



2011/2012 SPORTS BOAT SATURDAY SERIES

10 September, 8 October
12 November (in conjunction with the QLD Champs)
10 December, 11 February, 10 March

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organised and Hosted By:
Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron Inc.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012*.
- 1.2 The Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Yachting Australia Inc. (YA) – Part 1 Category 6.
- 1.3 The Australian Sports Boat Association rules and [constitution](http://www.asba.org.au) will apply. (www.asba.org.au)
- 1.4 Rule 49.1 shall not apply to Melges 24 and Magic 25 Sports Boats if racing in compliance with their respective class rules and it is noted on the Sports Boats SMS Certificate that the racing incorporates hiking devices.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located outside the RQYS Marine Sports Office.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0930 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1700 hours on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the RQYS Official Flag Pole located outside the RQYS Clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE

Date	Event	Time / Warning Signal
Saturday 10 September	Race 1	Not before 1330
	Race 2	ASAP after Race 1
Saturday 8 October	Race 3	Not before 1330
	Race 4	ASAP after Race 3
Saturday 12 November	Race 5 & 6 will be the first two races of the ASBA Sports Boat Queensland Titles. Please refer to the ASBA QLD Titles NOR	
Saturday 10 December	Race 7	Not before 1330
	Race 8	ASAP after Race 1
Saturday 11 February	Race 9	Not before 1330
	Race 10	ASAP after Race 1
Saturday 10 March	Race 11	Not before 1330
	Race 12	ASAP after Race 1
	Presentation	1700 hours

- 5.1 After a long postponement, to alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

6. CLASS FLAGS

Class Flags will be numeral pennant 1.

7. RACING AREAS

The racing areas will be the Northern Course on Waterloo Bay in conjunction with Squadron Racing.

8. THE COURSES

The courses are as per the RQYS Northern Course.

9. MARKS

The marks are as per the RQYS Northern Course.

10. THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made five (5) minutes before the starting signal.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the start boat at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark.
- 10.3 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.
- 11.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signaling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28.1.

12. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the finish boat and the finishing mark.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

For all boats rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 Protest forms are available at the race office located at the RQYS Marine Sports office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 14.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 14.3 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 protest room, located next to the RQYS Marine Sports office in the Olympic Room beginning at the time posted.
- 14.4 Notices or protests by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b). Breaches of instructions 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decided. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.
- 14.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
 - (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.This changes rule 66.
- 14.6 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. This changes rule 62.2.

15. SCORING

- 15.1 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply.
- 15.2 Four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.3 When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1 All skippers shall SIGN ON before racing each day and SIGN OFF at the earliest possible time after the completion of racing (but not later than the end of protest time). Forms will be available outside the RQYS Marine Sports Office from 0900 on the day of racing.
- 16.2 The skipper of a boat that retires or does not intend to continue racing is required to SIGN OFF immediately on return to shore. Failure to comply may result in protest by the race committee.
Please Note: Failure to SIGN OFF may result in a full safety alert with all race committee vessels and patrol boats remaining on course until the vessel is found.
- 16.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

17. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 17.1 Substitution of skippers will not be allowed unless in extreme circumstances with written approval of the race committee.
- 17.2 Substitution of crew will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 17.3 Each boat shall maintain the same number of crew for each day of racing.
- 17.4 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

18. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

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.

19. SUPPORT BOATS

Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

20. TRASH DISPOSAL

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

21. 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.

22. PRIZES AND DIVISIONS

Prizes will be given as follows:

1st, 2nd and 3rd on SMS

Only series entries will be eligible for prizes

23. DISCLAIMER OF ENTRY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, 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 regatta.

24. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$5m per event or equivalent.