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# 2021 Moreton Bay Multihull Regatta

## Division 1: Ultra, Division 2: Performance & Division 3: Sports

18– 21 March 2021

# Sailing Instructions

## Amendment 1

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The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

Organising Authority is the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron (RQYS)

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The Current Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations, Part 1, Category 5.
- 1.3 The MYCQ Offshore Multihull Rule (OMR) for Racing Divisions 1 & 2
- 1.4 Rule ~~50.2~~ (ADD) 55.2 is changed to allow fixed and retractable spinnaker poles to set spinnakers, screechers and code zeros.
- 1.5 RRS 52 is changed to allow the use of electric or hydraulic winches
- 1.6 RRS 44.1 is changed to a 'one-turn' penalty in lieu of 'two-turns'.  
(ADD)
- 1.7 RRS Appendix T – Arbitration may be offered for protests involving an alleged breach of RRS Part 2, and rule 31.

### 2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.2 Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water by displaying code flag L.

### 3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at <https://www.rqys.com.au/sailingnoticeboard/>.
- 3.2 The race office is located at RQYS Sailing Office , telephone 3396 8666, email [sailing@rqys.com.au](mailto:sailing@rqys.com.au).
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 72.
- 3.4 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

#### 4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.2 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall place advertising provided by the organizing authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

#### 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the official RQYS Flag Pole located at Eastern Gangway to the VIP Wharf.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

#### 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Date	Event	Warning Signal or Time
Wednesday 17 March 2021	Optional WAGS Invitation Race	TBA*
	Casual drinks and food at RQYS Boardwalk Cafe	1700 hrs
Thursday 18 March 2021	Compulsory Competitors Briefing (ADD) in RQYS Auditorium (2 crew from each yacht)	0930 hrs
	R1 Round the Cans Race	1100 hrs
	R2 Round the Cans Race	Following R1
	Daily Presentation and Finger Food in RQ Bar	1700 hrs
Friday 19 March 2021	R3 Passage Race	1100 hrs
	BBQ and daily presentation RQ Bar	Following R3
Saturday 20 March 2021	R4 Passage Race	1000 hrs
	Daily Presentation and Finger Food in RQ Bar	1700 hrs
Sunday 21 March 2021	R5 Short 'Corners' Passage Race	1000 hrs
	Closing Presentation	ASAP After Racing

- 6.1 After a long postponement, to alert boats that a race or sequence of races shall begin soon, an orange flag shall be displayed with one (1) sound at least five (5) minutes before a warning signal.
- 6.2 The starting order for divisions will be Ultra Division 1 first, Performance Division 2 second and concluding with Sports Division 3.
- 6.3 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500 hrs.

#### 7. CLASS FLAGS

DIVISION DESCRIPTION	SCORING	FLAG
Division 1: Ultra	OMR (fixed) & PHS (performance)	Numeral Pennant 1
Division 2: Performance	OMR (fixed) & PHS (performance)	Numeral Pennant 2
Division 3: Sports	(ADD) OMR (fixed) & PHS (performance)	Numeral Pennant 3

#### 8. RACING AREA

- 8.1 The Race Areas will be shown in Addendum B

## 9. COURSES

- 9.1 The Round the Cans Races (Windward/Leeward) are described in Addendum A.
- 9.2 Passage Races are described in the Manly Course Booklet <https://www.rqys.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Manly-Course-Book.pdf>.
- 9.3 The Race Committee start boat shall display the designation of the course for each division and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg on the start boat prior to the Warning Signal.
- 9.4 The Race Officer will signal what course will be sailed on Channel 72. The RO also has authority to change the number of laps of the course, this will be explained on Channel 72.

## 10. MARKS

- 10.1 Designated fixed marks are described in ~~Appendix B~~ (ADD) Manly Course Book.
- 10.2 Mark X\* shall be a pink 'MYCQ' inflatable buoy. For courses that include Mark X, the race committee vessel shall display prior to the warning signal green (starboard) or red (port) flag to signal the side on which boats shall leave the mark on the first leg of the race (Appendix B).
- 10.3 Laid marks shall be inflatable buoys of the colours designated in the course diagrams (Appendix A).
- 10.4 The start/finish pin shall be a pink "MYCQ" inflatable buoy.
- 10.5 All navigation marks must be observed to complete a course (~~Appendix B~~) (ADD) per Manly Course Book.
- 10.6 Vessels must observe a 20-metre exclusion zone around each of the following Aids to Navigation: ~~JRB, HBI, NJW, CJP, GIR and SHS~~. 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 protest committee~~ (ADD) as determined by the protest committee.

## 11. THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made five (5) minutes before the starting signal. The start signal of a division shall be the warning signal for the next division.
- 11.2 The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an Orange Flag on the start vessel at the Starboard end of the line and an Inflatable Pink "MYCQ" buoy at the port end of the line.
- 11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 11.4 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line during the two minutes before her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF channel 72. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 11.5 A boat that does not start within ten (10) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

## 12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position.

## 13. THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line for **Passage Races** shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the finishing boat on the starboard side and a pink "MYCQ" inflatable mark on the port side of the line. The finishing line for **Round the Cans** shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the finishing boat on the port side and a pink "MYCQ" inflatable mark on the starboard side. Boats shall clear the finish line before changing course and shall not pass through the line unless finishing.
- 13.2 In the unlikely event when there is no race committee vessel on station at the finish for passage courses, the alternate finish line shall be an extension of the Eastern Port and Starboard Lateral Beacons at the Manly Harbour entrance, with the finish being to the south and within 100m of the port beacon. In this case, skippers are required to take careful note of the finishing time and declare the time to [sailing@rqys.com.au](mailto:sailing@rqys.com.au) within two (2) hours of completion of the race and shall include the name of the yacht, skipper and the finishing time in EST). If available, the name of the boats immediately in front & behind the declaring boat shall be listed on the declaration.

## 14. TIME LIMITS

- 14.1 For **Round the Cans** Races, boats failing to finish within 35 minutes after the first boat in their division, shall be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 14.2 For **Passage Races**, the time limit for the first boat to finish shall be five (5) hours after the starting signal of the race, or by 1700hrs, whichever is earlier. Boats failing to finish within six (6) hours of the starting signal, or by 1800hrs, whichever is earlier, shall be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

## 15. HEARING REQUESTS

- 15.1 For each class, the protest time limit is ~~two (2) hours~~ (ADD) one (1) hour after the last boat in that class finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 15.2 Hearing request forms are available from the race office at RQYS Sailing Office.
- 15.3 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 (advised on Protest Hearing Schedule), beginning at the time posted.
- 15.4 Breaches of SI ~~40.3~~ (ADD) 10.5, 40.4 (ADD) 10.6, 17 and 19 shall not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction shall be DPI.
- ~~15.5 A request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered no later than 24 hours after the requesting party was informed of the decision.~~  
(ADD)
- 15.6 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress or reopening based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

## **16. SCORING & HANDICAPS**

- 16.1 The scoring system is as follows: Appendix A Low Point Scoring System
- 16.2 Divisions shall be determined by the Race Committee and shall not be ground for Redress. This alters RRS 60.1(b).
- 16.3 Performance based handicap Performance Correction Factor (PCF) shall be used for PHS.
- 16.4 The OMR Rule shall be applied as a Time Correction Factor (TCF) to the boats elapsed time.
- 16.5 Two (2) races for the Cruising division are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.6 Three (3) races for the Racing division are required to be completed to constitute a series.

## **17. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 17.1 All skippers shall sign-on with the start boat by radio prior to the first warning signal each day via VHF 72. Skippers shall nominate their boat, sail number and number of crew. Skippers failing to sign-on may have their boats scored DNC, without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.
- 17.2 A skipper of a boat that retires from a race, shall notify the Race Committee as soon as practical.
- 17.3 A boat shall be considered to have sign-off when they cross the finish line. No declaration is needed, other than required in the case of SI 12.2.
- 17.4 Competitors shall comply with the following RQYS Policies.
  - (a) Remain within the 6-knot speed at all times within and approaching Manly Harbour.
  - (b) Unless in use, boats shall NOT carry anchors protruding beyond the bow whilst racing.
  - (c) Monitor VHF 72 at all times during the race and during the pre-start period.
  - (d) Not fly any spinnakers or other extras within Manly Harbour. Failure to comply may incur a penalty which may be less than a DSQ.

## **18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 18.1 [DP] Boats intending to race with a sail number other than that stipulated on their entry and not updated during the nominated Registration times, shall complete a Request for Equipment Substitution Form 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.
- 18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment shall not be allowed for unless authorised by the Race Committee. Requests for Equipment Substitution shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity and no later than 2100hrs on evening prior to the next day's racing.
- 18.3 Replacement, change or addition of crew shall be permitted with prior approval of the Race Committee. Replacement crew shall be nominated, along with their name, AS Number and weight for the particular day. Changes of crew shall be presented to the Race Committee for authorisation as soon as possible and no later than 0900hrs on the nominated day of racing. Note: SI 19.2 & 19.3 apply only to Divisions 1 & 2. The approval of crew changes is entirely at the discretion of the Race Committee and their decision shall be final.

## **19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

- 19.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.
- 19.2 [DP] When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

## **20. OFFICIAL VESSELS**

20.1 Official vessels will be identified as follows: Black RC Lettering on a White Background

## **21. PRIZES**

21.1 Prizes will be given in each class for:

Division 1: Line Honours 1<sup>st</sup>, OMR 1<sup>st</sup>, PHS 1<sup>st</sup>.

Division 2: OMR 1<sup>st</sup>, PHS 1<sup>st</sup>

Cruising: PHS 1<sup>st</sup>

## **22. RISK STATEMENT**

22.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

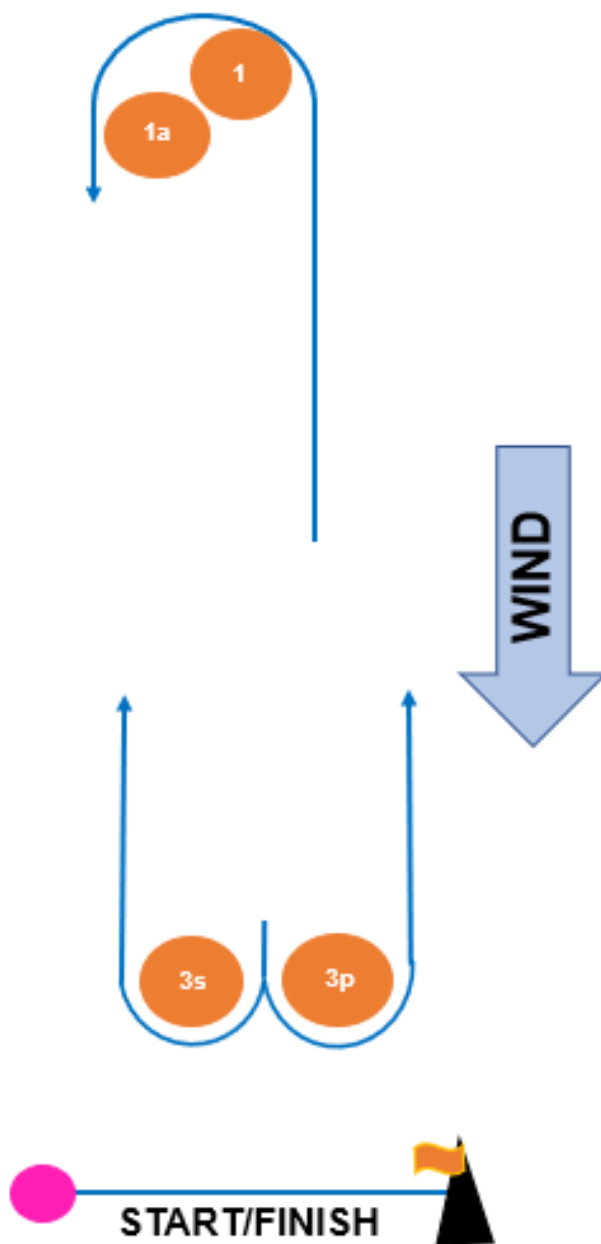
## **23. INSURANCE**

23.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10 million per incident or the equivalent.

# SI ADDENDUM A

## Around the Cans Course

CODE	COURSE	MARKS DESCRIPTION
L1	Start – 1 – 1a – Finish	Marks 1, 1a, 3s & 3p: Orange Inflatable
L2	Start – 1 – 1a – 3s/3p – 1 – 1a – Finish	Start/Finish Pin &: Pink 'MYCQ' Inflatable
L3	Start – 1 – 1a – 3s/3p – 1 – 1a – 3s/3p – 1 – 1a – Finish	



SI ADDENDUM B

