



2020 Division Yachts Winter Series

Sunday 19 July, Sunday 02 August & Sunday 16 August
2020

Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions

Organising Authority (OA)

The Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron

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1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 All yachts shall comply with AS Special Regulations Part 1 – Category 5.
- 1.3 All skippers shall comply with the Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994 and Regulation. In the event of a reportable Marine Incident the RQYS Sailing Office is to be notified as soon as is practical; but no later than 1 hour after the incident, a copy of the Marine Incident Report is required to be lodged with the RQYS Sailing Office at the same time it is lodged with Maritime Safety Queensland.
- 1.4 Where lifelines complying with AS SR Part 1 Section 3 Rule 3.12 have not been fitted, all crew shall wear a visible personal floatation device as per AS SR Part 1 Section 5.
- 1.5 All boats using outboard engines shall comply with AS SR Part 1 Section 3 Rule 3.24.4.
- 1.6 The current IRC/SMS/OMR rules shall apply to those yachts sailing under those measurement rules.
- 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.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 Monohull and Multihull Yachts (both trailerable and fixed keel) on the register of a yacht or sailing club affiliated with Australian Sailing are eligible to enter.
- 2.2 All sailors on all boats must be a member of a yacht or sailing club affiliated with Australian Sailing.

3. ENTRY & FEES

- 3.1 Eligible yachts may enter via the [online entry](#).
- 3.2 Fees shall be:
 - RQYS Members Series Entry \$75.00
 - RQYS Members Casual Entry \$25.00 (to be completed direct with Sailing Office via 07 3396 8666 or sailing@rqys.com.au)
 - Non-Members Series Entry \$95.00
 - Non-Members Casual Entry \$30.00 (to be completed direct with Sailing Office via 07 3396 8666 or sailing@rqys.com.au)

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

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Date	Event	First Warning Signal / Time
Sunday 19 July 2020	Passage Race	1100 hours
Sunday 02 August 2020	Passage Race	1100 hours
Sunday 16 August 2020	Passage Race	1100 hours

5. CLASS FLAGS

- 5.1 All Monohulls shall use Numeral Pennant 1 as their class flag.
- 5.2 All Multihulls shall use Numeral Pennant 2 as their class flag.

6. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

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

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1 All races will be conducted on Waterloo and Moreton Bay.

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1 All courses start and finish as per SI 10 and 11.
- 8.2 The courses to be sailed shall be as per the course descriptions in the [Manly Course Handbook](#).
- 8.3 The course flag confirming the course to be sailed shall be flown from the start boat. In the event that the start boat is not on station, competitors shall monitor Channel 72 for course information.
- 8.4 Courses may be shortened as per RRS 32.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 All marks are Navigation Marks – When a navigation mark is nominated as a mark of a course it shall be left in the manner described in Attachment 1, otherwise all navigation marks shall be observed in the correct manner.
- 9.2 Where a navigation mark is to be rounded due consideration to the weather conditions including tidal effect shall be given.
- 9.3 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 RQYS Sailing Events for a period of time at the discretion of the Sailing Manager. This is an MSQ requirement.

10. THE START

- 10.1 The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the start boat at the starboard end and an orange buoy at the port end approximately 300m to 800m from the outer Manly Harbour Leads.

11. THE FINISH

- 11.1 The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel and an orange buoy at the port end approximately 300-800m from the outer Manly Harbour Leads.
- 11.2 In the case where the finish boat is not on station, the finish line shall be an extension of the Eastern Port and Starboard Lateral Beacons to the south and within 100m. In these circumstances boats are required to record their own finishing time.

12. TIME LIMIT

- 12.1 The time limit for the first boat is 5 hours, with the finish window being 1.5 hours for all boats.

13. SCORING AND HANDICAPS

- 13.1 PHS Handicaps shall be decided by the RQYS Handicapping Committee. Some handicaps may be manually adjusted mid-series.
- 13.2 IRC ratings shall be as per the online TCC Listings [available here](#) unless a certificate is provided to prove otherwise.

14. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 14.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee on VHF Channel 72 as soon as possible.
- 14.2 Unless in use, no part of the anchor may project forward of the bow at any time whilst racing.
- 14.3 Boats shall sign-on and receive acknowledgement prior to competing in each race on VHF Channel 72 with the Start Boat.

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15. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 15.1 The Race Committee may communicate information to the competing boats during the course of the race. All boats are to monitor VHF Channel 72 and 16 for the duration of the race.
- 15.2 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.

16. DISCLAIMER OF ENTRY

- 16.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organising 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.

17. INSURANCE

- 17.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$AUD10,000,000.

18. RACE OFFICIALS

- 18.1 All official directions during the course of the race shall be advised by the race officer on board the start/finish boat. This boat shall be marked with a RC flag. To ensure there is no confusion during races, no other boats are to issue directions unless approved by the Race Officer or the RQYS Sailing Manager.

19. RACE CANCELLATION

- 19.1 Racing shall not occur if there is a gale or stronger wind warning issued for the day of racing.
- 19.2 Any decision to race, postpone or abandon will be made by the RQYS Sailing Manager after consultation with the Race Officer.
- 19.3 A decision to race on any given day does not relieve any competitor of his/her obligation under RRS 4, Decision to race.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:
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