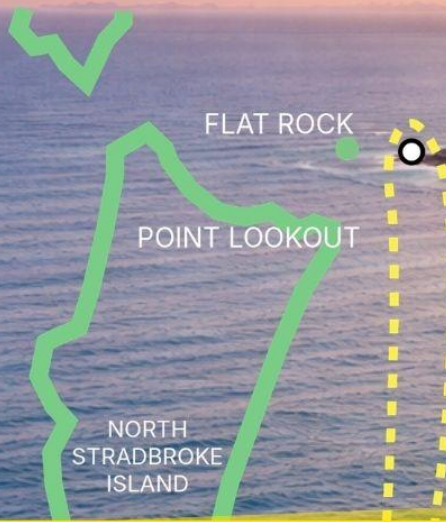


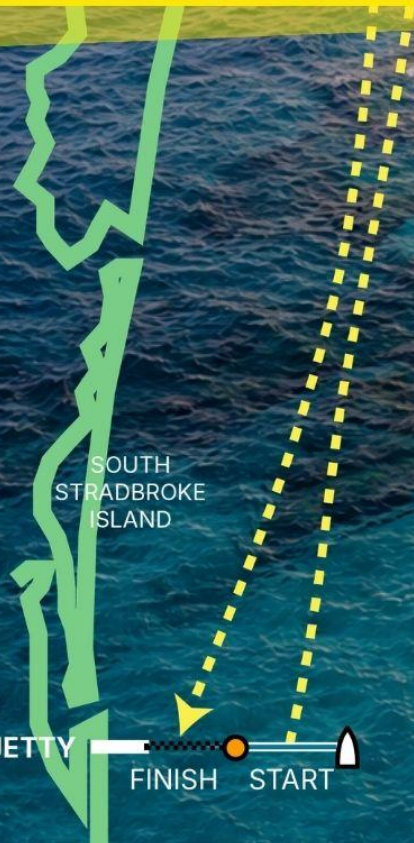
FLAT ROCK

YACHT RACE

JUNE 6, 2026



NOTICE OF RACE



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1. INVITATION

Southport Yacht Club invites eligible boats to enter the 2026 Flat Rock Yacht Race, to be conducted offshore from the Gold Coast on Saturday 6 June 2026. The race will be a coastal passage race of approximately 67 nautical miles and will be conducted in accordance with the Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1 Category 3.

This race forms Race 1 of 4 in the Coral Sea Pointscore Series, Southport Yacht Club's annual offshore pointscore series. The series brings together four offshore racing events, with the overall series winner determined by the lowest accumulated IRC points across the four races, with one discard permitted.

The Flat Rock Yacht Race is also included in the Queensland Offshore Sailing Championship (QOSC), a five-race offshore series conducted by three Organising Authorities: Southport Yacht Club, Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron and Queensland Cruising Yacht Club. The Championship is open to both Monohulls and Multihulls in accordance with the eligibility requirements of each race's Organising Authority.

Queensland Offshore Sailing Championship Notice of Series:

<https://southportyachtclub.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/Notice-of-Series-Queensland-Offshore-Sailing-Championship.pdf>

2. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority is Southport Yacht Club Inc.

3. RULES

- 3.1. The race will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025–2028.
- 3.2. The Australian Sailing Special Regulations (AS SR) Part 1 Category 3 shall apply. Competitors are advised that the race may involve sailing after sunset and shall ensure compliance with all applicable night-sailing requirements.
- 3.3. When there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 3.4. The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGS) shall apply at all times. The RRS Part 2 applies only between boats racing. When interacting with vessels not racing, COLREGS shall apply and take precedence.
- 3.5. All competitors shall comply with the SYC Sailing Policy 2026–27.
- 3.6. RRS Appendix WP – Rules for Racing Around Waypoints applies.
- 3.7. Each boat shall carry, as a minimum, one Personal Locator Beacon (PLB) for each crew member. The Organising Authority shall be provided with a detailed crew list including the allocated PLB HEX ID for each crew member.
- 3.8. It is strongly encouraged that the Person in Charge ensures all PLB HEX IDs are correctly registered and current prior to submission to the Organising Authority.
- 3.9. A minimum of five (5) boats is required to constitute the race.
- 3.10. If fewer than five boats are entered by the entry close time, the Organising Authority may cancel the race.
- 3.11. RRS 52 (Manual Power) does not apply.
- 3.12. The minimum crew number for a fully crewed boat shall be four (4). This requirement is a condition of entry and does not modify the Australian Sailing Special Regulations



4. CHANGES TO THE RACING RULES OF SAILING

Between the hours of sunset and sunrise, the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGS) shall replace RRS Part 2. This changes RRS Part 2.

5. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 5.1. The race is open to Monohull, Multihull and Double-Handed boats that comply with AS Special Regulations Part 1 Category 3.
- 5.2. Divisions and subclasses may be established by the Race Committee based on entries received. A minimum of three boats is required to constitute a division.
- 5.3. The Organising Authority may reject or cancel the entry of a boat, or exclude a competitor, in accordance with RRS 76.1, provided it does so before the start of the race and states the reason on request. A boat may request redress in accordance with the RRS.

6. FEES AND DOCUMENTATION TO BE LODGED

- 6.1. Entries shall close at 1700 hours AEST on Saturday 30th May 2026.
- 6.2. The entry fee for entries received and paid by 2359 hours Friday 22nd May 2026 shall be AUD \$100.
- 6.3. For entries received and paid after 22nd May 2026, the entry fee shall be AUD \$200.
- 6.4. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 6.5. The applicable entry fee shall be determined by the date payment is received, not the date of entry submission.
- 6.6. Eligible boats shall enter via the TopYacht online entry system, accessible through the Southport Yacht Club website at: <https://southportyachtclub.com.au/events/flat-rock-yacht-race-2026/>
- 6.7. Entries shall be accompanied by the applicable entry fee and all required supplementary documentation, including a comprehensive Crew List, as applicable. Each boat shall upload a current Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1 Category 3 (or higher) Equipment Compliance Form to its TopYacht profile at the time of entry. Equipment Compliance Forms are available from the Southport Yacht Club and Australian Sailing websites.
- 6.8. IRC certificates that expire on 31 May 2026 may be accepted, provided the certificate revalidation has been lodged with the Rating Authority prior to expiry and there have been no modifications to the boat that are not declared on the expiring certificate. Updated certificates shall be provided to the Organising Authority as soon as practicable once issued.
- 6.9. Final crew details shall be submitted via TopYacht no later than 1700 hours AEST on Tuesday 2nd June 2026, and shall include, as a minimum:
 - Full names of all crew
 - Australian Sailing membership numbers
 - Emergency contact details
 - Allocated PLB HEX ID numbers for each crew member

Failure to provide complete and accurate documentation by the prescribed time may result in a boat being ineligible to start, at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

Any changes to crew lists or crew details after this time shall be subject to the approval of the Organising Authority.

7. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

The following is the schedule of events (Australian Eastern Standard Time – QLD):

DATE - 2026	EVENT	TIME
Saturday 30 th May 2026	Entries Close	1700hrs
Thursday 4 th June 2026	Compulsory Skipper's Briefing at SYC Main Beach	Approx. 1900hrs
Saturday 6 th June 2026	BBQ Breakfast Available to Purchase Warning signal not before	0630hrs Not Before 0955hrs
Thursday 11 th June 2026	Presentation of Prizes at SYC Main Beach	Approx. 1900hrs

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available online via the event webpage from 1800 hours Tuesday 2 June 2026.

9. SKIPPERS BRIEFING

A compulsory Skippers Briefing will be held at Southport Yacht Club Main Beach on Thursday 4 June 2026 at 1900 hours.

The briefing will be streamed live online and made available via the event communication channels. At least the skipper or a nominated representative from each entered boat shall attend either in person or online.

10. COURSES

- 10.1. The course will be a coastal passage race.
- 10.2. Start in the vicinity of the Gold Coast Seaway Sand Bypass Jetty, between the Starting Mark (Port) and the Race Committee Vessel (Starboard).
- 10.3. Proceed in a Northerly direction towards Flat Rock **WAYPOINT MARK (27.23.414 Latitude S, 153.34.579 Longitude E)**, leaving Stradbroke Island to Port.
- 10.4. Rounding Flat Rock WAYPOINT MARK (27.23.414 Latitude S, 153.34.579 Longitude E) to Port,
- 10.5. Proceed in a Southerly direction towards the Gold Coast, leaving Stradbroke Island to Starboard
- 10.6. Finish by crossing the imaginary line formed by the transit of the lights on the Gold Coast Seaway Sand Bypass Jetty, crossing the line in a southerly direction and at a distance of not more than one (1) nautical mile from the seaward end of the Sand Bypass Jetty (27°56.320' S, 153°27.070' E).
- 10.7. The Race Committee may run an alternate course if it deems necessary given the race weather forecast. If relevant, this will be advised at the compulsory Skippers briefing, Thursday 4th June.
- 10.8. There is no provision to shorten the course after the start.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

A boat that has broken a rule of RRS Part 2 shall take a One-Turn Penalty in accordance with RRS 44.2. This changes RRS 44.1.



12. HANDICAPPING

- 12.1. Eligible boats may compete under the following handicap systems, subject to valid certification:
 - IRC (endorsed certificate required)
 - ORC (endorsed certificate required)
 - OMR (in accordance with current Australian Sailing OMR guidelines)
 - PHS
- 12.2. A boat entered in a rating-based division (IRC or ORC) shall not be eligible to be scored in PHS.
- 12.3. PHS handicaps shall be performance-based and allocated by the Organising Authority's appointed Handicap Committee. PHS handicaps shall not be subject to protest or redress. This changes RRS 60.1 and 62.1(a).
- 12.4. A list of handicaps and divisions will be published prior to the race.

13. BERTHING ARRANGEMENTS

As space in the marina is limited, berthing will be subject to availability. Free berthing (tie up / rafting up) may be available at the SYC Marina for entered competing yachts from 1400 hours on Friday 5th June 2026 to 1000 hours on Monday 8th June 2026. Berthing allocation must be arranged well in advance through the Marina Office. Phone (07) 5591 3500.

14. PRIZES

- 14.1. Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd for each Handicap Category
- 14.2. The SYC Flat Rock Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the first Monohull and Multihull if applicable Line Honours winner.
- 14.3. Points towards the Queensland Offshore Sailing Championship if eligibility requirements are met.
- 14.4. Other Prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

15. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY & RESPONSIBILITIES

- 15.1. By submitting an entry, the Owner and or Person in Charge agrees to be bound by all the rules and conditions of the race and acknowledges and accepts:
- 15.2. That for the Flat Rock Yacht Race the Organising Authority and or Race Committee reserve the right to alter or vary any part of the race, including its course should conditions prevent the safe conduct of the race.
- 15.3. They and the crew are familiar with and understand the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the boat complies (where applicable) with all the Australian Sailing Special Regulations
- 15.4. They and the crew are familiar with and understand RRS 3 "Decision to Race".
- 15.5. The Owner and or Person in Charge acknowledge that all their crew are satisfied as to the experience of the skipper and the adequacy of the boat, all safety equipment aboard the boat and insurance arrangements.
- 15.6. The entry of the boat is acknowledgment that the Owner and or Person in Charge and all crew are individually aware of and conversant with the risks involved in the sport of ocean racing and that the participation in this event is entirely at the risk of the Owner and or Person in Charge and crew;
- 15.7. The owner and or Person in Charge warrant the suitability of the boat for the race.
- 15.8. The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the Owner and or Person in Charge who must ensure that the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy, and managed by a crew of sufficient number and experience who are physically fit.



- 15.9. The Owner and or Person in Charge must be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. They must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and that the crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used.
- 15.10. Neither the existence of these conditions, and their use by the race organisers, or the inspection of the boat pursuant to these conditions in any way limits the absolute responsibility of the Owner and or Person in Charge and crew.
- 15.11. Neither the Southport Yacht Club nor its officers, employees nor agents shall be responsible or liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury however caused to the owner/charterer, his or her skipper or crew or their property as a result of their taking part in the Flat Rock Yacht Race and their related activities, including pre-start and post- finish operations and related shore activities;
- 15.12. Neither the Southport Yacht Club nor its officers, employees or agents will be liable for any costs or expenses that may be incurred as a result of special assistance at sea being arranged for any reason whatsoever.

16. 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.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the Flat Rock Yacht Race entirely at their own risk. See Rule 3, Decision to Race. The organizing 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.

18. INSURANCE

- 18.1. All boats shall have a current marine legal public liability insurance policy for the duration of race, with a sum insured of not less than AUD\$10 million (or its equivalent in another currency).
- 18.2. The policy must state that the boat is insured for racing activities, including offshore racing.



19. FURTHER INFORMATION

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20. PARENT CONSENT FORM



Parent Consent Form

For participants under 18 years old.

Scan QR Code / Click the link

<https://form.jotform.com/253497312363055>