



Division Yachts

Winter Series

21st April 2024

5th May 2024

19th May 2024

9th June 2024

7th July 2024

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

(SI)

Organising Authority

ROYAL QUEENSLAND YACHT SQUADRON LTD

578 Royal Esplanade, Manly, QLD 4179

The notation '[NP]' in a rule 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 means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee be less than disqualification. This changes Rule 64.2

The notation '[SP]' in a rule of the SIs means that a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. The Australian Sailing prescriptions and special regulations Part 1 – Category 5 Apply.
- 1.3. The current IRC/OMR rules shall apply to those yachts sailing under those measurement rules.
- 1.4. Where there is a difference between the Notice of Race (NoR) and the Sailing Instructions (SI) the SI take precedence.
- 1.5. The RQYS Constitution, Club Participation Rules, House Rules and Codes of Conduct will apply.
- 1.6. [SP]The Skipper from each boat MUST fill in the [SailSys "Crew List"](#) (or contact the Sailing Office) for all sailors onboard competing in each race, prior to the start of the race.
 - 1.6.1. See how to create your crew list [HERE](#)
 - 1.6.2. Boats which are found to fail to provide a full crew list shall be given 1 warning, further infringements will result in a two (2) point penalty for that race.

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/div-winter-2024/>.
- 3.2. 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 .
- 3.3. On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 72.
- 3.4. [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.
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1.

| Date | Event | First Warning Signal / Time | |
|------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|----------|
| Sunday 21 st April 2024 | RQYS Winter series Race | Division 1 | 1045 hrs |
| Sunday 5 th May 2024 | RQYS Winter Series Race 2 Combined with Brisbane Race Week | | |
| Sunday 19 th May 2024 | RQYS Winter Series Race 3 | Multihulls | 1055 hrs |
| Sunday 9 th June 2024 | RQYS Winter Series Race 4 | | |
| Sunday 7 th July 2024 | RQYS Winter Series Race 5 | | |

6.2. 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.

6.3. No warning signal will be made after 1400 hrs.

7. DIVISION FLAGS

| Division | Flag |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Division 1 (Performance 1) | Numeral Pennant 1 |
| Multihulls | Numeral Pennant 4 |

8. RACING AREA

8.1. SI Attachment A shows the approximate starting & finishing location.

9. COURSES

9.1. The courses to be sailed shall be as per the course descriptions in RQYS Winter Course Book V1.

10. MARKS

10.1. Marks are as described in [Winter Course Book](#).

11. THE START

11.1. Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

11.2. 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.

11.3. Boats whose division warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other yachts or races.

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. 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 shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the finishing boat and the course side of the finishing mark.
- 13.2. When there is no race committee vessel on station at the finish the alternate finish line will be reached when the red outer channel mark (No. 2) of the Manly Harbour entrance leads bears true north and lies within 50m. In this case, yachts are required to declare to the Sailing Office their finish time. Finish declarations shall be lodged at the Sailing Office in person or by phone (sailing@rqys.com.au or 07 3396 8666) within 2 hours following the completion of the race and shall include the name of the yacht, skipper and finishing time to Eastern Standard Time.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1. Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

15. TIME LIMITS

- 15.1. The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat in their division 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 in their division that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
- 15.2. Failure to meet the Finishing Window will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

16. HEARING REQUESTS

- 16.1. 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.
- 16.2. Hearing request forms are available from the race office (<https://www.rqys.com.au/documents-auditing/>) or from the RQYS Sailing Office.
- 16.3. 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.

17. SCORING

- 17.1. PHS Handicaps shall be allocated by the RQYS Handicap Committee for a vessels first race in the series, Subsequent races will be adjusted by the SailSys PHS system. Changes to a boat's sailing configuration or equipment shall be advised to the RQYS Sailing Office prior to the next race in which it intends to compete.
 - 17.1.1. For further information regarding handicaps and scoring at <https://www.sailsys.com.au>
- 17.2. IRC ratings shall be as per the online TCC Listings [available here](#) unless a certificate is provided to prove otherwise.
- 17.3. OMR: Yachts racing in the OMR division will not receive results without a valid rating with their relevant organisation. Any changes in rating shall be forwarded to the RQYS Sailing Office for the rating to be adjusted.
- 17.4. Failing to notify the RQYS Sailing Office of changes to boats configuration or rating, may result in protest by the Race Committee. Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1. Boats shall SIGN ON at least 15 minutes before their warning signal by contacting the Start/Finish boat on VHF Channel 72 advising the name of the boat, number of persons on board (POB) and also the Division they are entering for the Race and receive acknowledgement.
- 18.2. All Maritime Queensland Aquatic Event conditions must be followed including:
 - 18.2.1. All Participating ships are not to impede power driven vessels traversing Manly Boat Harbour and associated channels.
 - 18.2.2. All Participating ships are to obey the gazetted speed limit in Manly Boat Harbour (6 knots).
- 18.3. No Spinnakers are to be flown in the Manly Harbour 6-knot area.
- 18.4. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

19. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

- 19.1. Boats intending to race with a sail number other than that stipulated on their entry shall advise the sailing office in writing of the change, 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.

20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

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

21. OFFICIAL VESSELS

- 21.1. Official vessels will be identified by display of a white flag with black letters "RC" or red "MEDIA".

22. BERTHING

- 22.1. [DP][NP] Boats shall not dock or Rig on the RQYS fuel dock unless re-fuelling.
- 22.2. For RQYS Marina Berths or use of the VIP Docks, please contact the RQYS Marina Office on 3396 8666 during business hours.

23. PRIZES

- 23.1. Prizes will be awarded to series overall 1st, 2nd & 3rd for divisions with five (5) or more entries.

24. RISK STATEMENT

- 24.1. 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.**
- 24.2. All participants are required to comply with any safety provisions as mandated under the Racing Rules of Sailing, the Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 for Off The Beach Boats, and any Class Rules that may apply. The Squadron encourages and supports competitors who believe it is appropriate to exceed the above requirements (such as the wearing of helmets, body armor, impact vests, etc.) if they or their guardian believe that conditions and their personal circumstances warrant. All competitor's attention is drawn to the Risk Statement - Section 24 of the Sailing Instructions.

25. INSURANCE

- 25.1. 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.

26. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 26.1. For further information please contact:

RQYS Sailing: 07 3396 8666 / sailing@rqys.com.au
578 Royal Esplanade MANLY QLD 4179 AUS
www.rqys.com.au

LOCATION INFORMATION

[Regatta Notice Board](#) View the Regatta Notice Board to access Sailing Instructions, Entry, Amendments and more

Accommodation: Ample and varied accommodation is available in the local area. Early bookings are recommended.

The Manly Marina Cove Motel is located on the grounds of RQYS – www.manlymarinacove.com

Limited [camping](#) facilities **may** be available in the grounds of RQYS.

Other Local Accommodation Includes:

[The Manly Hotel](#), [Waterloo Bay Hotel](#), [Pelican's Nestle Inn](#), [Wynnum Anchor Motel](#)

Access to RQYS: RQYS Reception (located on the left as you enter the club) is available to assist with access between the hours of 7am and 7pm.

Manly Amenities: [North Sails](#) (Sailmaker) – Club Sponsor North Sails is located just down the road from the club at 1/264 Tingal Road, an 8 minute drive away.

[Muir Marine QLD](#) (Chandlery) - Muir Marine have been serving the Marine Industry for over 100 years and supply everything in boating equipment. Located at 453 Esplanade a 3 minute drive from the club.

[IGA Manly Village](#) – IGA is the closest grocery store to RQYS located just 3 minute drive away, at the corner of Stratton Tce & Cambridge Parade.

[Manly Village Medical](#) – Is the closest medical centre to RQYS, located at 25 Cambridge Parade a 2 minute drive away.

Local Weather: The RQYS Weather Station can be found at:

<https://www.rqys.com.au/weather-station/>

The Weather Station records from above the club Bay Lookout.

BOM: Radar: <http://www.bom.gov.au/products/IDR663.loop.shtml>

Marine Forecast:

<http://www.bom.gov.au/qld/forecasts/moreton-bay.shtml>

Other Popular forecasts:

Predict Wind: <https://forecast.predictwind.com/table/>

Seabreeze: <https://www.seabreeze.com.au/weather/wind-forecast/brisbane>

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