



## SOUTHPORT YACHT CLUB



2025 CRAB ISLAND CLASSIC

SATURDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**



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## **1. RULES**

- 1.1 The races will be governed by the current rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025–2028 (RRS).
- 1.2 The Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS).
- 1.3 The Special Regulations of Australian Sailing: Part 1 shall apply for trailable and fixed keel yachts.
- 1.4 The Special Regulations of Australian Sailing Part 2 shall apply for Off the Beach Catamarans.
- 1.5 The relevant Class Rules (as applicable).
- 1.6 The Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions. 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
- 1.7 The International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea 1972 (COLREGS) shall apply at all times. The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025–2028 (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.
- 1.8 RRS Appendix T – Arbitration applies.
- 1.9 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. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the Schedule of Races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

## **3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 3.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at the south-eastern corner of the SYC Hollywell Clubhouse.
- 3.2 Notices may also be posted on the Southport Yacht Club website.

## **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][or][place advertising provided] by the organising authority with care, 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 on the main flag pole on the Hollywell east lawn.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1minute' is replaced with 'not less than 15 minutes' in the race signal AP.

**6. SCHEDULE**

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Handicaps Published	1600hrs
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Compulsory Briefing	1100hrs
	Division 1 Warning Signal (ID)	1155hrs
	Division 2 Warning Signal (OTBC)	1210hrs
	BBQ Sausage Sizzle & Presentation	ASAP after racing

**7. COMPULSORY SKIPPERS BRIEFING**

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

**8. CLASS FLAG**

Division	Flag
Division 1 (ID)	Numeral Pennant 1
Division 2 (OTBC)	Numeral Pennant 2

**9. RACING AREA**

- 9.1 The racing area shall be the Broadwater, between the Gold Coast Seaway and the entrance to the Coomera River.

**10. THE COURSE**

- 10.1 The Course to be described at the Compulsory Skippers Briefing.

**11. MARKS**

- 11.1 All boats competing are to maintain a minimum distance of three (3) meters from any navigation marker, including markers that are marks of the course. Any boat involved in a marine incident, which includes a collision with an aid to navigation must report the incident in the official format.
- 11.2 The Start and Finish Mark will be an Orange with Black Top inflatable cylinder.

**12. THE START**

- 12.1 Races will be started using RRS Rule 26.
- 12.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Sailing Tower and the start buoy.
- 12.3 In addition to the requirements of RRS 20 "Individual Recall", the Race Committee may verbally hail boats.
- 12.4 A boat starting later than ten (10) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

### **13. SHORTENING THE COURSE AFTER THE START**

- 13.1 The Race Committee may shorten the course at any laid mark, lateral mark or prominent feature of their choice by displaying Code Flag S in accordance with RRS 32.

### **14. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**

The following areas are designated as obstructions:

- 14.1 Crab Island West Cardinal Beacon is an obstruction.
- 14.2 Except where an IALA mark is included as a Mark of the course, areas outside of the intended channel(s) defined by the IALA 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 marks to their required side.
- 14.3 The finish line is an obstruction, unless finishing. Boats crossing the finish line incorrectly will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5. Boats may cross the finish line after they have completed the race, however boats are asked to take care not to impede or affect the boats that have yet to finish. When finishing to the South boats are requested to round the finish buoy when returning to the Hollywell dock so as not to obscure the finish line from the Tower.
- 14.4 Southport Yacht Club Inc. Hollywell pontoon is an obstruction.
- 14.5 The 6 knot Special Marks North of the Crab Island West Cardinal Beacon are not obstructions.

### **15. THE FINISH**

- 15.1 The finishing line will be between a Blue board on the Race Control Tower and the course side of the finishing mark.

### **16. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 16.1 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.

### **17. HEARING REQUESTS**

- 17.1 Immediately after finishing, a boat intending to protest shall, in addition to the requirements of RRS 61.1(a), inform the Race Committee at the finish line of her intention to protest and the identity of the boat(s) protested against. The protesting boat must receive an acknowledgement from the Race Committee. This changes RRS 61.
- 17.2 Appendix T of RRS applies.
- 17.3 Protest forms are available at the Sailing Office. Protests shall be delivered there within the Protest Time Limit.
- 17.4 The Protest Time Limit is thirty (30) minutes after the last boat has finished in her division. 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.
- 17.5 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 on-site at the SYC Hollywell at date to be advised.

### **18. SCORING**

- 18.1 The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A2 will apply.

**19. HANDICAPPING**

- 19.1 Division 1 PHS results will be calculated based on a Performance Handicap System (PHS) Time Correction Factor (TCF) based on the "SYC Inshore Division PHS Base Handicaps". The TCF that is applied will be performance-based and will be expressed as three (3) decimal places applied as a multiplier to elapsed times.
- 19.2 Division 2 Handicaps will be allocated using the current Australian Sailing Yardsticks – OTB Catamarans.

**20. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 20.1 For Division 1 entrants, all helmspersons shall "Sign On" via VHF09 radio advising their Boat Name, Sail # and P.O.B. (Persons on Board). Race Control will confirm recorded details for confirmation of "Sign On".
- 20.2 All helmspersons in Division 2 shall sign on by completing the sign on sheets in front of the Official Noticeboard prior to going afloat.
- 20.3 All helmspersons in Division 2 shall sign off by completing the sign off sheets in front of the Official Noticeboard within 30 minutes after the last boat has finished in her division.
- 20.4 A Division 1 boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible via VHF radio including P.O.B.
- 20.5 A Division 2 boat that retires from a race shall notify a support boat as soon as possible.
- 20.6 Boats failing to comply with these Safety Regulations will have a 5-minute time penalty added to their elapsed time without a hearing. This changes RRS Rule A4.

**21. OFFICIAL BOATS**

- 21.1 SYC Support Vessels can be identified by either the SYC Logo displayed on the vessel or a SYC Burgee.

**22. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

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

**23. PRIZES**

- 23.1 Prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place in each Division.
- 23.2 The Overall Division One (1) winner will be awarded the Crab Island Classic Perpetual Trophy on the day, at Presentation.
- 20.3 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

**24. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 24.1 All those taking part in races conducted by Southport Yacht Club do so at their own risk and responsibility.
- 24.2 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.
- 24.3 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."

## **25. INSURANCE**

- 25.1 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.

## **26. FURTHER INFORMATION**

Contact the Sailing Office

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

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