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# Moreton Bay Multihull Regatta

14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)

Including Amendment 1

Organising Authority  
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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).*

*The notation '[DP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SI's) means that a protest committee can award a penalty less than disqualification (including no penalty) at their discretion. This changes Rule 64.2*

## **1. RULES**

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 - 2024.
- 1.2. RRS 52 is modified to permit the use of electric or hydraulic winches.
- 1.3. The Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australia Sailing (AS) – Part 1 Category 5.
- 1.4. The MYCQ Offshore Multihull Rule (OMR) shall apply to those yachts sailing under that measurement rule.
- 1.5. Appendix T – Arbitration will apply.
- 1.6. Where there is a difference between the Notice of Race (NoR) and the Sailing Instructions (SI) the SI take precedence.
- 1.7. Competitors must follow Club Policies (<https://www.rqys.com.au/policiesanddocuments/>).

## **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 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

## **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. Secondary to the Official noticeboard “instant messaging” system WhatsApp may be used to notify skippers of timely information, confirmation of days course, Protest Time limit etc.
  - 3.2.1. You can join the WhatsApp group here:  
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/IO9X5siV5Os8lfoh2Umxj>
- 3.3. The race office is located at The RQYS Sailing Office located adjacent to the Main Rigging Lawn, telephone 3396 8666, email [sailing@rqys.com.au](mailto:sailing@rqys.com.au).
- 3.4. On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 72.
- 3.5. [DP] While racing, 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 handle any equipment or 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 at the official flag pole located at the top of the Eastern Gangway of the Bill Kirby Docks, a SMS may also be sent advising of any signals made ashore.
- 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

6.1.

Date	Event	Warning Signal or Time
14 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Compulsory Competitors Briefing (2 crew from each yacht)	0930 hrs
	Day 1 Racing	1100 hrs
	Daily Presentation in RQ Bar	90 Minutes After Racing
15 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Day 2 Racing	1100 hrs
	Daily Presentation RQ Bar	90 Minutes After Racing
16 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Day 3 Racing	1100 hrs
	Daily Presentation in RQ Bar	90 Minutes After Racing
17 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Day 4 Racing	1000hrs
	Closing Presentation	90 Minutes After Racing

- 6.2. Format of racing will be a combination of Windward/Leeward & Passage Races, format of racing for each day will be announced at briefing & confirmed via [WhatsApp](#) each morning.
- 6.3. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 6.4. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1300 hrs.

## 7. CLASS FLAGS

7.1.

Division	Flag
Sports (Up to 10.5m LOA, High OMR, minimal or no accommodation, Trailerable trimarans, catamarans)	Numeral Pennant 1
Performance (Bridge deck catamarans & trimarans)	Numeral Pennant 2
Passage (Non-spinnaker catamarans and trimarans)	Numeral Pennant 3
Extreme 40 (One Design racing for Extreme 40 catamarans)	Numeral Pennant 4

## 8. RACING AREA

- 8.1 Around the Cans shall be East of Green Island.
- 8.1.1. Passage races will be held in Moreton Bay starting and finishing in Waterloo bay.

## 9. COURSES

- 9.1. The passage race diagrams in the [Manly Course Book](#) shows the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2. The Round the Cans race diagram are detailed in SI Attachment A.
- 9.3. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the course to be sailed and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

## 10. MARKS

- 10.1. Passage Race
  - 10.1.1. Designated fixed marks are described in the [Manly Course Book](#).
  - 10.1.2. Laid marks shall be an orange inflatable mark.
  - 10.1.3. The Start / Finish mark shall be an orange teardrop.
- 10.2. Round the Cans marks are as described in SI Attachment A.

## 11. THE START

- 11.1. The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 11.2. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 11.3. If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line (OCS), 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).
- 11.4. 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. Round The Cans Racing:
  - 12.1.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

## 13. THE FINISH

- 13.1. The finishing line for Passage Races shall be between a staff displaying an blue flag on the finishing boat on the starboard side and an orange teardrop mark on the port side of the line.
- 13.2. The finishing line for Round the Cans shall be between a staff displaying an blue flag on the finishing boat on the starboard side and an mark as described in SI Attachment A on the port side. Boats shall clear the finish line before changing course and shall not pass through the line unless finishing.

- 13.3. 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@rgys.com.au](mailto:sailing@rgys.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. Around The Cans:

Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
90 Minutes	35 Minutes

- 14.2. Passage Races:

14.2.1. 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.

14.2.2. 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.

- 14.3. The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
- 14.4. Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

#### 15. HEARING REQUESTS

- 15.1. For each division, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat in that division 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 located at the Sailing Office, or can be downloaded from: <https://www.rgys.com.au/regatta-club-racing-documents-auditors/>
- 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 at a time and place advised on the hearing notice.
- 15.4. 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

- 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. Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.4. When fewer than Four (4) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 16.5. When four (4) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## 17. [DP][NP]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. Failure to sign-on shall result in that boat being penalised three (3) points for the first race of that session (but not worse than DNF). Penalties shall be applied 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.
- 17.4. Competitors shall comply with the following RQYS Policies.
  - 17.4.1. Remain within the 6-knot speed at all times within the Manly Harbour.
  - 17.4.2. Monitor VHF 72 or other designated channel at all times during the race and during the pre-start period.
  - 17.4.3. 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 [Change of Details 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 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 1700 hrs 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.

## 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 by display of a white flag with black lettering RC.
- 20.2. Media vessel will be identified by display of a white flag with red lettering MEDIA.

## 21. [DP] SUPPORT TEAMS

- 21.1. Team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

## 22. TRASH DISPOSAL

- 22.1. Trash may be placed in provided bins ashore.

## 23. BERTHING

- 23.1. [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the harbour.

## 24. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 24.1. [DP] Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

## 25. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 25.1. Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around Vessels between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the last race of the event.

## 26. PRIZES

- 26.1. Prizes will be given as follows:
- 26.2. 1st Extreme 40 Scratch
  
- 26.3. 1<sup>st</sup> Performance Division OMR
- 26.4. 1<sup>st</sup> Performance Division PHS
  
- 26.5. 1<sup>st</sup> Sports OMR
- 26.6. 1<sup>st</sup> Sports PHS
  
- 26.7. 1<sup>st</sup> Passage PHS
  
- 26.8. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

## 27. RISK STATEMENT

- 27.1. 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.**

## **28. INSURANCE**

- 28.1. 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.



**SI ATTACHMENT A**  
*Diagram is not to scale.*

CODE	COURSE	MARKS DESCRIPTION
LA1	Start – 1 – 1a – Finish	Marks 1 & 2: Yellow Inflatables
LA2	Start – 1 – 1a – 2 – 1 – 1a – Finish	Start Pin & Mark 1a: Orange Teardrops
LA3	Start – 1 – 1a – 2 – 1 – 1a – 2 – 1 – 1a – Finish	Finish Pin: White Inflatable
		Change Mark: Green Inflatable

