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DASH FOR CASH



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



SOUTHPORT YACHT CLUB
GOLD COAST | AUSTRALIA

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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.
- 1.2. The Special Regulations (SR) of Australian Sailing (AS): Part 2 shall apply for Off the Beach Dinghies and Off the Beach Catamarans.
- 1.3. The Special Regulations (SR) of Australian Sailing (AS): Part 1, Safety Category 7 shall apply for Trailable and Cruising Monohull and Multihull boats.
- 1.4. As applicable, the relevant One Design Class Rules.
- 1.5. RRS Appendix T Arbitration will apply.
- 1.6. The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) shall always apply. RRS will only apply between those boats that are participating in the event, for the duration of the event. Should interaction occur with non-participating boats, then IRPCAS shall apply to all boats and shall override all other rules.
- 1.7. For keelboats and boats not classified as an Off the Beach boat, a boat that is at risk of impeding commercial shipping or harbour traffic on the Broadwater shall take all necessary action to reach safe water, including starting her engine and motoring if required for safety. A boat using her engine for this purpose shall not gain a racing advantage, shall comply with RRS 42 and RRS 42.3(i), shall record the time, position, duration and circumstances of the engine use, and shall report this to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 1.8. If a conflict occurs between the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
- 1.9. Manual entry on race day will be at the discretion of the Racing Office staff and is subject to the entry fee having been paid in full.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at the south-eastern corner of the SYC Hollywell Sailing Squadron Clubhouse.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Southport Yacht Club Hollywell Flagpole.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1. It is our intention to run one race per division.
- 5.2. All times listed below shall be “not before”.
- 5.3. The Warning Signal will be given five (5) minutes prior to the Start Time.
- 5.4. The event will operate according to the following schedule; however, Divisional Start Times may be altered at time of Compulsory Skippers’ Briefing.

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Tuesday 1 st September 2026	Early Bird Entry Closes	Midnight
Friday 4 th September 2026	Handicaps Published	1600hrs
Sunday 6 th September 2026	Entries Close	0800hrs
	Registration	0830 – 1000hrs
	Compulsory Skippers' Briefing	1030hrs
	Breaking of the Flag Ceremony Starts	1100hrs
	1st Warning Signal	1155hrs (Not Before)
	Prize Presentation	ASAP after racing

6. CLASS FLAGS

6.1. The Class Flags will be:

Division	Flag
OTB Dinghy	Numeral Pennant 1
Inshore Division	Numeral Pennant 2
OTB Catamarans	Numeral Pennant 3
OTBD (Juniors)	Numeral Pennant 4

7. RACING AREA

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

8. THE COURSES

The course shall be a passage-type course, described and confirmed at the Compulsory Skippers' Briefing. The course will be decided based on weather conditions on race day.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. The start/finish mark will be an orange inflatable cylinder with black top.
- 9.2. If any navigational marker is a mark of a course, all boats competing are to maintain a minimum distance of 3 metres from any navigation marker. Any boat involved in a marine incident, which includes a collision with an aid to navigation, must report the incident in the official format.

10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

The following areas are designated as obstructions:

- 10.1. Areas outside of the intended channel(s) defined by the IALA system beacons north of and including Q(9)15s (Crab Island West Cardinal) 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 Lateral and Cardinal IALA beacons only, to their required* side. *Competitors may refer to the MSQ Boating Maps located at <https://www.msq.qld.gov.au/Beacon-to-Beacon-Guides/Gold-Coast-guides> should they require any clarification.
- 10.2. The finish line is an obstruction, unless finishing. Boats crossing the finish line incorrectly will be scored a Discretionary Penalty Imposed (DPI) without a hearing and receive a 30% time penalty added to their elapsed time. This changes RRS A5.1.

11. THE START

- 11.1. Races will be started using RRS 26.
- 11.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag from either the start vessel or the Race Control Tower.
- 11.3. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes.
- 11.4. A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1.

12. SHORTENED COURSE

The Race Committee may shorten the course as per RRS 32.

13. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Control Tower and the course side of the finishing mark.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty, except for infringements that occur within the zone.

15. TIME LIMITS & TIME TARGETS

DIVISION	TARGET TIME	TIME LIMIT
Junior Fleet	30 minutes	60 minutes
All Other Divisions	90 minutes	150 minutes

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1. Immediately after finishing a boat intending to protest shall, in addition to the requirements of RRS 60.2, inform the Race Committee of her intention to protest and the identity of the boat(s) protested. The protesting boat must receive an acknowledgement from the Race Committee. This changes RRS 60.2.
- 16.2. RRS Appendix T Arbitration applies.
- 16.3. Protest forms are available at the Sailing Office at the Hollywell Sailing Squadron. Protests shall be delivered there within the Protest Time Limit.
- 16.4. The Protest Time Limit is 30 minutes after the last boat of the relevant division 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 RRS 60.3 and RRS 61.
- 16.5. 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 as soon as possible and in the approximate order of receipt.
- 16.6. Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 60.2.
- 16.7. Reporting the use of an engine under instruction 1.7 does not of itself entitle a boat to redress. Any request for redress will be considered on its merits under RRS 61.

17. SCORING

- 17.1. The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 17.2. Junior Fleet, OTB Dinghies, and OTB Catamaran results will be based on AS Yardsticks.
- 17.3. Inshore Division results will be based on SYC Inshore Division PHS Base Handicaps.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1. No anchor shall protrude forward of the bow whilst racing.
- 18.2. Requirements for Inshore Division:
 - 18.2.1. All helmspersons shall “Sign On” with Race Control 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”.
- 18.3. Requirements for Off the Beach Classes:
 - 18.3.1. All helmspersons shall sign on, on the sheets provided, prior to going afloat for racing.
 - 18.3.2. All helmspersons shall sign off within forty-five (45) minutes after finishing or retiring.
- 18.4. An Inshore Division boat that finishes will be given a sound signal. This shall be acknowledgement that a boat and its crew have “Signed Off” the Race log.
- 18.5. A boat that retires from the race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 18.6. Boats failing to comply with any of these Safety Regulations will be scored ENP (Event Nominated Penalty) without a hearing. The penalty shall be 20% of the score for Did Not Finish, rounded to the nearest whole number. This changes RRS A5.1.
- 18.7. All Off the Beach Class Competitors are encouraged to carry a Harness Rescue Tool or similar device that is readily accessible in an emergency.

19. SUPPORT BOATS

All support boats will be marked with either the SYC Burgee or SYC emblem.

20. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 20.1. A boat shall neither make radio transmission while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats with a VHF radio.
- 20.2. All Trailable Yachts, Cruising Monohull & Multihulls shall carry a VHF radio. All communications by Race Management shall be made to all competitors via VHF 09.

21. PRIZES

- 21.1. **Cold Hard Cash** will be awarded to first, second and third on corrected time in each division.
- 21.2. **Cold Hard Cash** will be awarded for Line Honours in each Division.
- 21.3. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 21.4. The announcement of results and presentation of prizes will take place at SYC Hollywell Sailing Squadron Clubhouse ASAP after racing.
- 21.5. The Skipper or a crew member of the boat must be present to receive prizes. If the Skipper or crew is not present during the presentation, the prize/s will be redrawn to the next placing.

22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 22.1. All those taking part in races conducted by Southport Yacht Club do so at their own risk and responsibility.
- 22.2. 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.
- 22.3. 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.”

23. 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. By taking part in a race all boat owners are deemed to have made a declaration that they have such cover.

24. CONTACTS

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25. PARENT CONSENT FORM



For participants under 18 years old.

Scan QR Code / Click the Link:

<https://form.jotform.com/253497312363055>