

2027 RL24



NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS



NOTICE OF RACE

JANUARY 3RD - 8TH 2027



SOUTHPORT YACHT CLUB
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Hosted by Southport Yacht Club Inc. at Hollywell in conjunction with the RL24 Owners Association of Australia Inc. Sunday 3rd January 2027 to Friday 8th January 2027.

1. INVITATION

- 1.1. Southport Yacht Club extends a warm invitation to eligible RL24 class boats to enter and compete in the 2027 RL24 National Championships.
- 1.2. The regatta will be conducted from Southport Yacht Club Hollywell, 1 Marina Crescent, Hollywell QLD 4216, from Sunday 3rd January 2027 to Friday 8th January 2027.
- 1.3. The regatta will be hosted by Southport Yacht Club Inc. in conjunction with the RL24 Owners Association of Australia Inc.

2. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 2.1. The Organising Authority is Southport Yacht Club Inc. located at 1 Marina Crescent, Hollywell QLD 4216, in conjunction with the RL24 Owners Association of Australia Inc.
- 2.2. In this Notice of Race, Southport Yacht Club Inc. may be referred to as SYC, and the RL24 Owners Association of Australia Inc. may be referred to as RL24 OA of A.
- 2.3. The Race Committee will conduct racing on behalf of the Organising Authority.

3. RULES

- 3.1. The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 3.2. The Australian Sailing Prescriptions and the Australian Sailing Special Regulations will apply.
- 3.3. The Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1, Category 7 will apply.
- 3.4. The rules and requirements of the RL24 Owners Association of Australia Inc. will apply.
- 3.5. RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply.
- 3.6. 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.
- 3.7. All competitors are reminded of RRS Part 1.1, Helping Those in Danger. A boat, competitor or support person shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger.
- 3.8. Boats shall comply with any applicable local authority requirements and navigational obligations. Further details, including any COLREGS or local authority requirements, will be stated in the Sailing Instructions where required.
- 3.9. If there is a conflict between this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the conflict will be resolved in accordance with the Racing Rules of Sailing.

4. ADVERTISING

- 4.1. Advertising on boats shall comply with the requirements of World Sailing Regulation 20 Advertising Code.
- 4.2. The OA may refuse or withdraw an entry where, in its reasonable opinion, a boat's advertising conflicts with event sponsors or the interests of the Regatta.
- 4.3. A boat intending to display advertising should consult the Organising Authority as early as practicable if there is any doubt about compliance.



5. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 5.1. The Regatta is open to boats complying of the RL24 class whose owners are financial members of the RL24 Owners Association of Australia Inc.
- 5.2. Eligible boats shall enter through the TopYacht Entry System.
- 5.3. The entry link is : https://topyacht.com.au/db/kb2/series_select.php?EventID=1966
- 5.4. Eligible boats shall enter in one of the following divisions:
 - Swing Keel
 - Drop Keel
 - Cruising Division
- 5.5. Entries will close at 1700hrs on 21st December 2026.
- 5.6. Late entries may be accepted at the Organising Authority's discretion.
- 5.7. No paper entries will be accepted.
- 5.8. Each boat shall comply with the eligibility, measurement, safety, insurance and entry requirements stated in this Notice of Race and any further requirements stated in the Sailing Instructions.
- 5.9. The Person in Charge is responsible for ensuring that all information submitted through the TopYacht Entry System is complete, accurate and kept up to date.

6. FEES

- 6.1. The entry fee is payable through the TopYacht Entry System.

Fee Type	Fee
Early Bird Entry, per boat, until 2359hrs on 1 September 2026	\$385.00
Entries received from 2 September 2026 to 30 November 2026	\$425.00
Entries received from 1 December 2026 to 21 December 2026	\$485.00

- 6.2. The Organising Authority may reject entries that are incomplete, unpaid or do not meet the eligibility requirements.
- 6.3. Late entries may be accepted at the Organising Authority's discretion. If accepted. Late entries will be subject to the applicable entry fee at the time of acceptance unless otherwise determined by the Organising Authority.
- 6.4. Refunds may be considered at the Organising Authority's discretion. Any refund request shall be made in writing, and any approved refund may be subject to deduction of administration, transaction or other non-recoverable costs.

7. MEASUREMENTS AND SAFETY

- 7.1. Entrants are expected to meet the measurement requirements specified by the RL24 Owners Association of Australia Inc.
- 7.2. Each boat shall hold a current Category 7 Equipment Audit Certificate.
- 7.3. The RL24 Owners Association of Australia Inc. reserves the right to conduct measurement or safety checks of any entrant before, during or after the Regatta.
- 7.4. A boat may be required to produce evidence of compliance with class, measurement, safety and insurance requirements.



8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1. The Sailing Instructions will be made available on the online noticeboard or official regatta webpage.
- 8.2. The official online location is:
<https://southportyachtclub.com.au/events/2027-rl24-national-championships/>
- 8.3. Notices to competitors, amendments and other official information may also be posted on the online noticeboard or official regatta webpage.

9. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 9.1. The scheduled programme is as follows, subject to amendment by the Organising Authority or Race Committee.

Date	Event	Time
Sunday 3 January 2027	Registration	1200hrs
Sunday 3 January 2027	Welcome BBQ	1500hrs
Monday 4 January 2027	Compulsory Skippers Briefing	1200hrs
Monday 4 January 2027	Rob Legg Invitational Series Races 1, 2 and 3, back-to-back	First warning signal 1330hrs
Tuesday 5 January 2027	Compulsory Skippers Briefing	1100hrs
Tuesday 5 January 2027	Championship Heats 1 and 2, back-to-back	First warning signal 1300hrs
Tuesday 5 January 2027	AGM at Southport Yacht Club Hollywell Club Room	1800hrs
Wednesday 6 January 2027	Resail Opportunity	TBC
Wednesday 6 January 2027	Compulsory Skippers Briefing	One hour prior to first warning signal
Wednesday 6 January 2027	Championship Heats 3 and 4, back-to-back	First warning signal 1300hrs
Thursday 7 January 2027	Resail Opportunity	TBC
Thursday 7 January 2027	Compulsory Skippers Briefing	One hour prior to first warning signal
Thursday 7 January 2027	Championship Heats 5 and 6, back-to-back	First warning signal 1330hrs
Friday 8 January 2027	Compulsory Skippers Briefing	0930hrs
Friday 8 January 2027	Championship Heat 7	First warning signal 1100hrs
Friday 8 January 2027	Resail opportunity, if required, after Heat 7	TBC
Friday 8 January 2027	Presentation	Approx. 1800hrs



- 9.2. Four races are required to constitute a series.
- 9.3. A maximum of three races may be sailed on any day.
- 9.4. No warning signal will be made after 1500hrs on Friday 8th January 2027.

10. RACING AREA AND COURSES

- 10.1. Racing is expected to be conducted on the Gold Coast Broadwater or inshore waters off SYC Hollywell.
- 10.2. Courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 10.3. The following may be included within the Sailing Instructions or official regatta information if required: Racing Area Diagram, Rigging and Parking, Course Diagrams.

11. SCORING

- 11.1. The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 11.2. Four races are required to constitute a series.
- 11.3. If fewer than five races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 11.4. If five or six races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 11.5. If seven races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 11.6. The divisions for the Championship will be:
 - Swing Keel
 - Drop Keel
 - Cruising
- 11.7. Any combined division, minimum entry number or CBH scoring arrangements will be confirmed in the Sailing Instructions or by notice to competitors if required.
- 11.8. First place will score 1 point in accordance with standard Low Point scoring under RRS Appendix A.

12. PERSONAL BUOYANCY

- 12.1. Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices while afloat and outside the cabin.
- 12.2. Personal flotation devices shall comply with the applicable Australian Sailing Special Regulations and any additional requirements stated in the Sailing Instructions.

13. SAFETY

- 13.1. The Regatta will be conducted as an Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1, Category 7 event.
- 13.2. The Race Committee may postpone, abandon or amend the race programme for safety reasons.
- 13.3. When the wind strength consistently exceeds 25 knots for a five-minute period within the 60-minute period immediately before the scheduled warning signal for the first race to be sailed on a day, the Race Committee may postpone or abandon racing.
- 13.4. Races will not be started in less than an average of 4 knots of wind on the course area. This lower wind limit may be increased if current or other local conditions make racing unsuitable.



- 13.5. Outboard motors shall be carried in accordance with RL24 class requirements and Australian Sailing Special Regulations; outboard motors shall be mounted in normal operating position but may be retracted while sailing.
- 13.6. A minimum of 9 litres of fuel shall be carried at the start of each race.
- 13.7. The Person in Charge of each boat is responsible for ensuring that the boat is seaworthy, properly equipped and suitable for the conditions.
- 13.8. Safety thresholds and equipment requirements will be confirmed by the Race Committee and RL24 OA of A before publication.

14. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 14.1. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that are not available to all boats.
- 14.2. This restriction includes mobile phone communications, unless permitted by the Sailing Instructions or approved by the Race Committee for safety or event administration.
- 14.3. The Race Committee may use VHF radio for safety and operational communications.
- 14.4. The VHF channel for the Regatta is: VHF Ch 09

15. DECISIONS OF PROTEST COMMITTEE

- 15.1. A Protest Committee will be appointed for the 2027 RL24 National Championships.
- 15.2. Protest, redress, arbitration and hearing procedures will be conducted in accordance with the Racing Rules of Sailing, this Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions and any notices to competitors.
- 15.3. RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply.
- 15.4. Notices of hearings, protest time limits and hearing procedures will be published in the Sailing Instructions or posted on the official noticeboard.
- 15.5. Appeal rights will be as provided in the Racing Rules of Sailing unless validly changed by the Sailing Instructions or applicable rules.

16. PRIZES

- 16.1. Prizes may be awarded for the following:
- Drop Keel Champion, Rob Legg Perpetual Trophy
 - Swing Keel Champion, Rob Legg Perpetual Trophy
 - Handicap Trophy, Perpetual Trophy
 - Rob Legg Invitation Series Trophy, Perpetual Trophy
 - Cruising Division Champion, depending on number of entries
 - Coolabah Trophy, Perpetual Trophy
 - Oldest Skipper Flag, Perpetual Trophy
 - Toad of Barmera Trophy, Perpetual Trophy
 - Best Presented Boat
 - ACT RL24 Trophy, to be renamed if required
 - Other prizes as determined by the RL24 Owners Association of Australia Inc.
- 16.2. The Rob Legg Invitation Series Trophy and any CBH-based trophy calculations will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions if required.
- 16.3. Each entrant will receive a Championship memento.



17. MEASUREMENT

- 17.1. The RL24 Owners Association of Australia Inc. reserves the right to inspect, measure or check the hull, spars, sails and safety equipment of any boat before or after any race during the Regatta.
- 17.2. Each boat shall have a valid measurement certificate and may be required to produce it.
- 17.3. A boat that does not comply with the applicable class, measurement or safety requirements may be subject to action by the Race Committee or Protest Committee in accordance with the Racing Rules of Sailing.

18. MANDATORY SIGN ON / SIGN OFF

- 18.1. Sign-on and sign-off requirements, procedures and any associated scoring consequences will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.

19. PRESENTATION

- 19.1. Presentation details will be made available when confirmed.
- 19.2. The intended presentation location is: Hollywell Sailing Squadron
- 19.3. Presentation or dinner attendance will not be collected through the TopYacht Entry System at this stage. Further details will be provided when confirmed.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 20.1. Supporting information can be found at: [RL Yachts Nationals webpage]
- 20.2. Updates will also appear on the RL24 Facebook page: [RL24 Facebook page]
- 20.3. For more information, please contact:

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21. RISK WARNING / RISK STATEMENT

- 21.1. Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race.
- 21.2. Sailing is an activity with inherent risks. These risks include, but are not limited to, strong winds, rough or changing sea conditions, sudden changes in weather, equipment failure, collision, loss of balance, fatigue, hypothermia, drowning, trauma, permanent injury or death.
- 21.3. Each Person in Charge is responsible for deciding whether to enter, start or continue in any race and for ensuring that the boat and crew are suitable for the conditions.
- 21.4. The Organising Authority, its officers, employees, volunteers, Race Committee, Protest Committee and event partners will not accept liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, before, during or after the Regatta.

22. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 22.1. By participating in the Regatta, each competitor and support person grants the Organising Authority, SYC, event sponsors and their authorised representatives the right to use names, images, video, audio, boat details and biographical information recorded during or in connection with the Regatta.
- 22.2. This material may be used for event administration, media, promotion, reporting, publication, social media, website, sponsor, archival and related purposes without compensation.
- 22.3. Where a competitor is under 18 years of age, a parent or guardian is responsible for providing any required consent for the competitor's participation and for the use of identifiable images or recordings in accordance with this section.
- 22.4. A person who does not wish their name, image or likeness to be used for media or promotional purposes should notify the Organising Authority in writing before the start of the Regatta.

23. INSURANCE

- 23.1. Each boat shall hold current third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD \$10,000,000 for the duration of the Regatta.



23.2. Evidence of insurance, including a current Certificate of Currency, shall be submitted through the TopYacht Entry System and may also be requested by the Organising Authority.

23.3. Acceptance of an entry does not constitute confirmation by the Organising Authority that a boat's insurance is adequate or valid.

24. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

24.1. Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk.

24.2. Attention is drawn to RRS 3, Decision to Race.

24.3. The Organising Authority will not accept liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, before, during or after the Regatta.

24.4. The Person in Charge is responsible for the boat, crew, equipment, insurance, safety compliance and the decision to race.