

2026

John McNamara MEMORIAL RACE

THE RACE AROUND
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MORETON BAY

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NOTICE OF RACE

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1. INVITATION

Southport Yacht Club extends a warm invitation to owners, skippers and crews of all eligible boats to enter and compete in the 2026 John McNamara Memorial Yacht Race to be sailed on the waters of Moreton Bay on Saturday 21st November 2026.

2. RULES

- 2.1. The Race will be governed by the current rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 2.2. The Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS): Part 1 Category 7 shall apply for trailable and fixed keel boats.
- 2.3. The Special Regulations of Australian Sailing: Part 2 shall apply for Off the Beach Catamarans.
- 2.4. The *International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea* (IRPCAS) shall apply at all times. The RRS will apply only between those vessels that are participating in the Race, for the duration of the Race. Should interaction occur with non-participating vessels, then IRPCAS shall apply to all vessels and shall override all other rules. This is a condition imposed by the Gold Coast Waterways Authority within our Aquatic Event Authority.
- 2.5. The Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions. 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.
- 2.6. RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, applies.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The person in charge of a boat shall be a current financial member of a Sailing Club affiliated with Australian Sailing, and an affiliated member of Australian Sailing, and the boat shall be listed on the register of boats of a Sailing Club affiliated with Australian Sailing.
- 3.2. The Race is open to the following:

Performance Handicap System (PHS) rated Racing and Cruising monohull and multihull boats that comply with Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1, Category 7.

Trailable boats that comply with Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 1, Category 7, must be no longer than eight (8) metres in length.

- 3.3. 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 Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

4. CHANGES TO THE RACING RULES OF SAILING

Fixed and retractable spinnaker poles and bowsprits will be permitted for the purposes of setting asymmetrical spinnakers. This changes RRS 55.2 and 55.3.



5. FEES

- 5.1. The early bird entry fee paid before midnight Sunday 1st November 2026 will be \$55.00.
- 5.2. The required entry fee, paid after midnight Sunday 1st November 2026, will be \$105.00.
- 5.3. Entries will close at 4pm (1600hrs) on Wednesday 18th November 2026. No late entries will be accepted.
- 5.4. Eligible boats shall enter via the Southport Yacht Club website:
<https://southportyachtclub.com.au/events/john-mcnamara-memorial-yacht-race-2026/>

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

The following is the schedule of events, where times are deemed to be “Not Before”:

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Wed 18 th November 2026	Entries Close	1600hrs
Thurs 19 th November 2026	Handicaps Published	1600hrs
Sat 21 st November 2026	Compulsory Briefing (Divisions 1 and 2) (RQYS Canaipa)	0900hrs
	Division 1 Warning Signal	0955hrs
	Division 2 Warning Signal	1000hrs
	Presentation (RQYS Canaipa)	ASAP after racing

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available on the SYC Website or from the SYC Sailing Office from 1600hrs on Thursday 19th November 2026.

8. VENUE & RACING AREA

The Race will be conducted on Saturday 21st November 2026 on the waters of Moreton Bay, from Southport Yacht Club Hollywell, 1 Marina Crescent, Hollywell QLD 4216.

9. SCORING

The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A.



10. PRIZES

- 10.1. Prizes will be awarded to First, Second, Third and Line Honours in each division.
- 10.2. Other Prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 10.3. Announcement of overall results and presentation of prizes will take place as soon as possible at the conclusion of the Race.
- 10.4. The Perpetual Trophy will be presented at the conclusion of racing on Saturday 21st November 2026.

11. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participating in the Race, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority and the sponsors of the Race, 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 in which the competitor participated and in all material related to the Race without compensation.

12. 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 or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the Race.

13. 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.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact Kayla Boothby, Racing Coordinator, Southport Yacht Club.

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