



SOUTHPORT YACHT CLUB  
GOLD COAST AUSTRALIA

# JOHN MCNAMARA MEMORIAL RACE

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**NOTICE OF RACE**

**22 NOVEMBER 2025**



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## ORGANISING AUTHORITY

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## 1. INVITATION

Southport Yacht Club extends a warm invitation to owners, skippers, and crews of all eligible boats to enter and compete in the 2025 John McNamara Memorial Yacht Race to be sailed on the waters of Moreton Bay on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2025.

## 2. RULES

- 2.1. The Regatta will be governed by the current rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 2.2. The Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS): Part 1 Category 7 shall apply for trailable and fixed keel yachts.
- 2.3. The Special Regulations of Australian Sailing: Part 2 shall apply for Off the Beach Catamarans.
- 2.4. 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 imposed by Gold Coast Waterways Authority within our Aquatic Event Authority.
- 2.5. 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
- 2.6. RRS Appendix T – Arbitration applies.

## 3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The person-in-charge of a boat shall be a current financial member of a Sailing Club affiliated with Australian Sailing, and an affiliated member of Australian Sailing, and the boat shall be listed on the register of vessels of a Sailing Club affiliated with Australian Sailing.
- 3.2. The race is open to the following:

**Performance Handicap System (PHS)** rated Racing and Cruising monohull and multihull boats that comply with Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1 Category 7.

**Trailable boats** that comply with Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 1, Category 7, must be no longer than eight (8) meters in length.

- 3.3. A boat shall not change specifications after the close of entries. Any change to the hull, spars, sails, foils, appendages, ballast, equipment, or any other factor which may affect the performance of the boat may be made only with the express written consent of the Race Committee. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## 4. CHANGES TO THE RACING RULES OF SAILING

- 4.1. Fixed and retractable spinnaker poles and bowsprits will be permitted for the purposes of setting asymmetrical spinnakers. This changes RRS 50.2 and 50.3.





## 5. FEES

5.1. The required entry fee paid before midnight on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November will be \$50.00

5.1.1 Entries will close at 4pm on the 19<sup>th</sup> November. No late entries will be accepted.

5.2 Eligible boats shall enter via the Southport Yacht Club Website <http://www.southportyachtclub.com.au/sailing/special-sailing-events-2/> accompanied by the required Entry Fee.

## 6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

The following is the schedule of events, where times are deemed to be “Not Before”:

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Entries Close	1600hrs
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Handicaps published	1600hrs
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Compulsory Briefing (Division 1,2) (RQYS Canaipa)	0900hrs
	Division 1 Warning Signal	0955hrs
	Division 2 Warning Signal	1000hrs
	Presentation (RQYS Canaipa)	ASAP after racing

## 7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available on the SYC Website or from the SYC Sailing Office from 1600hrs Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November

## 8. VENUE & RACING AREA

The Race will be conducted on the waters of Moreton Bay, from Southport Yacht Club Hollywell, 1 Marina Cres, Hollywell QLD 4216.

## 9. SCORING

The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A.

## 10. PRIZES

11.1 Prizes will be awarded to First, Second, Third and Line Honours in each division.

11.2 Other Prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.



- 11.3 Announcement of overall results and presentation of prizes will take place as soon as possible at the conclusion of the Race.
- 11.4 The Perpetual Trophy will be presented at the conclusion of racing on the Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

## **11. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS**

By participation in an event, 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 pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition for said event in which the competitor participated and in all material related to the said event without compensation.

## **12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing 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 series.

## **13. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10M (AUD) per event or the equivalent.

## **14. FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact: SYC Sailing Office.

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