

COOK ISLAND

YACHT RACE **NOVEMBER 1, 2026**

NOTICE OF RACE



SOUTHPORT YACHT CLUB



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1. INVITATION

- 1.1. Southport Yacht Club extends a warm invitation to owners, skippers and crews of all eligible boats to enter and compete in the 2026 Cook Island Yacht Race, proudly sponsored by Document Solutions, to be sailed on the waters off the Gold Coast on Sunday 1 November 2026.

2. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 2.1. The Organising Authority shall be Southport Yacht Club Inc. (SYC) located at 1 Macarthur Parade, Main Beach QLD 4217. Phone: 07 5537 7030.

3. RULES

- 3.1. The race will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025–2028.
- 3.2. The Australian Sailing prescriptions and Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1, Category 4, including all current amendments and official interpretations, shall apply.
- 3.3. The Southport Yacht Club Sailing Policy 2026/27 applies and is available at <https://southportyachtclub.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/26-27-SYC-Sailing-Policy-.pdf>
- 3.4. The IRC Rules 2026, Parts A, B and C, together with the Australian Sailing prescriptions applicable to the IRC Rules, shall apply to boats entered in IRC.
- 3.5. The ORC Rating Systems 2026 rules shall apply to boats entered in ORC.
- 3.6. The Offshore Multihull Rating Specification 2026 shall apply to boats entered in OMR.
- 3.7. RRS Appendix WP, Rules for Waypoints, applies.
- 3.8. RRS 44.3, Scoring Penalty, will apply. The Sailing Instructions will state the declaration procedure and the penalty to be applied.
- 3.9. RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, applies.

4. ADVERTISING

- 4.1. Advertising shall comply with the World Sailing Advertising Code.

5. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 5.1. Each crew member shall be a member of a club affiliated with Australian Sailing and registered with Australian Sailing. A valid SailPass issued for this race satisfies this requirement.
- 5.2. The race is open to eligible monohull and multihull boats that:
 - (a) comply with Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1, Category 4, including all current amendments and official interpretations; and
 - (b) have on board a person in charge designated in accordance with RRS 46.
- 5.3. Eligible boats shall enter through TopYacht at https://topyacht.com.au/db/kb2/series_select.php?EventID=1966 and pay the required entry fee. Each boat shall select its scoring category or categories in its TopYacht entry. A boat may enter one or more of IRC, ORC and OMR if eligible; a boat entered in PHS shall not also be entered in IRC, ORC or OMR. Category selections close at 2359 hrs on Sunday 25 October 2026 and are final at that time. A later category change may be made only in exceptional circumstances with the prior written approval of the Organising Authority and must be recorded in TopYacht. Boats entered in IRC, ORC or OMR shall upload a current valid rating certificate to TopYacht by the entry deadline; if an upload cannot be completed, the certificate shall be sent to racing.admin@sycgc.com.au. A current IRC Standard or Endorsed certificate will be accepted; endorsement is not mandatory. A current ORC Club or ORC International certificate will be accepted.

6. FEES

6.1. The following entry fees apply:

6.1.1. The standard entry fee is \$80 and must be paid by 2359 hrs on Sunday 25th October 2026.

6.1.2. A late entry may be accepted after 2359 hrs on Sunday 25 October 2026 at the discretion of the Organising Authority. If accepted, the late entry fee is \$160.

7. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Sunday 25 th October 2026	Entries Close	2359 hrs
After entries close	Discretionary Late Entries	At the Organising Authority's discretion
	Compulsory Skipper's Briefing at SYC Main Beach	0800 hrs
Sunday 1 st November 2026	Warning Signal	Not before 0955 hrs
	Presentation at SYC Main Beach as soon as possible after racing	Not before 1700 hrs

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

8.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available from the Sailing Office and online on the SYC website no later than Wednesday 28 October 2026.

9. COMPULSORY SKIPPER'S BRIEFING

9.1. A compulsory skipper's briefing will be held at Southport Yacht Club, Main Beach, at 0800 hrs on Sunday 1 November 2026.

10. VENUE

10.1. The race will be conducted from Southport Yacht Club, Main Beach. The racing area will extend from waters offshore of the Gold Coast Seaway to Cook Island Aquatic Reserve off Fingal Head, New South Wales.

11. THE COURSE

11.1. The course will be a coastal passage race from a starting line near the Gold Coast Seaway, south to Cook Island, and return to a finishing line near the Gold Coast Seaway. The precise course, marks, rounding directions, starting line and finishing line will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

12. SCORING

12.1. Results in each scoring category will be determined separately by corrected time using the applicable IRC, ORC, OMR or PHS method, with the lowest corrected time ranked first. ORC results will be calculated using the All-Purpose Time-on-Time method.

13. BERTHING

- 13.1. All boats competing are encouraged to berth at SYC Main Beach for the duration of the 2026 Cook Island Yacht Race. BERTHING SPACE IS LIMITED, and we ask that you please arrange berthing allocations well in advance with the Marina Office: Ph 07 5591 3500.

14. PRIZES

- 14.1. Prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place in each corrected-time category only where at least three boats start in that category. Results will be published for every category regardless of the number of starters.
- 14.2. Separate Line Honours prizes will be awarded to the first monohull and the first multihull to finish.
- 14.3. A Navigator's Prize will be awarded. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority. The Sailing Instructions will state the submission and judging procedure for the Navigator's Prize.
- 14.4. The names of overall ORC (A/P) First Place Winner and the overall IRC First Place Winner will be engraved on the Southport Yacht Club Cook Island Yacht Race Perpetual Trophy.
- 14.5. The presentation will be held at SYC Main Beach as soon as possible after racing, but not before 1700 hrs.

15. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 15.1. By participation in the 2026 Cook Island Yacht Race, 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 or still pictures and/or videos, live, taped or filmed televisions and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the Regatta or said event in which the competitor participated and all material related to the said event, without compensation.

16. INSURANCE

- 16.1. All boats shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance, with a minimum cover of AUD\$10M for any one incident. By taking part in a race all boat owners are deemed to have made a declaration that they have such cover.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 17.1. Competitors participate in the 2026 Cook Island Yacht Race event 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.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information can be gained by contacting:

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