

Sail Our Way



NOTICE OF RACE

SATURDAY 28TH MARCH 2026

EMPOWERING FEMALE YOUTH & ADULT SAILORS





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1. INVITATION

Southport Yacht Club extends a warm invitation to all owners, skippers and crews of all eligible boats to enter and compete in the annual Sail Our Way Event to be sailed on the Gold Coast Broadwater on Saturday 28th March 2026. A one day on-water coaching and skills seminar empowering female youth and adult sailors. Aiming to build confidence, racing knowledge, friendly competition and an opportunity across dinghies and keelboats. Special guests on the day include North Sails Expert Ben Kelly.

2. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority will be Southport Yacht Club Inc. (SYC) located at 1 Marina Crescent, Hollywell, QLD, 4216, Phone (+61) (07) 5591 3500.

3. RULES

- 3.1. The series will be governed by the current rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 (RRS)
- 3.2. The Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) apply. For keelboats: AS Special Regulations Part 1, Category 7, 2025–2029 edition (as amended). For dinghies: AS Special Regulations Part 2, 2025 edition (as amended).
- 3.3. The relevant Class Rules (as applicable)
- 3.4. When conflict occurs between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the rules of the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
- 3.5. RRS Appendix T – Arbitration applies.
- 3.6. All 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.
- 3.7. RRS 90.3(e) applies. The race committee will not change a race score later than 24 hours after posting the race results for that race, except as permitted by RRS 90.3(e).

4. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available from 5 pm Tuesday, 24th March 2026 online at www.southportyachtclub.com.au

5. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 5.1. All race documents will be added to Southport Yacht Club website – Sail Our Way event page: <https://southportyachtclub.com.au/events/ladies-day-race-2026/>
- 5.2. Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the Schedule of Race will be posted by 1700 on the day before it will take effect.

6. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 6.1. The Keelboat Entry for the event is open to Performance Handicap System (PHS) Rated Racing & Cruising boats that comply with Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1 (Category 7), 2025–2029 edition (as amended).
- 6.2. The Dinghy Entry for the event is open to all Dinghy's that comply with Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2, 2025 edition (as amended).
- 6.3. All crew must have a current Australian Sailing Number or purchase a Sail Pass through the club. <https://www.oxenfordwatersportscentre.com.au>
- 6.4. The Keelboat Entry are required to have a crew of at least 40% female with a female helm and other female crew in key roles.
- 6.5. The Dinghy Entry are required to have a female helm

- 6.6. For the Keelboat Entry there will be provisions for 2 divisions, with a minimum of Five (5) entries required to constitute a division. Subdivisions may be made at the absolute discretion of the Race Committee and subject to the number of entries received.
- 6.7. For the Dinghy Entry there will be provisions for 2 divisions, with a minimum of Five (5) entries required to constitute a division. Subdivisions may be made at the absolute discretion of the Race Committee and subject to the number of entries received.
- 6.8. A boat shall not change specifications after the close of entries. Any change to the hull, spars, sails, foils, appendages, ballast, equipment, or any other factor which may affect the performance of the boat may be made only with the express written consent of the Race Committee. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 6.9. Eligible boats shall enter via <https://southportyachtclub.com.au/events/ladies-day-race-2026/> accompanied by the required Entry Fee.

7. FEES

- 7.1. The required entry fee paid up to Saturday, 7th March 2026, will be \$40.00.
- 7.2. The required entry fee paid from the 8th March 2026 will be \$80.00.
- 7.3. Entries close at 2359hrs on Friday 27th March 2026. **No late entries will be accepted.**

8. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Saturday 21 st March	Entries Close	2359hrs
Wednesday 25 th March	Keelboat start times published	1700hrs
Saturday 28 th March	Compulsory Skippers Briefing Dinghy (Hollywell)	0800hrs
	Compulsory Skippers Briefing Keelboat (In person at Hollywell or via Facebook live)	0830hrs
	Warning signal for the Dinghy's	0855hrs (not before)
	Warning signal for the Keelboat's	1055hrs (not before)
	Skills Development Seminar	1400hrs (not before)
	Presentation of prizes	ASAP after Skills Development Seminar

9. THE VENUE

The race will be conducted from the Hollywell Sailing Squadron located at 1 Marina Crescent, Hollywell, QLD 4216, Phone (+61) (07) 5537 7030

10. COURSES

The course shall be a passage-type course to be sailed on the Broadwater for both Dinghy and Keelboat entries as described at the Compulsory Skippers Briefing.

11. HANDICAPS

- 11.1. Keelboats will race using a pursuit start. Each boat will be allocated a published start time by the Race Committee based on its performance handicap. The first boat to finish shall be scored first, the second boat to finish shall be scored second, with all remaining boats scored in their respective order of finish. Start times will be published by 1700 on Wednesday 25 March 2026 on the event webpage and the official notice board. Start times and handicaps are at the sole discretion of the Race Committee and are not grounds for redress (this changes RRS 62.1(a)).
- 11.2. Results for Dinghies will be based on their respective AS Yardstick.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1. Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty, including one tack and one gybe in the same direction.

13. SCORING

- 13.1. **Keelboats:** For keelboat racing under a pursuit start, the order in which boats finish on the water shall determine their finishing places. The boat that finishes first shall be scored 1 point, the boat that finishes second shall be scored 2 points, and each subsequent boat shall be scored points corresponding to its numerical finishing place. The Low Point Scoring System in RRS Appendix A shall then be applied to convert these finishing places into series points.
- 13.2. **Dinghies:** Corrected times will be calculated using the current AS Yardsticks for the relevant classes. Finishing places will be determined by corrected time. Appendix A (Low Point System) applies.

14. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participation in an 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 pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition for said event in which the competitor participated and in all material related to the said event without compensation.

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3 Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the series.

16. 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.

17. PRIZES

- 17.1. Keelboat and Dinghy Prizes will be awarded for each division to First, Second, Third on Handicap;
- 17.2. A prize will be awarded to the best performing all female crew in any division;
- 17.3. Other Prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee;
- 17.4. The Overall First Place Winner of the Keelboat Division 1 and the Overall First Place Winner of the Keelboat Division 2 will be presented with the Ladies Day Race Perpetual Trophy.
- 17.5. The Skipper or a crew member of the yacht must be present at the presentation to receive prizes.
- 17.6. Prizes not collected during the presentation will be redrawn to the next placings accordingly.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

SYC Sailing Office.

Phone (07) 5537 7030 | racing.admin@sycgc.com.au



Amendment of Notice of Race



2026 Sail our Way

AMENDMENTS, ADDITIONS & DELETIONS

Amended 1500hrs 08/03/2026

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