

2026 QLD PAPER TIGER CHAMPIONSHIPS

26-27TH SEPTEMBER



SOUTHPORT YACHT CLUB

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1. INVITATION

Southport Yacht Club extends a warm invitation to all skippers of eligible boats to enter and compete in the 2026 Queensland Paper Tiger Catamaran State Championships, to be conducted on Saturday 26 September and Sunday 27 September 2026.

2. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority (OA) shall be Southport Yacht Club Inc. (SYC) located at 1 Marina Crescent, Hollywell QLD 4216. Phone (07) 5537 7030, in conjunction with the Queensland Paper Tiger Catamaran Association.

3. RULES

- 3.1. The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including the Australian Sailing (AS) Prescriptions.
- 3.2. The current Special Regulations of AS Part 2, Off the Beach Boats.
- 3.3. The current Paper Tiger Class Rules, as applicable.
- 3.4. The current AS Yardsticks – Catamarans (ASY) shall apply.
- 3.5. 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.
- 3.6. RRS Appendix T – Arbitration applies.
- 3.7. 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”.
- 3.8. 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”.

4. ADVERTISING

- 4.1. Advertising on a boat shall comply with the requirements of World Sailing Regulation 20 Advertising Code.
- 4.2. The OA may reject an entry of a boat, which in its opinion is carrying advertising conflicting with that of the event sponsors. In any case of doubt, the OA should be consulted as soon as practicable.

5. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 5.1. The Regatta is open to boats complying with the Paper Tiger International Class Rules and possessing a current valid measurement certificate.
- 5.2. International competitors must be a current member of their National Sailing Federation and have the appropriate documentation available for inspection at registration.
- 5.3. Competitors shall be a current financial member of a State Paper Tiger Class Association and of a Club affiliated with AS and register their current valid Sailing Identification Number at time of entry.
- 5.4. A boat that enters with a single-handed or two-person crew shall remain in that configuration for the duration of the Regatta.
- 5.5. Eligible boats shall enter via the TopYacht event entry link:
<https://www.topyacht.com.au/entreg/enter.php?e=102.2.696>
- 5.6. Entries shall include the required entry fee and any supplementary documentation as applicable.



- 5.7. Entries close at 1700hrs on Friday 18 September 2026.
- 5.8. Late entries will not normally be accepted after the entry closing date. Late entries may be accepted only at the discretion of the Organising Authority, Southport Yacht Club, in consultation with the Queensland Paper Tiger Catamaran Association.

6. FEES

The entry fee is \$150.00 per boat.

7. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 7.1. A maximum of six (6) races will be sailed during the Regatta.
- 7.2. A maximum of three (3) races will be sailed on any one day.
- 7.3. No warning signal shall be made after 1500hrs on Sunday 27 September 2026.
- 7.4. Warning signal times are “not before” times.
- 7.5. The schedule of events is as follows:

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Friday 18 th September 2026	Entries Close	1700hrs
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

8. MEASUREMENT

- 8.1. Each boat shall have a current valid measurement certificate available for inspection if requested.
- 8.2. Measurement checks may be made by the OA at any time during the Regatta.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be published on the official regatta webpage at <https://southportyachtclub.com.au/events/2026-qld-paper-tiger-championships/> no later than 1055hrs on Thursday 24th September 2026.

10. VENUE

The Regatta will be conducted from Southport Yacht Club, 1 Marina Crescent, Hollywell QLD 4216.

11. COURSES

- 11.1. The courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 11.2. Racing will be conducted offshore on the Gold Coast waters in the vicinity of the Sand Pumping Jetty. In the event of inclement weather, or where the Race Committee considers offshore racing unsuitable, racing may be conducted on the Gold Coast Broadwater in the area known as Deep Hole. The Race Committee will determine the racing area having regard to weather, sea state, safety and operational requirements. Racing-area diagrams and any further detail will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

12. SCORING & HANDICAPPING

- 12.1. The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A of the RRS will apply.
- 12.2. Two races must be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.3. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 12.4. Australian Sailing Yardstick (ASY) and Performance Handicap System (PHS) results will be scored.
- 12.5. A boat's PHS rating for its first race will be its ASY rating and may be adjusted after each race.

13. SUPPORT BOATS

- 13.1. All support boats and coach boats shall register with the Organising Authority and complete on-site registration at the Southport Yacht Club Sailing Office. The coach boat registration fee will be \$20 per vessel.
- 13.2. Each coach boat and support boat is required to carry a working VHF radio tuned to the frequency designated by the Race Committee and shall be available to assist as directed by the Race Committee if required.
- 13.3. Detailed instructions will be issued to team leaders and coaches at the completion of registration and will be contained in the Sailing Instructions.

14. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

15. PRIZES

- 15.1. Prizes will be awarded to first, second and third overall, and to the first Queensland boat on ASY and PHS results.
- 15.2. The title of Queensland Champion will be awarded to the lowest point score Queensland Paper Tiger Catamaran Association member on ASY and will include the perpetual trophy.
- 15.3. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.



16. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participating in the Regatta, a competitor automatically grants the Organising Authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity and without compensation, to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures, live, taped or filmed television, and other reproductions of the competitor during the period of the Regatta and in all material related to the Regatta.

17. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AU\$10,000,000 per incident or the equivalent. Proof of insurance may be required at registration and must clearly identify the insured person or boat, the amount of cover and the period of coverage. All owners and competitors who complete the Entry Form are deemed to have declared that they hold such cover.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, before, during or after the Regatta.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, contact the SYC Sailing Office:

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