



SOUTHPORT YACHT CLUB

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2026 CAT WEEKEND



NOTICE OF RACE

Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th February 2026





ORGANISING AUTHORITY

Southport Yacht Club Inc
Hollywell Sailing Squadron

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1. INVITATION

Southport Yacht Club invite all owners, skippers and crews of all eligible Off-The-Beach Multihull yachts to enter and compete in the 2026 CAT Weekend.

2. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority shall be Southport Yacht Club Inc (SYC).

3. RULES

- 3.1 The 2026 CAT Weekend Regatta is 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.
- 3.2 The Special Regulations of Australian Sailing: Part 2 shall apply for Off-The-Beach Catamarans participating in the Regatta.
- 3.4 Appendix T Arbitration will apply.
- 3.5 All competitors are reminded of RRS 1.1 Helping Those in Danger, whereby “A boat or competitor shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The Regatta and included races are open to all classes of Off-The-Beach Multihull, who comply with Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 for Off-The-Beach Boats.
- 4.2 Every yacht shall be entered by and shall have on board while racing a person-in-charge who shall be a current financial member of a Club affiliated to Australian Sailing and an Australian Sailing card holder (SI, or, if an international competitor, a member of a club affiliated to a World Sailing recognised Member Notional Authority, in accordance with the Australian Sailing prescription to Rule 46.
- 4.3 Where the person-in-charge of a yacht is under the age of eighteen (18) years of age, their Parent or Guardian shall complete a Parent Declaration Form which is available by contacting the Hollywell Sailing Office.
- 4.4 Entries shall be lodged via

<https://www.topyacht.com.au/entreg/enter.php?e=102.2.679> before entries close, as per the Schedule of Events. Entries close 1800 hrs Friday 6th February 2026.

- 4.5 Divisions are defined as follows:

Division	Australian Sailing Yardstick
1	< 78
2	> 78

Additional sub-divisions may be allocated by the organising authority

5. FEES

5.1 The Entry fee, paid on and before 1800hrs Friday is \$100 for all Divisions.

5.2 Eligible boats shall enter via the Top Yacht Entry System website located
at <https://www.topyacht.com.au/entreg/enter.php?e=102.2.679> accompanied by the required Entry Fee.

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	Time
Friday 6 th February	Entries close	1800hrs
Saturday 7 th February	Compulsory Skippers Briefing	0900hrs
	Morning Session Warning (not before)	0955hrs
	Afternoon Session Warning (not before)	1330hrs
Sunday 8 th February	Compulsory Skippers Briefing	0930hrs
	Final Session Warning (not before)	1055hrs
	Presentation	ASAP after Racing

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available online from 1500hrs Tuesday 3rd February 2026.

8. VENUE

The 2026 CAT Weekend will be conducted from Southport Yacht Club Sailing Squadron, 1 Marina Crescent Hollywell Qld 4216.

9. COURSES

9.1 The Courses for this Regatta will be a combination of Windward/Leeward courses and Passage type courses as described at the daily compulsory briefings and/or as outlined in the Sailing Instructions.

9.2 Up to six (6) races will be scheduled for this Regatta.

10. SCORING

10.1 Two races must be completed to constitute a series.

10.2 When four (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.

11. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

Registration of support vessels shall be made at the Sailing Office prior to entering the race area.

12. PRIZES

- 12.1 Overall prizes will be awarded to First, Second and Third places in each division.
- 12.2 Perpetual Trophies will be awarded to the overall winners in each division
- 12.3 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

13. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participating in this 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 and/or still pictures, and lived, taped or film recordings and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition, in which the competitor participated and in all material related to the said event, without compensation.

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in this event entirely at their own risk. See Rule 3; Decision to Race. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for any material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the event.

15. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance, with a minimum cover of (AUD) \$10M for any one incident. By taking part in this event, all boat owners are deemed to have made a declaration that they have such cover.

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information can be gained by contacting:

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