



# OPENING DAY OF THE 136<sup>th</sup> SAILING SEASON INVITATIONAL RACE

SATURDAY 5th September 2020

## NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

**Revision 3 on 4/09/2020: Changes Included\***

*\*The SI were amended to change the Southern Course to a Trapezoid and the Etchells to race on the Southern Course rather than doing the Division Yachts Course. Since then, it has been decided that the Etchells will actually go back to doing the Yachts Passage Race. Division Yachts Course now amended.*

### INTRODUCTION

The Opening Day Invitation Race is a warm-up race for all Off the Beach classes, Division Yachts and Etchells. All RQYS skippers and their crews are invited to participate in and celebrate the Opening of the 136<sup>th</sup> Sailing Season. Off the beach classes and etchells will be racing scratch, and yachts will be racing PHS. This race does not contribute to pointscore racing of the 136<sup>th</sup> Sailing Season.

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 Racing shall be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing Inc. shall apply.
- 1.3 Division Yachts must comply with Category 5 Safety and Equipment Special Regulations.
- 1.4 Etchells must comply with Category 7 Safety and Equipment Special Regulations.
- 1.5 Class Rules shall apply to each class.
- 1.6 RQYS Club Participation Rules, House Rules and Code of Conduct shall apply.

### 2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 Entry is open to boats owned, skippered and crewed by financial members of the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron.
- 2.2 Off the Beach classes may enter by SIGNING-ON and including all requested details on the sign-on sheet.
- 2.3 Division Yachts and Etchells may enter by SIGNING-ON with the Race Committee over VHF ch 72 in the 30 minutes leading up to the race start.
- 2.5 There shall be no entry fee/s for this invitation race.

### 3 PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

The schedule is as per below:

DATE	CLASS/FLEET	LOCATION	EVENT	WARNING SIGNAL
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	Yachts and Etchells	As per Appendix C	1 Race	1330 hrs
	Off the Beach Classes	Southern Course	1 Race	1330 hrs

**4 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The Sailing Instructions are incorporated into this Race Document.

**5 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

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

**6 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

6.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed on the official flag pole located adjacent to the RQYS VIP Docks.

6.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the race signal AP.

6.3 When a visual signal is displayed over a course flag or class flag, it applies to that course area/class only.

**7 CLASS FLAGS**

Class flags shall be:

FLEET	FLAG
<b>Southern Course</b>	
Boards	Numeral Pennant 1
Fast Monohulls (VX Ones, 29ers and more)	Numeral Pennant 2
Medium Monohulls (Flying 11s, all Lasers, Finns and more)	Numeral Pennant 3
Junior Monohulls (All Optimists and more)	Numeral Pennant 4
Multihulls	Numeral Pennant 5
<b>Starting in Northern Course Area</b>	
Division Yachts	Numeral Pennant 1
Multihulls	Numeral Pennant 5
Etchells	White with Blue Class Insignia

**8 RACING AREA**

The racing areas are shown in Appendix A.

**9 COURSES and MARKS**

9.1.1 OTB Classes courses and marks shall be Trapezoid Configuration as described in Appendix B.

9.2 Division Yachts and Etchells courses and navigation marks will be nominated from Appendix C over VHF ch 72, by the Race Committee Vessel.

**10 THE START**

10.1 OTB Classes: The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the start/finish vessel (yellow shark cat) at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

10.2 Division Yachts and Etchells: The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel (Vic Frizzell, 10.5m Steber) at the starboard end and an orange buoy at the port end approximately 300m to 800m from the outer Manly Harbour Leads.

10.3 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.

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

10.5 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 and A5.

**11 CHANGE TO THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE (Southern Course)**

11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee shall lay a new mark (or change the finish line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.

11.2 When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced it shall be replaced by an original mark.

**12 THE FINISH**

- 12.1 OTB Classes: The finish line shall be between a staff displaying a blue flag from the start/finish vessel on the port-end and the course side of the starboard-end finishing mark.
- 12.2 Boats shall not pass through the Start or Finish lines unless starting or finishing. Passing through the start/finish lines if not finishing or starting shall be deemed an obstruction.
- 12.3 Division Yachts and Etchells: The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and an orange buoy at the port end approximately 300-800m from the outer Manly Harbour Leads.

**13 PENALTY SYSTEM (Southern Course)**

For the catamarans, Finns and sailboards RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

**14 TIME LIMITS**

- 14.1 The time limit for the first boat in each class for the Southern Course shall be 80 minutes.
- 14.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 14.3 The time limit for the first boat in the Division Yachts and Etchells shall be 1600 hrs.
- 14.4 Division Yachts and Etchells failing to finish before 1600 hrs, shall be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 AND A5.

**15 SCORING and HANDICAPS**

- 15.1 The Low Point System specified in RRS Appendix A shall apply.
- 15.2 The Yachts and Etchells racing shall be scored using the following handicap systems –
- Division Yachts – PHS determined by Handicap Committee
  - Etchells – Scratch
  - Off the Beach - Scratch
- 15.3 Three (3) entries in a class/category/division shall constitute a scoring division.

**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) as per SI 2 (Eligibility and Entry).
- 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.
- 16.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 16.4 Competitors shall comply with harbour bylaws:
- 16.4.1 All sailing vessels shall give way to powered vessels at all times whilst inside the Manly Boat Harbour.
- 16.4.2 Once outside the Manly Boat Harbour, competitors are to as soon as possible stay outside of the main channel, keeping clear of powered vessels.
- 16.4.3 No Spinnakers are to be flown in the Manly Harbour 6-knot area.

**17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 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 series.

**18 INSURANCE**

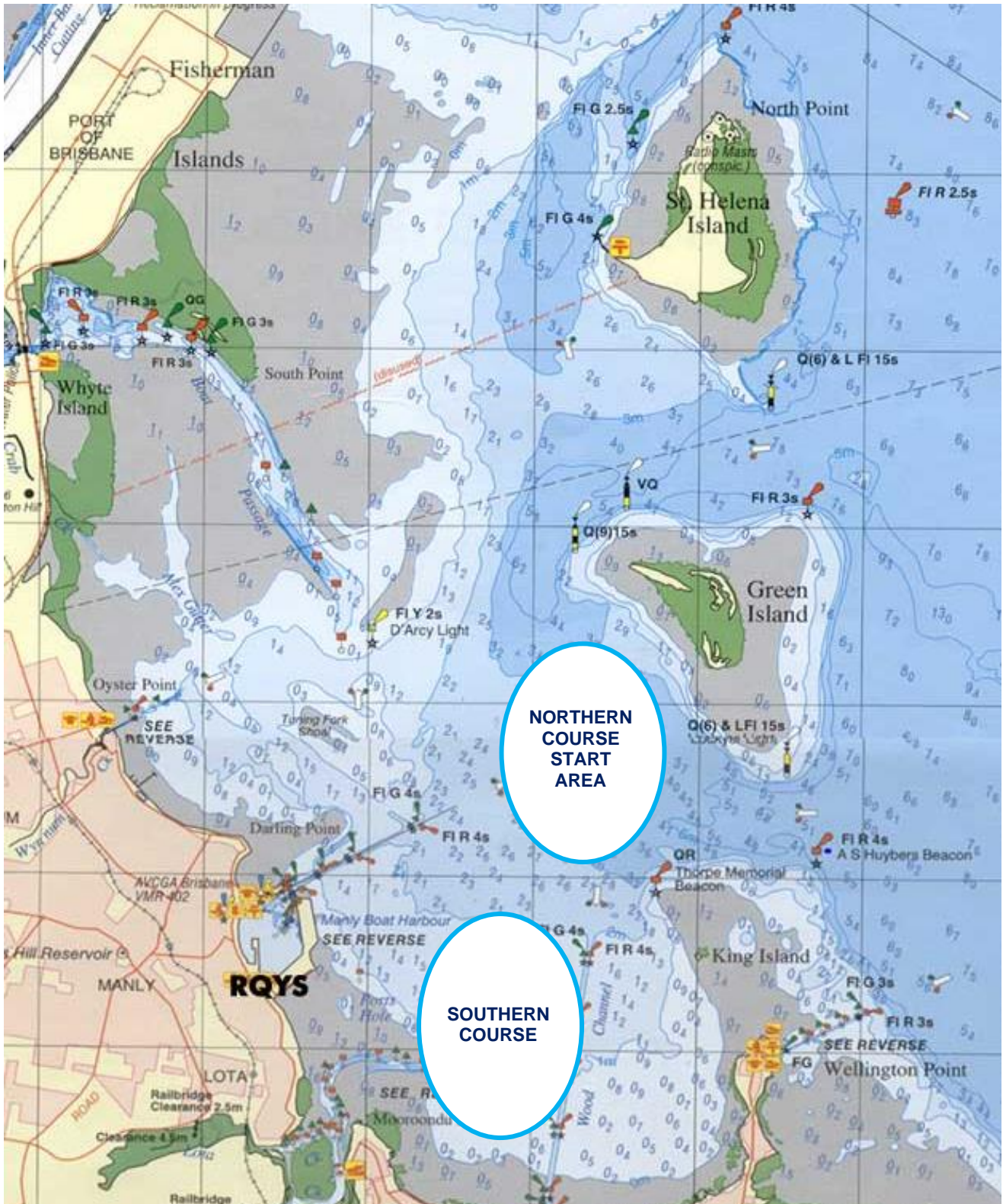
Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10 million.

**19 FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact RQYS Sailing Office – 07 3396 8666 or [sailing@rqys.com.au](mailto:sailing@rqys.com.au)

[View RQYS Website](#)

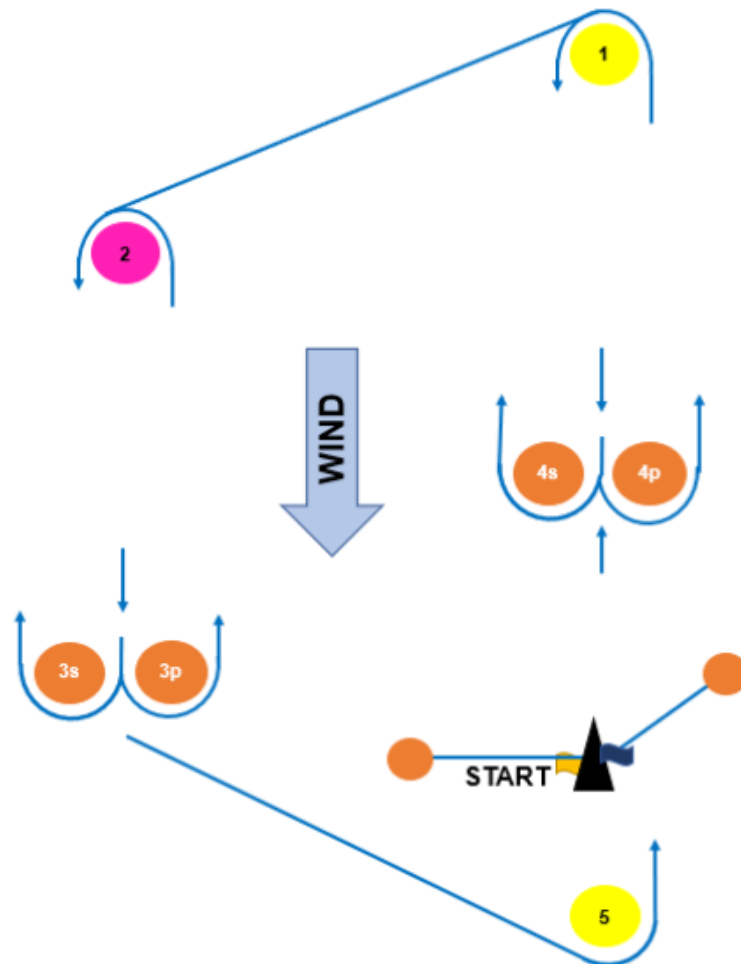
# APPENDIX A RACE / START AREAS





APPENDIX B  
SOUTHERN COURSE (OTB CLASSES) DIAGRAM

CODE	COURSE	MARKS DESCRIPTION
I1	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 2 – 3p – 5 - Finish	Marks 1, 5: Yellow Inflatables'
O1	Start – 1 – 2 – 3p – 5 - Finish	Mark 2: Purple Inflatable
O2	Start – 1 – 2 – 3s/3p – 2 – 3p – 5 - Finish	Start Pin, Finish Pin, 3s/3p & 4s/4p: Orange Teardrops
		Change Mark: Black and White Inflatable



APPENDIX C  
**DIVISION YACHTS AND ETHELLES COURSE DIAGRAMS**

**COURSE OPTIONS**

<b>1</b>	Start – LLS (Port) – HBI (Port) – LLS (Starboard) – Finish
<b>2</b>	Start – NJW (Starboard) – CJP (Starboard) – GIR (Starboard) – HBI (Starboard) – LLS (Starboard) – Finish