



SOUTHPORT YACHT CLUB

OFFSHORE DIVISION

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2025 - 2026





### OD – OFFSHORE DIVISION SCHEDULE 2025-2026

Winter Passage 1/3	Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
Winter Short Passage 1/3	Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2025
Winter Passage 2/3	Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2025
Winter Short Passage 2/3	Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2025
Winter Passage 3/3	Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2025
Winter Short Passage 3/3	Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2025
Summer Passage 1/8	Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> September 2025
Summer Passage 2/8	Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> September 2025
Summer Short Passage 1/3	Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2025
Summer Passage 3/8	Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2025
Summer Passage 4/8	Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2025
Summer Passage 5/8	Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
Summer Short Passage 2/3	Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2026
Summer Passage 6/8	Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
Summer Short Passage 3/3	Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2026
Summer Passage 7/8	Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2026
Summer Passage 8/8	Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2026

### OFFSHORE DIVISION SERIES FEES

WHOLE SEASON DISCOUNT	\$410.00
WINTER SERIES – Short Passage	\$95.00
WINTER SERIES – Passage	\$95.00
SUMMER SERIES – Short Passage	\$80.00
SUMMER SERIES - Passage	\$210.00
SUMMER SERIES BLOCK ENTRY	\$260.00
Casual Race Entry (per race day)	\$35.00 SYC Member \$50.00 Non SYC Member (max entry 3)



### ADDITIONAL SYC SPECIAL EVENTS

Event / Regatta Name	Date
FLAT ROCK YACHT RACE	Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
BRISBANE TO KEPPEL TROPICAL YACHT RACE	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June to Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025
NOAKES SYDNEY GOLD COAST YACHT RACE	Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> July 2025
GCCM GOLD COAST MACKAY YACHT RACE	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> August 2025
AIRLIE BEACH RACE WEEK	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> August to Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> August 2025
HAMILTON ISLAND RACE WEEK	Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> August to Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August 2025
MAGNETIC ISLAND RACE WEEK	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> August to Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025
SAIL PAST & BLESSING THE FLEET	Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2025
BREAKING OF THE FLAG CEREMONY & DA\$H 4 CA\$H	Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2025
THE YACHT SALES CO. SAIL PARADISE REGATTA	Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> October 2025
BURLEIGH BASH	Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2025
COOK ISLAND YACHT RACE	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2025
SYDNEY HOBART YACHT RACE	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> December to Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2025
TED ELKES MEMORIAL REGATTA	Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
SURF TO CITY	Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
TWO HANDED RACE	Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2026
JULIAN ROCKS YACHT RACE	Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2026
LADIES DAY RACE	Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2026
DUX BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS	Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2026



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## 1. RULES

- 1.1. The Organising Authority (OA) is Southport Yacht Club (SYC) Inc.
- 1.2. Races will be governed by the current rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Prescriptions of Australian Sailing (AS), including:
  - a. the AS Special Regulations (SR): Part 1 for Race Category 4.
  - b. the Ocean Racing Congress Club (ORC Club) Rules and Regulations;
  - c. the IRC Rules 2024 Parts A, B and C;
- 1.3. All boats shall comply with the Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994 and Regulation. In the event of a reportable Marine Incident the SYC Sailing Officer is to be notified as soon as practical; but no later than 1 hour after the last boat has finished, a copy of the MSQ Marine Incident Report is required to be lodged with the OA at the same time it is lodged with Maritime Safety Queensland.
- 1.4. 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 governed by local Statutory Authorities for the OA's approved Aquatic Event Permits.
- 1.5. A minimum of five (5) boats are required to start the first race of the day to constitute a race (combined Divisions total).  
A minimum of three (3) boats are required to start after the first race of the day to constitute a race (combined Divisions total).
- 1.6. If there are less than the number of minimum boats in 1.5, the race shall be abandoned.
- 1.7. RRS Appendix T – Arbitration applies, with attention drawn to item 10.4 d) of this process.
- 1.8. Compliance with SYC's current Sailing Season Policy which is available from the OA website: [www.southportyachtclub.com.au](http://www.southportyachtclub.com.au) .
- 1.9. All competitors are reminded of RRS 1.1 “Helping those in danger” – a boat, competitor or support person shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger.
- 1.10. 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”.
- 1.11. RRS Appendix WP – Rules for Racing Around Waypoints applies when the Race Committee advises at the Compulsory Skipper Briefing that a fixed buoy has not been set and enables racing using waypoints as turning or passing points in a course.

## 2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1. Offshore Division races are open to all Monohull and Multihull Yachts (both trailable and fixed keel) on the register of a yacht or sailing club, affiliated with Australian Sailing.
- 2.2. All yachts must comply with the AS Special Regulations Part 1 for Category 4 events. Spot check audits may be conducted at random throughout the season.
- 2.3. All boats shall supply at time of entry a current AS SR Equipment Audit Form Category 4 (or higher) that has been certified by an approved AS Club / National Equipment Auditor. AS SR Equipment Audit forms are available from the OA website.
- 2.4. Off the Beach classes are not permitted.



- 2.5 It is the responsibility of the person in charge of the boat to ensure that all crew competing on the boat holds a current membership of AS or equivalent membership of a yachting authority recognised by ISAF. Please visit the Australian Sailing website at <https://www.sailing.org.au/finder/> for validity.
- 2.6 A boat shall have sufficient crew to race to the prevailing conditions, the OA has the right to refuse any boat they believe do not meet this criteria.

### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Changes to Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official Noticeboard not less than ninety (90) minutes before the schedule start time of the first race of the day, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 hours on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 Changes may also be made to the Sailing Instructions prior to the first warning signal by displaying Code Flag L on the Race Committee vessel and advising of the change by radio on VHF 09.

### 4. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Noticeboard, located at the SYC Main Beach Clubhouse.
- 4.2 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 09 and may use SMS to broadcast notices.
- 4.3 Except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

### 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the official flagpole located adjacent to the SYC Main Beach Clubhouse on the Quarter Deck.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 60 minutes” in the face signal AP.
- 5.3 When a visual signal is displayed over a Divisional flag, it applies to that Division only.

### 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 The schedule of races is in accordance with “OD – OFFSHORE DIVISION SCHEDULE May 2025 – April 2026” at the beginning of these SI’s.
- 6.2 A Compulsory Skipper’s briefing will be held at 09:00hrs Summer Series and 10:00hrs Winter Series at SYC Main Beach Clubhouse. Skippers may also attend the briefing by phone.
- 6.3

EVENT	COMPULSORY BRIEFING	SKIPPERS	STARTING SIGNAL
Summer Series	09:00hrs		Not Before 11:00hrs
Winter Series	10:00hrs		Not Before 12:00hrs



## 7. DIVISIONAL FLAGS

There will be two Divisions for the Summer & Winter Passage Series. Entrants will be allocated to their Division by the Race Committee, prior to commencement of the series and is not subject to change.

FLEET	SCORING	FLAG
Division 1 - Passage	ORC Club, IRC, PHS	Numeral Pennant 1
Division 2 - Passage	ORC Club, IRC, PHS	Numeral Pennant 2
All Divisions	ORC Club, IRC, PHS	Code Flag T
Short Passage	ORC Club, IRC, PHS	Numeral Pennant 1

## 8. RACING AREA

Attachment C shows the approximate location of the racing area.

## 9. THE COURSES

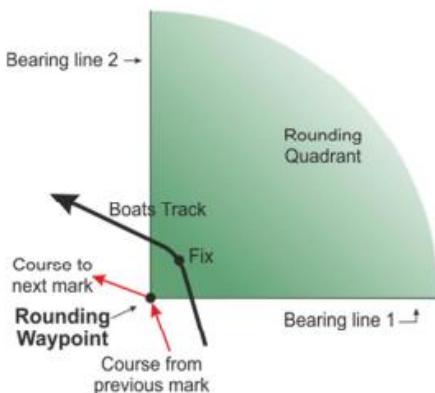
- 9.1 The diagrams in Attachment's A & B show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2 GPS Datum. All GPS positions specified shall use WGS84 Datum

## 10. MARKS

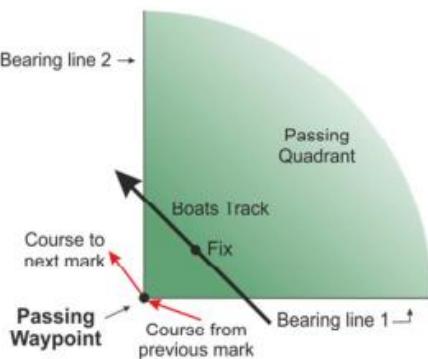
- 10.1 Marks and Buoys are described in the following Attachment A.
- 10.2 All Marks and Buoys are to be rounded to Port (P) unless otherwise stated by indication of (S) – Starboard.
- 10.3 If a designated Mark is missing or has shifted more than 200 Metres from its GPS position, then boats shall round the position using the GPS Coordinates as stated in Attachment A.
- 10.4 All boats shall maintain a minimum distance of 3 metres from all International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities (IALA) marks\*. This is a condition governed by local Statutory Authorities for the OA's approved Aquatic Event Authority. Any boats failure to comply with this minimum 3 metre distance may jeopardise all future racing for all boats.
- 10.5 All boats shall give due consideration to the weather conditions, including tidal effect (current) wind conditions and their intended course when passing or rounding an IALA mark.
- 10.6 \*Competitors may refer to the Maritime Safety Queensland Boating Maps located at <http://www.msq.qld.gov.au/Boating-maps/Gold-Coast-guides> for detailed maps.
- 10.7 When Rounding or Passing Waypoints are used, the GPS Co-ordinates as listed in Attachment A are to be used.
- 10.8 Rounding or Passing Waypoint Marks have an associated rounding quadrant defined as the area enclosed between the two bearing lines (with 90 degrees between them) extending from the waypoint. A boat that provides a valid GPS fix within this quadrant is deemed to have rounded or passed the Waypoint Mark on the correct side.



### Rounding Waypoint



### Passing Waypoint



## 11. OBSTRUCTIONS & PROHIBITED AREAS

11.1 The finish line is an obstruction, unless finishing. Boats crossing the finish line incorrectly will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

11.2 All coastline “Shark Nets” are to be passed to seaward and are designated obstructions.

11.3 For the purposes of RRS 19 & 20, “Wonder Reef” – the Gold Coast dive attraction which is located 2.5 km east of Main Beach at approximately 27° 57.70' S, 153° 27.30' E is a continuing obstruction and a prohibited area. This area is defined with four (4) yellow special marker buoys with the following co-ordinates, should they be missing:

NE	Latitude:	27° 57.459'S	Longitude: 153°27.432'E
NW	Latitude:	27° 57.453'S	Longitude: 153°27.188'E
SE	Latitude:	27° 57.742'S	Longitude: 153°27.431'E
SW	Latitude:	27° 57.749'S	Longitude: 153°27.187'E

**A boat shall not sail into a prohibited area.**

11.4 All Queensland wave monitoring sites have an enforceable 100 metre exclusion zone around each wave buoy which is a prohibited area. Wave monitoring sites are located at:

○ Brisbane:	Latitude: 27° 29.230' S	Longitude: 153° 37.900' E
○ Gold Coast:	Latitude: 27° 57.914' S	Longitude: 153° 26.555' E
○ Palm Beach:	Latitude: 28° 05.956' S	Longitude: 153° 29.073' E
○ Bilinga:	Latitude: 28° 08.581' S	Longitude: 153° 30.646' E

A boat shall not sail into a prohibited area.

## 12. THE START

12.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

12.2 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the start vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

12.3 The Start/Finish line positions will be described at the Compulsory Skipper's Briefing and may change compared to Attachment B diagram.

12.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.



- 12.5 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF channel 09. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 12.6 A boat that does not start within ten (10) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
- 12.7 **12.1, 12.2, 12.3, 12.4 & 12.6 do not apply to boats racing in Short Passage Hot Laps. Short Passage Hot Laps will be started in accordance with Attachment H**

## 13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

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.

## 14. SHORTENED COURSE

The race committee may shorten courses at any part of the course. Boats shall finish between the race committee signal vessel displaying Code Flag "S" and a prominent feature of their choice (which may include any laid mark). **There will be no shorten courses for Short Passage Hot Laps**

## 15. THE FINISH

- 15.1 For all Divisions, the Finishing Line will be advised at the Compulsory Skipper's Briefing and may be:
  - 15.1.1 Between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing boat at the eastern end and the finishing mark on the western end, or;
  - 15.1.2 Between the end of the Sand Pumping Jetty and the finishing mark, or;
  - 15.1.3 Between the end of the Sand Pumping Jetty and a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing boat, or;
  - 15.1.4 The imaginary line formed from the eastern end of the Sand Pumping Jetty and co-ordinates at 27° 56.315'S | 153° 26.500'E.
  - 15.1.5 Changed when comparing to Attachment B diagram.
- 15.2 Yachts may be required to take their own Finish time. Finish times should be sent via SMS to the phone number advised at the Compulsory Skipper's Briefing. A boat which fails to declare its Finishing time within one (1) hour of crossing the line will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 15.3 The Finish line is an obstruction, unless finishing. Boats crossing the Finish line incorrectly will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

## 16. PENALTY SYSTEM

Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty.

## 17. TARGET TIMES & TIME LIMITS

- 17.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (See RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below and applies to each Division.



COURSE TYPE	MARK 1 TIME LIMIT	RACE TIME LIMIT	FINISHING WINDOW
Short Passage	45 mins (0.75hrs)	4hrs	45 mins (0.75hrs)
Short Passage Hot Laps	Nill	1500hrs	Nill
Passage Series	150 mins (2.5hrs)	6hrs	120 mins (2hrs)

- 17.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 17.3 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalised or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place two more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
- 17.4 The race committee may offer the score of TLE to boats still racing that may not make the Race Time Limit. This changes Rule 28.1, 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

## 18. PROTEST AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 18.1 Immediately after finishing a boat intending to protest shall, in addition to the requirements of RRS 61.1(a), inform the race committee boat at the finish line of her intention to protest and the identity of the boat(s) protested against. The protesting boat must receive an acknowledgement from the race committee. This changes RRS 61.
- 18.2 RRS Appendix T – ARBITRATION applies to all Divisions for SYC Club Racing and all SYC Special Events. Please refer to pages 3 & 4 of the SYC Sailing Season Policy which provides details about this process, with attention drawn to item 10.4 d) of this process.
- 18.3 Hearing request forms are available at Reception of the SYC Main beach Clubhouse and available from the OA website.
- 18.4 The Protest time Limit is two hours (120) minutes after the last boat has finished the last race for the day in her Division. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the Race Committee and the Protest Committee and to request redress. This changes Rules 61.3 and 62.2.
- 18.5 Notices will be posted according to the SYC Sailing Season Policy.
- 18.6 Decisions made by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be emailed to parties to the hearing under Rule 65.1.
- 18.7 A boat shall not protest another boat for failing to report as required by SI 19.8. This changes rule 60.1.

## 19. SCORING

- 19.1 The Low Points Scoring System of RRS Appendix A9 will apply.
- 19.2 For a boat that Did Not Finish (DNF) they shall be scored the number of boats that have signed on for the race, plus one (1) point. This changes RRS Appendix A4.2.
- 19.3 For a boat that Did Not Compete (DNC) they shall be scored the number of boats that have signed on for the race, plus three (3) points. This changes RRS Appendix A4.2.
- 19.4 Two (2) races are required to constitute a series. When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, all scores shall count.



- 19.5 When five (5) to eight (8) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.
- 19.6 When nine (9) to twelve (12) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two (2) worst scores.

## 20. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 20.1 All Boats shall “Log-On” with Gold Coast Seaway Tower on VHF73, providing the Boat Name, Sail Number, Persons-on-Board (POB), Mobile Number, Vessel Registration Number and Estimated Time of Return (ETR) **PRIOR** to departing the Gold Coast Seaway.
- 20.2 All boats shall “Sign On” with Race Control (when on-station) **BEFORE** the first Warning Signal on VHF09, advising their Boat Name, Sail Number and Persons-on-Board (POB). Race Control will confirm their recorded details for confirmation of “Sign On”.
- 20.3 A boat that retires from a race, shall notify Race Control as soon as possible. This must be via VHF09, if Race Control is still on station **OR** by texting mobile phone as advised at the **Compulsory** Skipper’s Briefing advising of their exact location and their intentions of travel.
- 20.4 All boats shall “Log Off” with Gold Coast Seaway Tower on VHF73 immediately upon safety returning through the Gold Coast Seaway.
- 20.5 A boat shall **NOT** carry anchors protruding beyond the bow whilst racing.
- 20.6 Failure to comply with these Safety Regulations, a boat will be scored ENP (Event Nominated Penalty). The penalty shall be an additional 20% of the score for Did Not Finish, rounded to the nearest whole number (0.5 rounded upward). This changes RRS A4.
- 20.7 Competitors must provide a clearly identifiable Sail Number on their mainsail as noted in the Yachts Race entry in accordance with RRS Appendix G. A failure to carry clearly distinguishable Sail Numbers may result in a yacht being scored a 30% additional time penalty, Discretionary Penalty Imposed (DPI) without a hearing. This shall not provide ground for redress. This changes RRS Rule 63.1, A4 and A5.
- 20.8 When advised, at a Compulsory Skippers Briefing, all yacht shall within 15 minutes of rounding or passing a Waypoint Mark, shall notify the Race Officer via text/mms to the number given at the Compulsory Skippers Briefing providing:
  - a. The Yachts Name AND
  - b. Photograph of an instrument displaying the fix and time of the Rounding or Passing the Waypoint Mark within the Rounding Quadrant

## 21. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 21.1 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 21.2 Failing to notify the SYC Sailing Office of changes to boats configuration or rating, may result in protest by Race Committee. Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the Protest Committee so decides.

## 22. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 22.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Sailing Instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a Race Committee Equipment Inspector, Safety auditor or Measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.
- 22.2 RRS 52 is not applicable.



## 23. OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be marked with the SYC Burgee.

## 24. RUBBISH DISPOSAL

Boats shall not put rubbish in the water. Rubbish may be placed aboard support and Race Committee boats.

## 25. TRACKING DEVICES

Boats competing may be required to carry onboard a tracking device supplied by the Organising Authority (OA).

## 26. PRIZES

- 26.1 Daily prizes will be awarded to PHS scoring results for the combined Series Scores of each day's combined totals on corrected time to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> for each Division.
- 26.2 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

## 27. PERPETUAL PRIZES

- 27.1 SYC Perpetual Trophies will be awarded to ORC Club/ORCi /IRC scoring results to the overall series winners
- 27.2 The annual Sailing Presentation will take place at a Clubhouse of SYC.
- 27.3 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

## 28. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 28.1 All those taking part in races conducted by SYC, do so at their own risk and responsibility.
- 28.2 The SYC, 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.
- 28.3 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.

## 29. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance, with a minimum cover of \$10 million 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.

## 30. MEDIA RIGHTS

In participating in the Offshore Division Club Racing, a competitor grants to the OA and the sponsors, the right, in perpetuity, to make, reproduce, edit, use and show, from time to time and at the discretion, any motion pictures,



still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her taken during the Sailing Season and to use his/her likeness, voice, name and any other information in any material related without compensation.

### 31. FURTHER INFORMATION

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ATTACHMENT A - SYC OFFSHORE RACING AREA



**ATTACHMENT B – MARKS, BUOYS & COURSES**

BUOY	DESCRIPTION
START	Orange Inflatable cylinder with Black Top
FINISH	Orange Inflatable cylinder
A / X / E	Orange Inflatable Cone or Yellow Cylinder
B, C, D, S	Orange Inflatable Cone or Yellow Cylinder
Barging Buoy	Pink Teardrop



DESIGNATED MARKS	LOCATION	Approximate GPS COORDINATES	RRS Appendix WP- Quadrant between bearing lines (if used)
Offshore Start/Finish	Approx. 1NM South of Sand Pump Jetty	27° 56.400'S, 153° 27.230'E	
A	Surfers Mark	28° 00.135'S, 153° 26.800'E	180° and 270° when heading in a Southerly direction. 0° and 270° when heading in a Northerly direction.
B	Burleigh Mark	28° 05.100'S, 153° 27.800'E	180° and 270° when heading in a Southerly direction. 0° and 270° when heading in a Northerly direction.
C	Currumbin Mark	28° 07.300'S, 153° 29.500'E	180° and 270° when heading in a Southerly direction. 0° and 270° when heading in a Northerly direction.
D	Cook Island Mark	28° 11.200'S, 153° 34.300'E	180° and 270°
E	Laid Mark	As described at Briefing	
F1	Offshore FAD1	27° 59.33'S, 153° 31.75'E	
F3	Offshore FAD3	27° 59.485S, 153° 37.245'E	
F12	Offshore FAD12	27° 55.989S, 153° 38.320'E	
F12B	Offshore FAD12B	27° 55.453S, 153° 37.600'E	
F12C	Offshore FAD12C	27° 55.989S, 153° 38.320'E	
F11	Offshore FAD11	28° 2.970S, 153° 39.440'E	
M	Mermaid Mark	28° 2.596S, 153° 27.293E	
MSW	Mermaid Seaward Mark	28° 2.593S, 153° 29.504E	
N	Northern Mark	27° 53.560'S, 153° 28.610'E	180° and 270°
S	Snapper Mark	28° 09.330'S, 153° 33.000'E	180° and 270°
SW	Seaward Mark	27° 57.805'S, 153° 28.536'E	180° and 270°



X	Laid Clearance Buoy (If Used)	Approx. 0.8NM to windward of the Start Line
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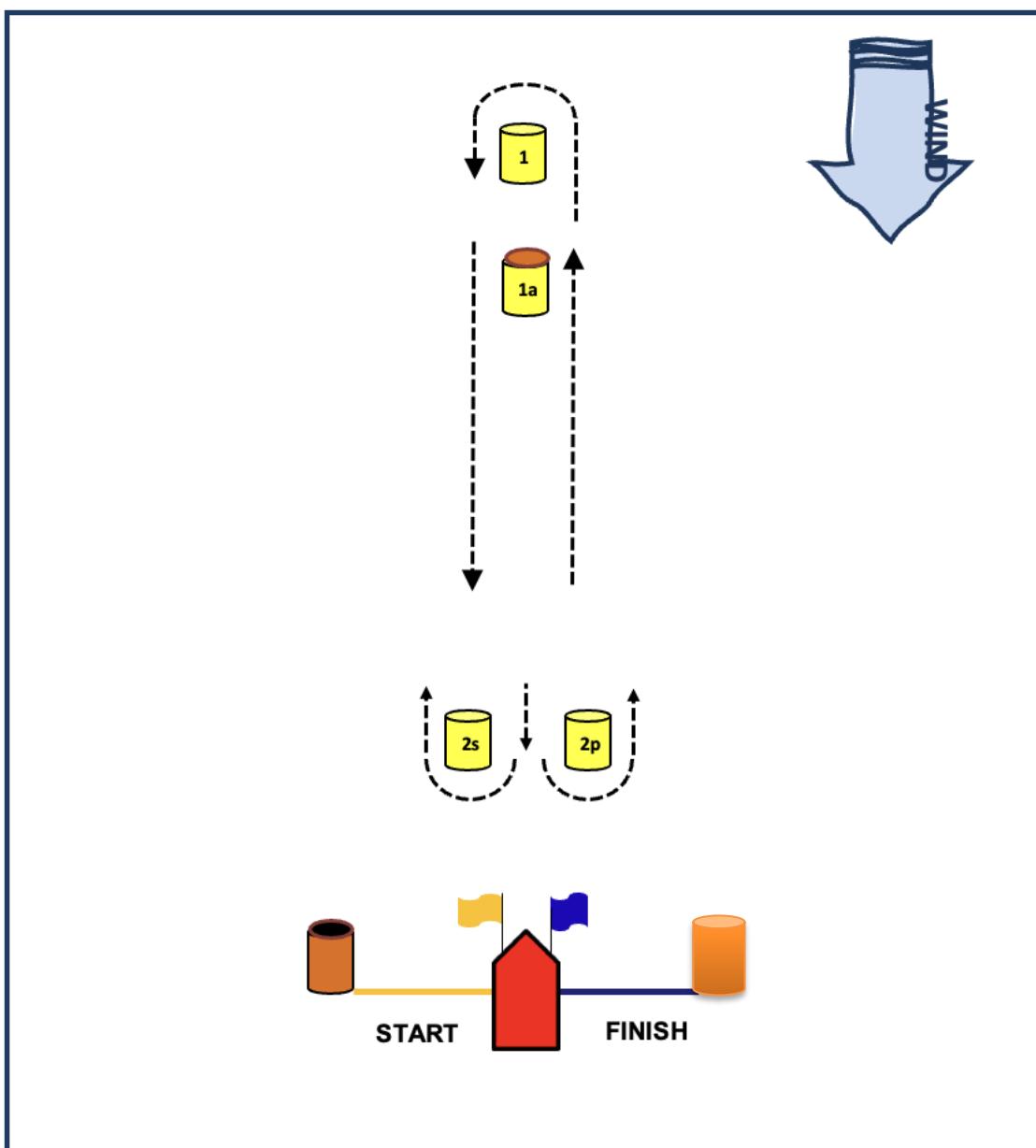
### ATTACHMENT C – COURSES

COURSE	MARK ROUNDINGS	TYPE
X1	A Course set by the Race Committee as advised at the Compulsory Skippers Briefing	SP
W1	START – 1 – FINISH	RTC
W2	START – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – FINISH	RTC
W3	START – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 3s/3p – 1 – FINISH	RTC



ATTACHMENT D – OFFSHORE COURSE DIAGRAMS

**WINDWARD/LEEWARD & TRIANGULAR COURSE**



The Start/Finish line and buoys may change & will be confirmed at the Compulsory Skippers Briefing.



## ATTACHMENT E - DECLARATION

**To:** Head of Racing  
SOUTHPORT YACHT CLUB.  
Phone (07) 5537 7030, **Mobile 0481 711 950**, [headofracing@sycgc.com.au](mailto:headofracing@sycgc.com.au)

<b>BOAT NAME</b>		<b>SAIL NUMBER</b>	
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I declare that during the race the following Rules were NOT observed and / or Infringements occurred and / or Penalties taken, with an explanation given as follows:

Witnessed by (Boat Name/s, Skipper/Crew Name/s):


Name of Person-In-Charge: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Signature of Person-In-Charge: \_\_\_\_\_



## ATTACHMENT F - PARENTAL CONSENT & INDEMNITY FORM

### **For Participants under the age of 18**

Event Details/Name:	OFFSHORE DIVISION	RACE:			
<b>Participant Details:</b>					
First Name:	_____ _____ _____				
Surname:	_____				
Email:	_____				
Mobile:	_____				
<b>Please note any medical conditions which are relevant for this event:</b>  _____					
<b>Parent/Guardian Details:</b>					
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:** \_\_\_\_\_



## ATTACHMENT H - HOT LAPS

### ***Hot Laps Format***

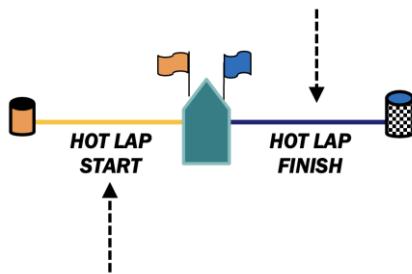
#### ***H1. Objective***

This attachment introduces an optional “Hot Laps” format for the Summer Short Passage Series. This concept is designed to provide a flexible and engaging racing experience for competitors, allowing boats to sail multiple timed laps on a designated course within a fixed window. Results will be calculated based on each yacht’s fastest corrected lap time.

#### ***H2. Course***

The Race Committee will set a course X1 and advise the course at briefing as well as a Start Line and a Finish Line in accordance with Attachment H H2.1.

##### H2.1. Start and Finish Line



#### ***H3. Start Procedure***

Boats may start at any time after 1100. There will be no traditional start sequence or signals. Each boat shall have a recorded start time by the Race Control when any part of her hull, crew, or equipment crosses the start line in the direction of the first mark.

#### ***H4. Finish Procedure***

A boat completes a lap when any part of her hull, crew, or equipment crosses the finish line from the direction of the last mark of the course. Each boat shall have a recorded finish time for each lap completed.

#### ***H5. Scoring***

Each boat’s elapsed time for each lap will be calculated as: Elapsed Lap Time = Finish Time – Start Time. Each boat’s fastest corrected lap time, after applying the appropriate handicap (PHS, IRC, or ORC), will determine her result. Boats that complete no laps will be scored DNC. The Low Point Scoring System (RRS Appendix A) applies.

#### ***H6. Time Limit***

No boat may finish after 1500 hours. Any lap not completed by 1500 hours will not be counted.



## **H7. Communication**

The Race Committee will broadcast course details, operational reminders, and the opening/closing of the timing window on VHF Channel 09. Competitors are encouraged to confirm their start and finish times on VHF Channel 09 to the Race Committee when practical.

## **H8. Safety**

All boats shall comply with the Category 4 Safety Requirements and sign on/off in accordance with the Sailing Instructions. The Race Committee reserves the right to shorten, abandon, or modify the course at any time for safety reasons.

## **H9. Results and Prizes**

Provisional results will be published as soon as practicable after the completion of racing for IRC, ORC and PHS. Prizes will be awarded based on the fastest corrected lap times on PHS.

## **H10. Notes**

This experimental format is intended to encourage participation and provide flexibility for competitors. Feedback from this trial will be used to determine future inclusion of the “Hot Laps” concept in Southport Yacht Club events.