Race Committee may shorten course at any part of the course. Boats shall finish between the Race Committee vessel displaying Code Flag "S" and a prominent feature of their choice (which may include any laid mark). This changes RRS 32.2

## 13. THE FINISH

The Finish Line will be between the staff displaying a blue flag on the Hollywell Race Control Tower (western end) and a blue inflatable mark to the east.

## 14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1. 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.
- 14.2. To get clear after grounding or colliding with a vessel or object, a boat may use an engine or receive assistance to get clear. A One-Turn penalty shall be taken as soon as possible after the incident. A Self Declaration to the Race Committee shall be made as soon as possible via VHF09.
- 14.3. A boat using an engine within 4 minutes of her start, shall complete a one turn penalty to be taken as soon as possible after the start. A Self Declaration to the Race Committee shall be made as soon as possible via VHF09.

## 15. TIME LIMITS

The time limit for all boats shall be 1500 hrs. Boats failing to finish by 1500 hrs shall be scored 'Did Not Finish' (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.



## 16. HEARING REQUESTS

- 16.1. Appendix T Arbitration applies to these Sailing Instructions.
- 16.2. Protest forms are available at the Sailing Office at the Hollywell Sailing Squadron. Protests shall be delivered there within the Protest Time Limit.
- 16.3. The Protest Time Limit is 30 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 60.3(b) and 61.2(b).
- 16.4. 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 (located at the southwest corner of the clubhouse) as soon as possible and in the approximate order of receipt.
- 16.5. Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under Rule 61.1(b).

## 17. HANDICAPPING

[NP] Results will be based on a Performance Handicap System (PHS) Time Correction Factor (TCF). The TCF will be allocated by the Race Committee or its nominee, will be performance-based, will be expressed as three (3) decimal places applied as a multiplier to elapsed times, and will not be subject to protest, redress or dispute.

## 18. SCORING

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

## 19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1. [NP] Compulsory Skipper briefing at 1000 hours in front of the official noticeboard.
- 19.2. [NP] [DP] A boat that retires from the race shall notify the Race Committee by VHF09 as soon as possible.
- 19.3. [NP] [DP] All helmspersons shall sign on via VHF09 radio including sail number, boat name and P.O.B. before the Warning Signal.

## 20. PRIZES

- 20.1. Prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place in each Division.
- 20.2. The Overall Winner in each division will be awarded the Evolution Sails Two Handed Cup Perpetual Trophy on the day.
- 20.3. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.



## 21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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.

## 22. 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.

## 23. FURTHER INFORMATION

### Contact the Sailing Office

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