



135th Sailing Season, 2019 – 2020

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

31 August 2019 – 04 April 2020

DIVISION YACHTS, TRAILERABLE YACHTS, MULTIHULLS AND SPORTSBOATS

RACE COMMITTEE	Sailing Manager Chairperson of Sailing Committee The Nominated Flag Officer Race Officer
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INTRODUCTION

This is the 135th Sailing Season at the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron. Seasons racing has been a regular part of the Squadrons activities during that period, first on the Brisbane River, and then on the bay, predating the clubs move to its current location in Manly.

The Squadrons events for Division Yachts are split into four (4) types of events: **Short Round the Bay Races**, conducted on Saturday afternoon, **Long Round the Bay Races** on Sundays, **Round-The-Cans** Sundays and **Regattas**. Short Round the Bay, Long Round the Bay, and Round-the-Cans all have their own individual point-score series, but also form a part of the Overall **Seasons Points**.

The **Squadron Championship** is based on the results from specified weekends (specified in the [2019/20 sailing program](#)) in all three formats over the season with the addition of the Myora Cup Yacht Race which has its own Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.

Regattas are run separately to Seasons Points and are governed by their own Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions. These Regattas are run to slightly different formats, with Goodwill Cup (November) and Division Yachts Gold Cup (July) being a mix of Passage Races and Round-the-Cans, and the Canaipa Cup and Commodores Ocean Classic Cup regattas being "destination" weekends to Canaipa and Mooloolaba respectively.

2019/2020 SAILING SEASON - POLICY

CLUB PARTICIPATION RULES

- Following participation in any three (3) Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron Ltd. (RQYS) races other than invitation events, any owner, skipper or crew of a participating boat with a **Casual Entry** is required to become a member, in the appropriate category, of RQYS.
- Only current financial members of the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron (in the correct category of Membership) are eligible for a **Season Entry**.
- It is the responsibility of the owner/skipper to ensure that all crew competing on the boat hold a current membership of Australian Sailing or equivalent membership of a yachting authority recognised by World Sailing, and the boat has \$10,000,000 third-party insurance for the duration of racing or being on the RQYS premises.
- All members intending to race shall pre-pay and register with a Season Entry or Casual Entry prior to racing. Failure to pay the outlined fee and/or register shall result in positions not being recorded and forfeited by the competitor. Members who continue to race without paying or registering shall be disciplined by General Committee.

ONSHORE RACE ABANDONMENT

- Any decision to race, postpone or abandon racing shall be made by any two (2) members of the Race Committee in consultation with either the Sailing Manager or Sailing Committee Chairperson.
- A decision to race on any given day does not relieve any competitor of his/her obligation under RRS Fundamental Rule 4. Competitors are reminded of the range of abilities and equipment that vary fleet to fleet and class to class, competitors should make their decisions based on their own skills and equipment.
- For regular Saturday and Sunday racing the decision to race, postpone or abandon shall not be made before 1100 hours for Saturday racing and 0900 hours for Sunday Racing on the day of the race unless circumstances dictate that an earlier decision would be appropriate noting:
 - Racing shall not be started if there is a current Gale (or higher), Tsunami or other severe weather warning that shall impact the race area.
 - Races shall only be abandoned after careful consideration of all weather conditions and their likely impact on the course area(s).

1. RULES

- 1.1 The series will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing Part 1 Category 5 will apply.
- 1.3 The IRC rules 2019, Parts A, B & C shall apply. The IRC rule 22.4.2 shall not apply. There shall be no limitation on Crew Number or weight except as required for boats rated as One-Designs which shall comply with IRC rule 22.4.1.
- 1.4 The OMR rules shall apply.
- 1.5 The SMS rules shall apply.
- 1.6 The [CBH Trailerable Yacht and Sportsboat rules](#) shall apply.
- 1.7 All skippers shall supply the Sailing Office with a valid [SR Category 5 Safety Equipment Audit](#) (Category 1, 2, 3 & 4 forms will also be accepted) which has been endorsed by a certified auditor. See Attachment D.
- 1.8 The [Supplementary Sailing Instructions of the Manly Course Book](#) (page 3 of the course book) shall apply for courses conducted from that Course Book. These apply in relation to Course Reversals, use of X Marks, and moving of the Starting Area.
- 1.9 Appendix T – Arbitration shall apply.
- 1.10 A representative from each racing boat shall text (0418767019) or email (sailing@rqys.com.au) a list of all sailors onboard competing in each race, prior to the start of the race.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors shall be posted on the [online notice board](#).

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions shall be posted two (2) hours prior to the first warning signal on the day it shall take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races shall be posted by 1800 on the day before it shall take effect.
- 3.2 Changes may also be made to the Sailing Instructions prior to the first warning signal by displaying code flag L on the race committee vessel and advising of the change by VHF Ch 72.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed on the official flag pole located adjacent to the RQYS VIP Docks.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The schedule of races is detailed in the RQYS [2019/2020 Sailing Program](#).

RACE	FIRST WARNING SIGNAL
Saturday Short Passage Races	1300 hours
Sunday Long Passage Races	1100 hours (excl. Cruising Division which is 1030 hours)
Sunday Round the Cans Race	1100 hours (excl. Cruising Division which is 1030 hours)

6. CLASS FLAGS

Class flags shall be:

FLEET	FLAG
Division 1 – Monohulls	Numeral Pennant 1
Division 2 – Cruising Monohulls	Numeral Pennant 2
Division 3 – Trailerables	Numeral Pennant 3
Division 4 – Multihull	Numeral Pennant 4

7. RACING AREAS

- 7.1 Attachment A shows the approximate location of the start areas.
- 7.2 Division Yachts Short or Long Round the Bay (Passage Races) shall be started in the bay, inside of Green Island.
- 7.3 Division Yachts Round the Cans races shall be conducted outside (East) of Green Island.

8. COURSES

- 8.1 Passage race course diagrams are published in the [Manly Course Book](#).
- 8.2 The courses for Round the Cans Races are detailed at Attachment B.
- 8.3 No later than the warning signal, the race committee start boat shall display the designation of the course for each class or division and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 Designated fixed marks are described in the Manly Course Book.
- 9.2 Laid marks are described in Attachment B for Round the Cans
Laid marks for Passage Races shall be a Pink Inflatable Mark.
- 9.3 The start / finish marks shall be orange teardrop buoys.
- 9.4 Boats shall keep 20m clear of all Aids to Navigation. A boat failing to keep outside this exclusion zone may be protested by the Race Committee. Multiple breaches of the exclusion zone at marks may result in a boat being refused subsequent entry from racing at RQYS for a period of time at the discretion of the Sailing Manager. This is a requirement of Maritime Safety Queensland.

10 THE START

- 10.1 The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the start vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 10.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other yachts or races.
- 10.3 A boat starting later than ten (10) minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee shall move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

12 THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the finishing boat and the course side of the finishing mark.
- 12.2 When there is no race committee vessel on station at the finish the alternate finish line shall be an extension of the Eastern most Port and Starboard Lateral Beacons to the south end within 100m. In this case, yachts are required to declare to the Sailing Office their finish time. Finish declarations shall be lodged at the Sailing Office in person or by phone, or to RQYS reception (sailing@rqys.com.au or 07 3396 8666) within 2 hours following the completion of the race and shall include the name of the yacht, skipper and finishing time to Eastern Standard Time.

13 TIME LIMITS

- 13.1 Round the Cans: Boats failing to finish within 45 minutes after the first boat in their division sails the course and finishes shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 13.2 All other race types: the time limit for the first boat to finish is five (5) hours after the starting signal on the day of the race or by 1600 hrs (Sundays) or 1800 hrs (Saturdays) whichever is later. Boats failing to finish within the time limit on the day of the race shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 Protest forms are available at the RQYS Sailing Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 14.2 For each division, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 14.3 Notices shall 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 shall be held in the protest room in the vicinity of the RQYS Sailing Office beginning at the time posted.
- 14.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee shall be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 14.5 Breaches of SI 10.2 and 17 shall not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 14.6 Discretionary penalties may be applied by the Protest Committee.

- 14.7 All marine incidents must be reported to the Race Committee in addition to regulatory requirements to report marine incidents to Marine Safety Queensland (MSQ).

15 SCORING

- 15.1 The number of races required to constitute a series and the (number of discards allowed) shall be as follows;
- 15.2 Squadron Championship: 5 races (1 discard after 4 completed races, 2 discards after 6 completed races, 3 discards after 9 completed races)
- 15.3 Seasons Points: 5 races (1 discard after 4 completed races, additional 1 discard after every additional 4 completed races).
- 15.4 Passage Races Series': 3 races (1 discard after 4 completed races)
- 15.5 Round the Cans Series: 3 races (1 discard after 4 completed races, additional discard after every additional 4 completed races)
- 15.6 A boat which Does Not Compete (DNC) in a race shall be scored points equal to the number of competitors within the fleet that goes to the starting area of that race, plus an additional three (3) points. This changes RRS A9.

16 HANDICAPS

- 16.1 PBH: Handicaps shall be allocated by the RQYS Handicap Sub-Committee. Changes to a boat's sailing configuration or equipment shall be advised to the RQYS Sailing Office prior to the next race in which it intends to compete.
- 16.2 IRC: Yachts racing in the IRC division shall not receive results unless a valid certificate is available on the online [TCC listings](#) prior to their first race of the season. Backdated results shall not be processed. If a new certificate is issued to a boat after a boat's first race of the season, a copy of the certificate must be submitted to the RQYS Sailing Office for the rating to be adjusted.
- 16.3 OMR/CBH: Yachts racing in the OMR and CBH divisions shall not receive results without a valid rating with their relevant organisation. Any changes in rating shall be forwarded to the RQYS Sailing Office for the rating to be adjusted.
- 16.4 Failing to notify the RQYS Sailing Office of changes to boats configuration or rating, may result in protest by the Race Committee. Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 All skippers shall SIGN ON prior to the first warning signal each day with the start boat on VHF Ch 72. Boats failing to sign on may be scored DNC without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.
- 17.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as practical.
- 17.3 Competitors shall comply with the following Squadron Policies:
Remain within the 6-knot speed at all times in Manly Harbour
Unless in use, boats shall NOT carry anchors protruding beyond the bow whilst racing

18 REPLACEMENTS OF EQUIPMENT

Boats intending to race with a sail number other than that stipulated on their entry shall advise the sailing office in writing of the change, prior to racing. Failure to comply shall result in the boat being scored DNC for all races on that day. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.

19 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, safety auditor or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

20. OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats shall be marked with a white flag or sticker with black letters 'RC'.

20 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 20.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall neither make voice or data transmissions while racing nor receive voice or data communications not available to all boats.
- 20.2 The Race Committee shall communicate with boats on VHF Ch 72.

21 PRIZES

- 21.1 Prizes shall be awarded at Senior Presentation of Trophies. Attachment C lists the major Squadron Championship Trophies.
- 21.2 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Fundamental Rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority shall not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

23 INSURANCE

- 23.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000AUD per incident or the equivalent.
- 23.2 All Skippers of any vessel participating in this event, must maintain on board and produce upon demand by the Race Committee, a copy of a current, valid Certificate of Currency, with respect to the third party property and third party personal injury insurance for the vessel.

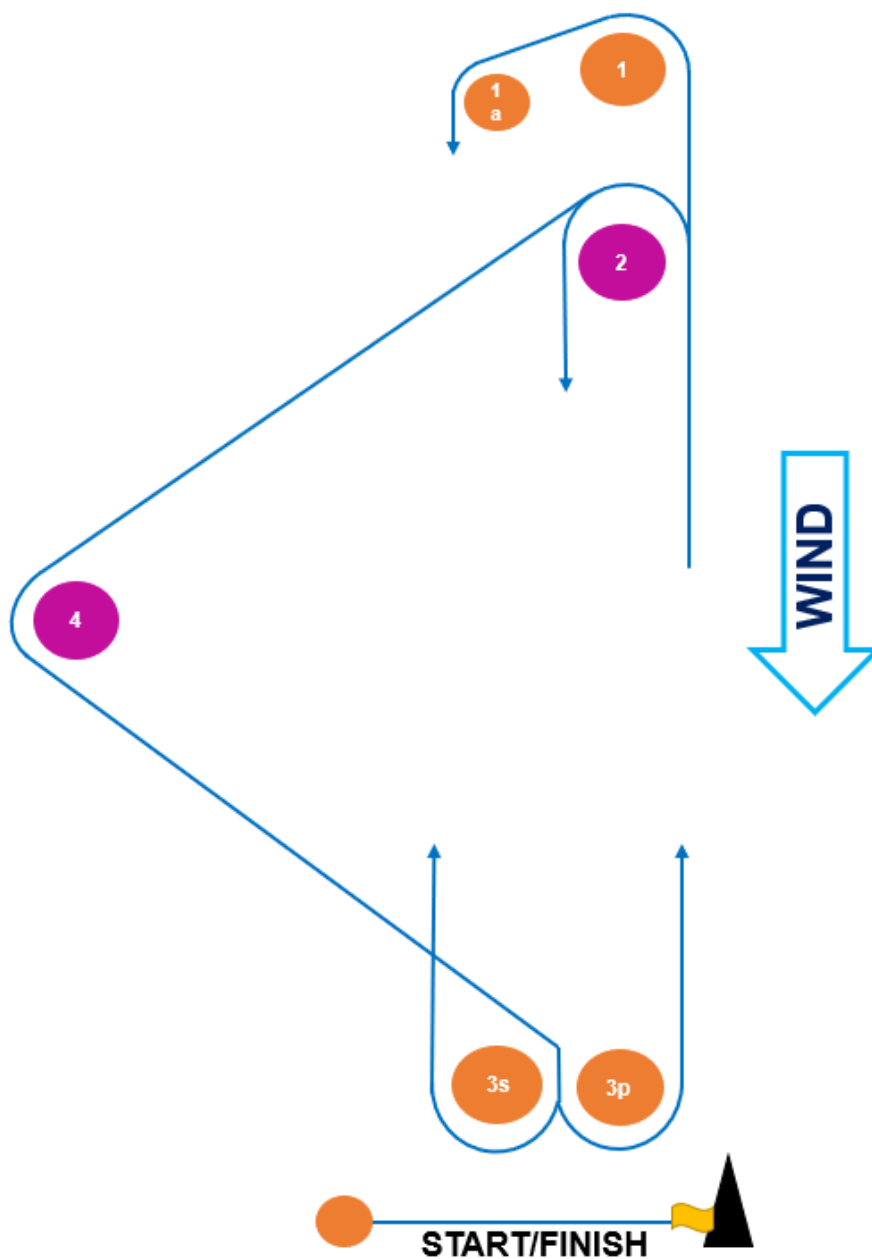
24 RESULTS

Results shall be published online at www.rqys.com.au/result

ATTACHMENT B

ROUND THE CANS COURSE DESCRIPTION

CODE	COURSE DESCRIPTION	MARKS
L1	Start – 1 – 1a – Finish	1, 3s and 3p: Orange Inflatables
L2	Start – 1 – 1a – 3s/3p – 1 – 1a – Finish	1a and Start/Finish Pin: Orange Teardrops
L3	Start – 1 – 1a – 3s/3p – 1 – 1a – 3s/3p – 1 – 1a – Finish	2 and 4: Purple Inflatables
I1	Start – 2 – Finish	
I2	Start – 2 – 3s/3p – 2 – Finish	
I3	Start – 2 – 3s/3p – 2 – 3s/3p – 2 – Finish	
T2	Start – 2 – 4 – 3p – 2 – 4 – Finish	
T3	Start – 2 – 4 – 3p – 2 – 4 – 3p – 2 – 4 – Finish	



ATTACHMENT C
RQYS MAJOR SAILING AWARDS

Senior Presentation of Trophies

Squadron Champion for an Olympic Class

~ Astra Trophy ~

Longest Serving Member of a Season Points Winner

~ The Governor's Trophy ~

Most Consistent Skipper in a Senior Class

~ Callisto Cup – AM Greenfield Trophy ~

Most Consistent Contributor

~ Maurice Tilley Perpetual Trophy ~

Corinthian Yachtsman of the Year

~ Model Elliott ~

Best Performing Female Crew

~ Erica Blumson Trophy ~

Best Performance in an Olympic Class

~ John H Robinson Memorial Trophy ~

Keelboat Crew of the Year

~ E Sparkes Trophy ~

Sailor of the Year

~ Hardy Brothers Jewellers Trophy ~

Offshore Yacht of the Year

~ James Clarke Memorial Trophy ~

ATTACHMENT D

ENDORISING SAFETY EQUIPMENT AUDITS

SAFETY FIRST

As part of a national incentive by Australian Sailing, RQYS will be adopting "Whole of Fleet" Safety Audits appropriate to your race category starting from the beginning of the 135th Sailing Season.

So why extend equipment audits to all of our fleet?

The simple answer is compliance and good safety practice within the club. We have a "Duty of Care" to those participating in RQYS events and this extends beyond RQYS responsibility to boat owners and skippers.

Nationally, self audits have not in the majority of cases been completed to a satisfactory standard and it is our intention to engender into our sailors a culture of safety which benefits us all.

Chris Morgan, a division yacht owner and Queensland's Senior Australian Sailing Equipment Safety Auditor, has agreed to undertake the management of this program alongside the sailing office.

- All yacht owners and off the beach boats will be required to complete the appropriate Australian Sailing category form applicable to the club racing they intend to enter.
[Off the Beach Checklist](#) (most recent version at July 2019)
[AS SR Safety Equipment Checklists](#)
- Owners will then be required to contact an RQYS approved auditor to arrange an inspection and sign off.
- For off the beach craft and school boats the form is very simple and we will arrange training for "Safety Officers" to undertake this task on race days.
- For keelboats and other division yachts including Etchells and WAGS fleets an audited form will be required within one (1) month of Opening Day (31 August 2019).

It is not our intention to be "Heavy Handed" and disqualify boats that do not have an audited form on race day, but we want all participants to build a culture of safety in the club from the juniors up.

Starting in September 2019, Chris and his audit team will be running an information night after WAGS and providing articles in "**In The Wind**" to help you prepare for an audit.

Below is a list of our current RQYS auditors and we will be running an additional course in September to approve further auditors. If you are interested in becoming an auditor please contact Chris, it would be great to get some Multihull and Etchells owners involved.

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