



JOHN MCNAMARA MEMORIAL RACE

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

SATURDAY 22nd NOVEMBER 2025



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ORGANISING AUTHORITY

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Hollywell Sailing Squadron**

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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 (RRS), except as modified by the Notice of Race and/or the Sailing Instructions. If a conflict is encountered, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
- 1.2 The Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) shall apply.
- 1.3 The Special Regulations of Australian Sailing: Part 1 shall apply for trailable and fixed keel yachts.
- 1.4 As applicable, the relevant Class Rules.
- 1.5 The *International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea* (COLREGS) 1972 shall always apply. 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 override all other rules. This is a condition imposed by the Gold Coast Waterways Authority within our Aquatic Event Authority.
- 1.6 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.
- 1.7 All boats shall comply with AS Special Regulations (SR): Part 1 – Category 7 Plus (*Additional items required by the OA*).

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official event page on the SYC website.

<https://southportyachtclub.com.au/events/john-mcnamara-memorial-yacht-race-2025/>

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

4. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DATE	START TIME	EVENT
Saturday 22 nd November	0930hrs	Radio Briefing (Division 1, 2) – VHF09
	0955hrs	Division 1 Warning Signal Monohulls (not before)
	1000hrs	Division 2 Warning Signal Multihulls (not before)
	ASAP after racing	Presentation at RQYS Canaipa Point

5. CLASS FLAGS

- 5.1 The Warning Signal for Monohulls will be International Code Flag 'Q'.
- 5.2 The Warning Signal for Multihulls will be International Code Flag 'T'.

6. RACING AREA

The Racing Area will be on the waters of Moreton Bay

7. COURSE

7.1 Numeral Pennant 1 (Starboard Course) (N)(NE)

Start (South of Pelican Banks) – Pelican Banks (S) – Banana Banks (S) – Hope Banks Mark (S) – Peel Island (S) – Bird Island Yellow Special Mark (P) – Pelican Banks (S) – Finish (South of Pelican Banks)

7.2 Numeral Pennant 2 (Port Course) (S)(SE)

Start (South of Pelican banks) – Pelican Banks(P) – Bird Island Special Mark(S) – Peel Island(P) – Hope Banks Mark(P) – Banana Banks(P) - Pelican Banks(P) - Finish (South of Pelican banks)

7.3 Numeral Pennant 3 (Cyclone Course)

Start – A (Deanbilla Bay) (P) – Starting Mark (P) – A (Deanbilla Bay) (P) – Finish.

7.4 Numeral Pennant 4 (Windward/Leeward) 2 Laps

Start - A - Starting Mark - A - Finish (all marks to port)

8. MARKS

8.1 The 'Starting Mark' will be an orange with black top cylindrical buoy.

8.2 Mark 'A' will be a yellow inflatable cylinder.

8.3 The 'Finish' Mark will be an orange with black top cylindrical buoy.

9. START AND FINISH

9.1 The Race will be started using Rule 26, with the Warning Signal given five minutes before the Starting Signal.

9.2 The Starting Line will be between the staff displaying an Orange flag or shape on the Race Control Vessel to Starboard, and the Starting Mark to Port.

9.3 Any Yacht which starts later than Ten (10) minutes after her Starting Signal will be scored as Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing.

9.4 The Finishing Line shall be between the staff displaying a Blue flag or shape on the Race Control Vessel to Port, and the Finish Mark to Starboard.

10. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

10.1 Boats intending to protest shall inform the Race Committee immediately after finishing the race via VHF09 and advising of their intention to protest. This changes RRS 61 and is in addition to the requirements of RRS 61.1.

10.2 Protest forms are available on the SYC website. Protests shall be delivered there within the Protest Time Limit. <https://southportyachtclub.com.au/forms-sailing/>

10.3 The Protest Time Limit is thirty (30) minutes after the last boat has finished in your 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.



- 10.4 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 Hollywell Sailing Squadron, later to be advised.
- 10.5 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under Rule 61.1(b).
- 10.6 Event results will be provisional until Protest Hearings have been completed.
- 10.7 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named witnesses.

11. HANDICAPS

Handicaps will be calculated using a rating expressed as a PHS to three decimal points. These ratings are not subject to protest.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 The 720° penalty, Rule 44.2 of the RRS shall apply for infringement of the Rules of Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 12.2 An infringement of any other rule or Sailing Instruction, a boat will receive an Event Nominated Penalty (ENP)

13. SCORING

- 13.1 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A shall apply.
- 13.2 ENP (Event Nominated Penalty) – The penalty shall be 20% of the score for Did Not Finish, rounded to the nearest whole number (0.5 rounded upward). This changes RRS A4.

14. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 14.1 All helmspersons shall “Sign On” prior to the 1st Warning Signal, via VHF09 radio advising their Boat Name, Sail # and P.O.B. (Persons On Board). Race Control will confirm the recorded details for confirmation of “Sign On.
- 14.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible via VHF radio, including P.O.B.
- 14.3 All boats must observe a 20-metre exclusion zone around each all Aids to Navigation.
- 14.4 Failure to comply with these Safety Regulations will result in an Event Nominated Penalty (ENP)

15. RUBBISH DISPOSAL

Boats shall not dispose of rubbish in the water.

16. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 16.1 All Yachts shall carry VHF radios and must stand by on Channel VHF09 at all times.



16.2 Any Yacht which fails to Log-On or Log-Off with John McNamara Race Control will be scored as DNS.

17. PRIZES

17.1 Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd & 3rd on corrected time for each Division and fastest elapsed time.

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

17.3 Announcement of overall results and presentation of prizes will take place as soon as possible at the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron - Canaipa.

17.4 The Perpetual Trophies will be presented at the overall results and presentation of prizes as soon as possible at the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron - Canaipa.

18. RESULTS

18.1 Results shall be announced at the Presentation as soon as possible at the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron - Canaipa.

18.2 Results will also be posted on the Southport Yacht Club's website.

<https://southportyachtclub.com.au/events/john-mcnamara-memorial-yacht-race-2025/>

19. DISCLAIMER OF INDEMNITY

19.1 All those taking part in races conducted by Southport Yacht Club do so at their own risk and responsibility.

19.2 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.

19.3 Attention is drawn to RRS Rule 3, which states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

20. MEDIA RIGHTS

In participating in the 2025 John McNamara Memorial Race, a competitor grants to the Organising Authority and the sponsors, the right in perpetuity, to make, reproduce, edit, 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 taken during the event and to use his / her likeness, voice, name and any other information in any material related without compensation.

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

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PARENTAL CONSENT & INDEMNITY FORM

For Participants under the age of 18

Event Details/Name:	JOHN McNAMARA MEMORIAL RACE 2025		
Participant Details:			
First Name:	_____	Surname:	_____
Email:	_____	Mobile:	_____
Please note any medical conditions which are relevant for this event:			

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: _____



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