

2025 QLD PAPER TIGER CHAMPIONSHIPS

8TH - 9TH November



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1. RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including the Australian Sailing (AS) Prescriptions.
- 1.2 The current Special Regulations of AS Part 2 Off the beach boats.
- 1.3 The Paper Tiger Catamaran International Association Class Rules (as applicable),
- 1.4 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.
- 1.5 RRS Appendix T – Arbitration applies.
- 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 override all other rules. This is a condition imposed by Local Governing Authorities.
- 1.7 All competitors are reminded of RRS Part 1.1 Helping Those in Danger, “A boat or competitor shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger”.
- 1.8 All competitors are reminded of RRS 3 Decision to Race, “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone”.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official noticeboard located outside the Southport Yacht Club sailing office as well as on the online noticeboard.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 hours on the day before it takes effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagstaff located on the tower of the Hollywell clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 90 minutes’ in the race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 The schedule of races is as follows:

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Saturday 8 th November '25	Registration	0830hrs
Saturday 8 th November '25	Compulsory Skippers Briefing Race Day 1 Warning Signal Not Before	0900hrs 1055hrs
Sunday 9 th November '25	Compulsory Skippers Briefing Race Day 2 Warning Signal Not Before	0900hrs 1055hrs

5.2 A maximum of six (6) races will be sailed.

5.3 A maximum of four (4) races will be sailed per day

5.4 On the last day of the regatta, no warning signal will be made after 1500 hours.

6. CLASS FLAGS

6.1 The Class flag will be a Black Tiger on a Yellow background.

7. RACING AREAS

7.1 Attachment 1 shows the approximate location of the racing area.

7.2 An alternate "Inshore" course may be selected due to inclement weather. This is in the area known as the "Deep Hole" and will be confirmed at the Compulsory Skippers Briefing accordingly.

8. THE COURSES

8.1 The diagrams in Attachment 2 show the approximate position of the rounding marks, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be passed.

8.2 The course number to be sailed will be indicated by the relevant numeral pennant being displayed on the Start Boat with the Class Flag.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 Mark 1 will be a yellow inflatable buoy with a orange top.
- 9.2 Mark 2 will be a yellow inflatable buoy blue top.
- 9.3 Mark 3s (if a leeward gate is used) and 3p will be yellow inflatable buoy/s.
- 9.4 Start Mark will be an Orange with a black top inflatable buoy.
- 9.5 Finish Mark will be a blue inflatable buoy.

10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1 The Start/Finish line is an obstruction of the course unless starting or finishing.

11. THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started by using Rule 26, with the warning signal made five (5) minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Start Boat and the port-end starting mark.
- 11.3 There may be a barging buoy (pink teardrop) off the stern of the Start Boat.
- 11.4 A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without hearing. This changes Rule A4.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 The race committee may change a leg of the course that begins at a rounding *mark* or at a gate by changing the position of the next *mark* (or the finishing line) and signalling all boats before they begin the leg. The next mark need not be in position at that time.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the start boat and the finishing mark.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 shall be a One Turn Penalty, except that for infringements occurring within the Zone as defined in the RRS, the penalty shall be a Two Turns Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1 and 44.2.
- 14.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the Sailing Office within the protest time limit.

15. TIME LIMITS & TARGET TIMES

- 15.1 The target time for the first boat to complete the course is 60 minutes.
- 15.2 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 30 minutes, the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 15.3 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes may be scored their position on the course; this will not be subject to protest. This changes rule 35, A4 and A5.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Boats intending to protest shall inform the Race Committee immediately after finishing by approaching the starboard side of the Start Boat after finishing and hailing the protested boat's sail number. This changes RRS 61.1
- 16.2 Protest forms are available at the race office located at the Hollywell Sailing Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.3 The protest time limit is two hours after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 16.4 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 as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Hollywell Sailing office beginning at the time posted.
- 16.5 Notices or protests by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 16.6 Breaches of Sailing Instructions 10, 18 and 22 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes to Rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches will incur a 3-place scoring penalty. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.
- 16.7 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
 - 16.7.1 within the protest time limit, if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day:
 - 16.7.2 no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS rule 66.
- 16.8 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS rule 62.2.

17. SCORING

- 17.1 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply.
- 17.2 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.3 If fewer than 5 races are sailed, then a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores.
- 17.4 When 5 or more races are sailed, then a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores less her worst score.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 Sign on and Sign off requirements are:

- 18.1.1 All helmspersons shall sign on the sheets provided, before going on water for racing.

- 18.1.2 All helmspersons shall sign off within ninety (90) minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day, or later at the discretion of the Race Committee.

- 18.2 The skipper of a boat that retires or does not intend to continue racing is required to notify an official Support Boat and await further instruction before returning through the Gold Coast Seaway.

Please Note: Failure to do so may result in a full safety alert with all race committee vessels and patrol boats remaining on course until the vessel is found.

- 18.3 All Competitors are encouraged to carry a Harness Rescue Tool or similar device that is readily accessible in an emergency.

19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1 Substitution of skippers and crews will not be allowed.
- 19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 19.3 A boat that begins the regatta with a one-person or two-person crew shall remain in that configuration for the duration of the Regatta.

20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 20.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

21. OFFICIAL BOATS

- 21.1 Official boats will be marked with the SYC burgee.

22. SUPPORT BOATS

22.1 Support boats shall register with the regatta office before going on the water for the first time. All support boats must carry a working VHF radio able to be tuned to the channel specified by the Race Committee as well as be prepared to assist the Race Committee if requested to do so until cleared to leave the course area. Unless requested for assistance by the Race Committee, all support boats shall remain at least 100 meters outside of the course area whilst boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for start until all boats have finished or retired or the Race Committee signals a postponement or abandonment.

23. TRASH DISPOSAL

23.1 Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

24. BERTHING

24.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned rigging and storage areas.

25. RADIO COMMUNICATION

25.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. Race control shall be using VHF09.

26. TRACKING DEVICES

26.1 Boats competing may use a suitable mobile phone (Android/Apple) to operate the App "RaceQS" for tracking and relay purposes. Further details on using RaceQS can be downloaded from www.raceqs.com

27. PRIZES

27.1 Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd overall, 1st QLD on ASY.

27.2 The Title of Queensland Champion will be awarded to the lowest point score Queensland Association Member on ASY and will be awarded the Perpetual Trophy.

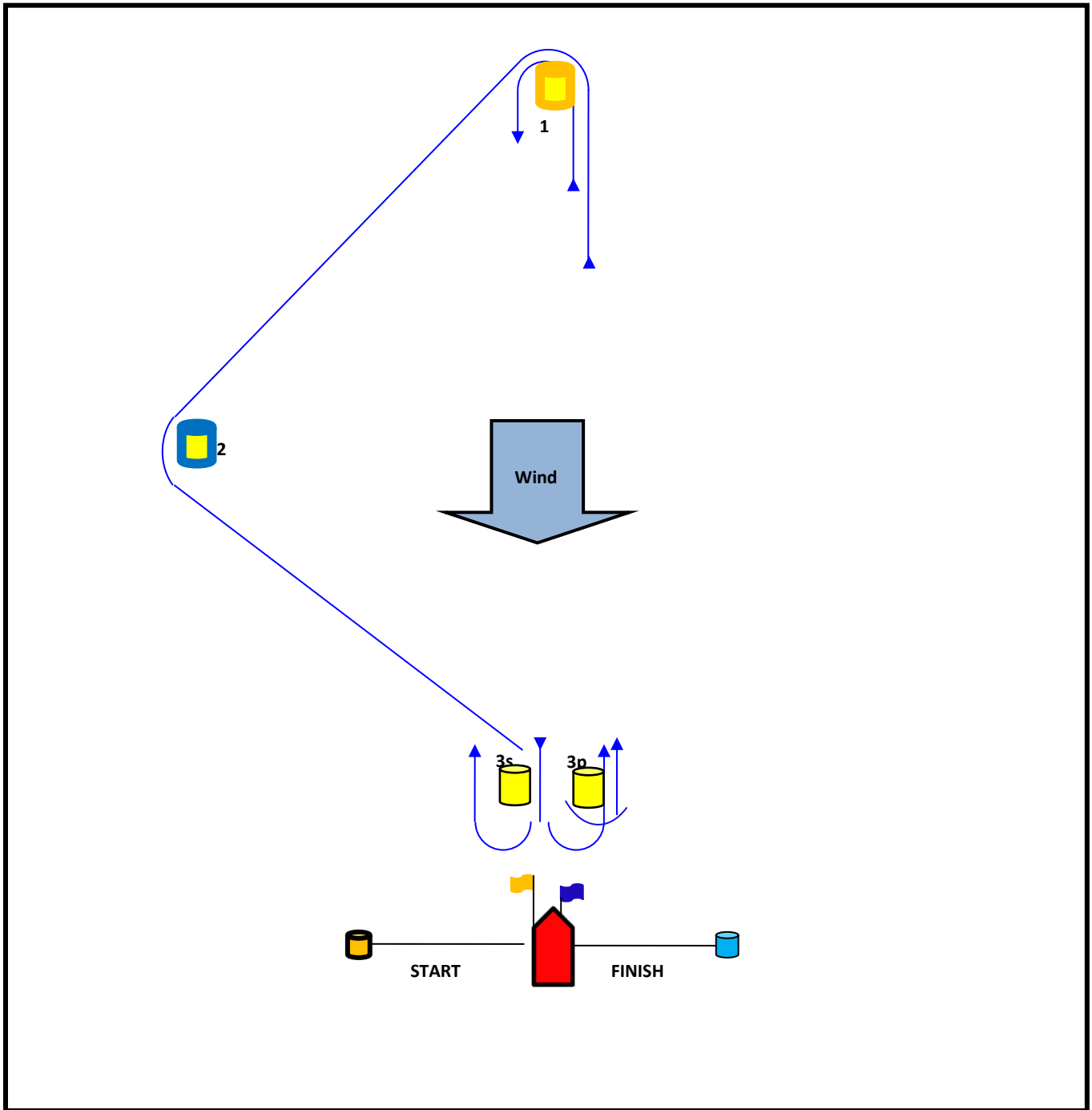
27.3 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

28. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

28.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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 before, during, or after the regatta.

29. ATTACHMENT 1 & 2 – THE COURSES





COURSE	MARK ROUNDINGS	TYPE
1	START - 1- 2 - 3p - 1 - FINISH	T/W
2	START - 1- 2 - 3p - 1 - 3s /3p - 1 - 2 - FINISH	T/W/T
3	START - 1- 2 - 3p - 1 - 3s /3p - 1 - 2 - 3p - 1 - FINISH	T/W/T/W
4	START - 1- 3s/3p - 1 - FINISH	W2
5	START - 1- 3s/3p - 1 - 3s /3p - 1 - FINISH	W3
6	START - 1- 3s/3p - 1 - 3s /3p - 1 - 3s/3p - 1 - FINISH	W4
NB: Where no leeward gate (3s /3p) is present, 3p shall be substituted.		



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