



Qld Sports Boat Summer Series

Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions

Inclusive of Amendment No. 1 posted on 18/10/2019

Saturday 19 October 2019 | Saturday 16 November 2019 | Saturday 14 December 2019
Saturday 07 March 2020 | Saturday 04 April 2020

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1. RULES

- 1.1. The series shall be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing.
- ~~1.2. (DELETE) The prescriptions and special regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) Part 2 shall apply.~~
- 1.3. Sportsboats shall comply with AS Special Regulations Part 1, Category 7.
- 1.4. RRS Appendix T - Arbitration shall apply.
- 1.5. SMS rules shall apply – boats shall supply SMS rating certificates to RQYS prior to racing in order to race in this division. Please email them to sailing@rqys.com.au or upload with your entry.
- 1.6. **Some race days will run concurrently with Division Yachts racing. For these races, the [Division Yachts 135th Sailing Instructions](#) sections 1.8, 1.10, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24 and 25 shall apply and will supersede any conflicting information in this race document.**

2. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 2.1. This series is open to all sports boats on the register of a yacht or sailing club affiliated with a member yachting authority.
- 2.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing an online entry.
- 2.3. Casual entry fee will be \$20.00 per race day.
- 2.4. Series entry fee will be \$80.00 which will cover all scheduled race days.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors shall be posted on the [Online Notice Board](#).

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1. 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.
- 4.2. 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 hailing the competitors of the class concerned.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore shall be displayed on the official flag pole located adjacent to the RQYS VIP Docks.
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 5.3. When a visual signal is displayed over a course flag or class flag, it applies to that course area/class only.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1. The schedule of races shall be as per below:

RACE DATE & DESCRIPTION	FIRST WARNING SIGNAL ON COURSE
Saturday 19 Oct 2019 – Windward Leewards x2 – Off the Beach Northern Course	1330 hours
Saturday 16 Nov 2019 – Windward Leewards x2 – Off the Beach Northern Course	1330 hours
Saturday 14 Dec 2019 – Short Passage Race x1 – Division Yachts Northern Course Start	1230 hours
Saturday 07 March 2020 – Windward Leewards x2 – Off the Beach Northern Course	1330 hours
Saturday 04 April 2020 – Short Passage Race x1 – Division Yachts Northern Course Start	1230 hours

Note: The scheduled Short Passage Races with Division Yachts are subject to be switched to Windward Leewards x2 – Off the Beach Northern Course races.

7. CLASS FLAGS

7.1. The class flag for sports boats shall be numeral pennant 3.

8. RACING AREAS, COURSES & MARKS

8.1. Attachment A shows the approximate location of racing areas.

8.2. For Windward Leeward race days, sports boats will race on the Northern Course with the following indicative classes: Etchells, Skiffs, 9ers, VX Ones, Catamarans and Finns.

8.3. For Windward Leeward race days, courses from the [Off the Beach Course Booklet](#) will be used.

8.4. For Passage Race days, courses from the [Manly Course Booklet](#) will be used.

8.5. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat shall display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg and the course to be sailed.

8.6. The marks in the courses are described in the course booklets.

9. THE START

9.1. 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.

9.2. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races shall begin soon, the orange starting line flag shall be displayed with one (1) sound at least five (5) minutes before a warning signal is made.

9.3. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes.

9.4. A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.

10. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

10.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee shall lay a change mark and remove the original one. To change this again, the original mark shall replace the change mark, and so on.

11. THE FINISH

11.1. The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing boat and the course side of the finishing mark.

12. TIME LIMITS

12.1. The time limit for the first boat in each class shall be 80 minutes.

12.2. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes shall be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

13.1. 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.

13.2. The protest time limit is 60 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.

13.3. Notices shall be posted on the online notice board 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 specified protest room, beginning at the time posted.

13.4. Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee shall be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

- 13.5. Breaches of SI 15, 16, 17, 18 and **(DELETE) 24 (ADD) 19** shall not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 13.6. Discretionary penalties may be applied by the Protest Committee.
- 13.7. All marine incidents must be reported to the Race Committee in addition to regulatory requirements to report marine incidents to Marine Safety Queensland (MSQ).

14. SCORING

- 14.1. There will be up to two (2) discards in this series; one (1) will be applied once four (4) races have been completed, two (2) will be applied once seven (7) races have been completed.
- 14.2. A boat which Does Not Compete (DNC) in a race shall be scored the number competitors within the fleet who came to the starting area (includes DNS, DNF, RET, OCS, etc.), plus an additional three (3) points. This changes RRS A9.

15. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 15.1. 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).
- 15.2. The skipper of a boat that retires or does not intend to continue racing is required to SIGN OFF immediately on return to shore.
- 15.3. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 15.4. Competitors shall comply with the following harbour bylaws:
- All sailing vessels shall give way to powered vessels at all times whilst inside the Manly Boat Harbour.
 - Once outside the Manly Boat Harbour, competitors are to as soon as possible stay outside of the main channel, keeping clear of powered vessels.
 - No Spinnakers are to be flown in the Manly Harbour 6-knot area.

16. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 16.1. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 16.2. The Race Committee may communicate with boats on VHF Channel 72.

17. PRIZES

- 17.1. Daily prizes will be presented in the RQ Bar to the Boat of the Day on each race day, one (1) for each division (PHS and SMS) providing there are a minimum of three (3) boats entered in the division.
- 17.2. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 18.1. 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.

19. INSURANCE

- 19.1. 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.

20. RESULTS

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

ATTACHMENT A APPROXIMATE COURSE LOCATIONS



