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SOUTHPORT YACHT CLUB

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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1. RULES

- 1.1. The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including the Australian Sailing (AS) Prescriptions.
- 1.2. The current Special Regulations of AS Part 2 Off the beach boats.
- 1.3. The Paper Tiger Catamaran International Association Class Rules (as applicable),
- 1.4. When conflict occurs between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the rules of the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.5(c).
- 1.5. RRS Appendix T – Arbitration applies.
- 1.6. 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 override all other rules. This is a condition imposed by Local Governing Authorities.
- 1.7. All competitors are reminded of RRS Part 1.1 Helping Those in Danger, “A boat or competitor shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger”.
- 1.8. All competitors are reminded of RRS 3 Decision to Race, “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone”.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official noticeboard located outside the Southport Yacht Club sailing office as well as on the online noticeboard.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 hours on the day before it takes effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagstaff located on the tower of the Hollywell clubhouse.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 90 minutes’ in the race signal AP.



5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1. The schedule of races is as follows:

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Saturday 26 th September 2026	Registration	0830hrs
Saturday 26 th September 2026	Compulsory Skippers Briefing Race Day 1 Warning Signal Not Before	0900hrs 1055hrs
Sunday 27 th September 2026	Compulsory Skippers Briefing Race Day 2 Warning Signal Not Before	0900hrs 1055hrs

5.2. A maximum of six (6) races will be sailed.

5.3. A maximum of three (3) races will be sailed per day.

5.4. On the last day of the regatta, no warning signal will be made after 1500 hours.

6. CLASS FLAGS

6.1. The Class flag will be a Black Tiger on a Yellow background.

7. RACING AREAS

7.1. Attachment 1 shows the approximate location of the racing area.

7.2. If offshore conditions are unsuitable, Championship racing may be conducted in the Deep Hole area of the Gold Coast Broadwater. Deep Hole is a backup Championship racing area only. The Race Committee will determine the racing area having regard to weather, sea state, bar conditions, safety, operational requirements and support-vessel capability. If Championship racing is to be conducted in the Deep Hole backup racing area, competitors will be advised at the competitors' briefing and by notice in accordance with SI 2.

8. THE COURSES

8.1. The diagrams in Attachment 2 show the approximate position of the rounding marks, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be passed.

8.2. The course number to be sailed will be indicated by the relevant numeral pennant being displayed on the Start Boat with the Class Flag.



9. MARKS

- 9.1. Mark 1 will be a yellow inflatable buoy. It is the shared Finn and Paper Tiger windward mark.
- 9.2. Mark 1a will be an orange inflatable buoy. It is the shared offset mark and shall be rounded after every rounding of Mark 1.
- 9.3. Mark 2 will be a yellow inflatable buoy with a blue top. It is the Paper Tiger triangle/wing mark only.
- 9.4. Marks 4s and 4p will be yellow inflatable buoys forming the shared leeward gate for windward-leeward courses. When specified alone in a course description, Mark 4p is the compulsory port-rounding mark for the Paper Tiger triangle return.
- 9.5. The Start Mark will be an orange inflatable buoy with a black top.
- 9.6. The Finish Mark will be a blue inflatable buoy.

10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1. The Start/Finish line is an obstruction of the course unless starting or finishing.

11. THE START

- 11.1. Races will be started by using Rule 26, with the warning signal made five (5) minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Start Boat and the port-end starting mark.
- 11.3. There may be a barging buoy (pink teardrop) off the stern of the Start Boat.
- 11.4. A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without hearing. This changes Rule A4.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1. 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 signaling all boats before they begin the leg. The next mark need not be in position at that time.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the start boat and the finishing mark.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1. The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 shall be a One Turn Penalty, except that for infringements occurring within the Zone as defined in the RRS, the penalty shall be a Two Turns Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1 and 44.2.
- 14.2. A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the Sailing Office within the protest time limit.



15. TIME LIMITS & TARGET TIMES

15.1. The Target Time, Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

TARGET TIME	MARK 1 TIME LIMIT	RACE TIME LIMIT	FINISHING WINDOW
Forty-five (45) Minutes	Forty (40) Minutes	Seventy (70) Minutes	Fifteen (15) Minutes

- 15.2. If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 15.3. [DP] 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, penalized 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 one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, RRS A5.1, RRS A5.2 and RRS A10.
- 15.4. [NP] Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).
- 15.5. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Hollywell Sailing office beginning at the time posted.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1.1 16.1 In addition to complying with RRS 60.2, a boat intending to protest shall inform the Race Committee immediately after finishing by approaching the starboard side of the Start Boat and hailing the protested boat's sail number. This changes RRS 60.2 by adding this requirement.

- 16.2 Protest forms are available at the race office located at the Hollywell Sailing Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.3 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the Race Committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The protest time limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 16.4 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Hollywell Sailing office beginning at the time posted.

16.4.1 16.5 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 60.2(d).

16.4.2 16.6 Breaches of Sailing Instructions 10, 18 and 22 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1 by restricting a boat's right to protest for those breaches. Penalties for these breaches will incur a 3-place scoring penalty. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.

16.4.3 16.7 On the last scheduled day of racing, a party requesting reopening shall deliver a written request identifying the reason for making it:

16.4.4 Within the protest time limit, if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day:

16.4.4.1 16.7.2 No later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. See RRS 63.7(b).

16.4.5 16.8 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. The protest committee shall extend the time if there is good reason to do so. See RRS 61.2(b)(2), read together



with RRS 61.2(b).

17. SCORING

- 17.1. The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply.
- 17.2. Two (2) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.3. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. No score will be excluded.
- 17.4. Australian Sailing Yardstick (ASY) and Performance Handicap System (PHS) results will be scored. A boat's PHS rating for the first race will be her ASY rating. PHS ratings may then be adjusted after each race if required.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1. Sign on and Sign off requirements are:
 - 18.1.1. All helmspersons shall sign on the sheets provided, before going on water for racing.
 - 18.1.2. All helmspersons shall sign off within ninety (90) minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day, or later at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 18.2. The skipper of a boat that retires or does not intend to continue racing is required to notify an official Support Boat and await further instruction before returning through the Gold Coast Seaway.

Please Note: Failure to do so may result in a full safety alert with all race committee vessels and patrol boats remaining on course until the vessel is found.
- 18.3. All Competitors are encouraged to carry a Harness Rescue Tool or similar device that is readily accessible in an emergency.

19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1. Substitution of skippers and crews will not be allowed.
- 19.2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 19.3. A boat that begins the regatta with a one-person or two-person crew shall remain in that configuration for the duration of the Regatta.

20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 20.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

21. OFFICIAL BOATS

- 21.1. Official boats will be marked with the SYC burgee.



22. SUPPORT BOATS AND COACH BOATS

22.1. Support boats and coach boats shall complete on-site registration at the Southport Yacht Club Sailing Office before going afloat. The coach-boat registration fee is \$20, as required by the Notice of Race. All support boats and coach boats shall carry a working VHF radio capable of monitoring VHF 09 and shall be prepared to assist the Race Committee if requested to do so until cleared to leave the course area. Unless requested for assistance by the Race Committee, all support boats and coach boats shall remain at least 100 metres outside the course area while boats are racing, from the preparatory signal for the start until all boats have finished or retired or the Race Committee signals a postponement or abandonment. Detailed instructions will be issued to team leaders and coaches at completion of registration.

22. TRASH DISPOSAL

22.1 Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

23. BERTHING

23.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned rigging and storage areas.

24. RADIO COMMUNICATION

24.1 VHF 09 is the primary Race Committee race-management and courtesy-broadcast channel. Courtesy broadcasts are supplementary to visual signals. A failure to make, receive or hear a courtesy broadcast will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).

25. TRACKING DEVICES

25.1 Boats competing may use a suitable mobile phone (Android/Apple) to operate the App “RaceQS” for tracking and relay purposes. Further details on using RaceQS can be downloaded from www.raceqs.com

26. PRIZES

26.1 Prizes will be awarded to first, second and third overall, and to the first Queensland boat under both ASY and PHS.

26.2 The Title of Queensland Champion will be awarded to the lowest point score Queensland Association Member on ASY and will be awarded the Perpetual Trophy.

26.3 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

27. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

27.1 Competitors participate in the regatta 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 before, during, or after the regatta.

28. ATTACHMENT 1 & 2 – THE COURSES





COURSE	MARK ROUNDINGS	TYPE
1	Start – 1 – 1a – 2 – 4p – 1 – 1a – Finish	T/W
2	Start – 1 – 1a – 2 – 4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 2 – Finish	T/W/T
3	Start – 1 – 1a – 2 – 4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 2 – 4p – 1 – 1a – Finish	T/W/T/W
4	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – Finish	W2
5	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – Finish	W3
6	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – Finish	W4
When the course description states 4s/4p, boats shall sail between Marks 4s and 4p from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark. When the course description states 4p alone, boats shall round Mark 4p to port; Mark 4s is not an alternative. Course 2 finishes directly after its final rounding of Mark 2, without a further rounding of Mark 4p.		

