



140th Sailing Season

OFF THE BEACH

14/09/2024
Thru to
12/04/2025

NOTICE OF RACE

(NoR)

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 (RRS).
- 1.2 RRS Appendix B will apply to all windsurfing classes.
- 1.3 The applicable class rules will apply.
 - 1.3 (a) [DP][NP] Sailors in the Nacra 15 class shall wear a suitable helmet at all times while racing.
- 1.4 The Australian Sailing (AS) prescriptions and Special Regulations Part 2 will apply (See Attachment C).
- 1.5 For Etchell Class Boat NoR 1.4 is amended to "AS Special Regulations Part 1 Category 7 shall apply".
- 1.6 RRS Appendix A5.3 will apply.
- 1.7 Appendix T – Arbitration will apply.
- 1.8 Appendix P may be applied at any time at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 1.9 The RQYS Constitution, Club Participation Rules, House Rules and Codes of Conduct will apply (<https://www.rqys.com.au/membership/rules-and-regulations/>).

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions (SI) will be available after 1400 hrs on 07/09/2024 at <https://www.rqys.com.au/140th-sailing-season-otb-club-racing/>.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at <https://www.rqys.com.au/140th-sailing-season-otb-club-racing/>.
- 3.2 Secondary to the Official noticeboard "instant messaging" system WhatsApp may be used to notify skippers of timely information, Protest Time limit etc. the group can be joined at: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/Dlxhcv8kclKBLxoQTEstPg> .
- 3.3 [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. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Seasons entry is open to dinghies, boards, OTB multihulls, Etchells & VX One's.
- 4.2 Seasons entrants will be entered in the Seasons Points series, as well as the Squadron Championships.
- 4.3 Classes with less than 5 entries will be entered into a mixed class division.
- 4.4 Skippers with seasons entries are required to be financial members of the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron as a Crew or Full Member (or equivalent).
- 4.5 Casual Entries can be lodged in advance online via the regatta page, or, can be lodged on the day of racing before the first warning signal of the day, by seeing the Sailing Office staff adjacent to the Main Rigging Lawn.
- 4.6 Casual entrants are required to be a member of Australian Sailing by having a club membership with a yacht or sailing club, or by obtaining an RQYS Sail Pass. See [the online policy](#) for further rules regarding Sail Pass.
- 4.7 Boats may enter the event by registering online thru the regatta page at <https://www.rqys.com.au/140th-sailing-season-otb-club-racing/>
- 4.8 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.9 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 4.10 All persons on board a boat while racing shall be members of a Club affiliated to Australian Sailing and have an Australian Sailing number, or hold a valid Sail Pass, or if an international competitor, be a member of club affiliated to a World Sailing recognised Member National Authority.
- 4.11 Class course allocations shall be as follows:
 - 4.11 (a) Northern Course**
 - 29er
 - 49er
 - Etchells
 - Hobie 16
 - Mixed Catamarans
 - Nacra 15
 - Skiffs
 - VX One
 - 4.11 (b) Southern Course**
 - Finns
 - Flying 11
 - ILCA 4
 - ILCA 6
 - ILCA 7
 - OK Dinghy
 - Optimist
 - Raceboard
 - RS Feva
 - Windsurfer LT
- 4.12 Classes may be modified or combined based on number of entries (as per NoR 4.3) and/or at the discretion of the race committee.
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5. FEES

- 5.1 RQYS Member Season Entry Fees:
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| 5.1 (a) | Single Handed Off the Beach Classes | \$330.00 |
| 5.1 (b) | Double Handed Off the Beach Classes | \$385.00 |
| 5.1 (c) | VX One and Etchells | \$385.00 |
- 5.2 Casual Entry Fees:
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| 5.2 (a) | RQYS Members | \$30.00 |
| 5.2 (b) | Non-Members | \$45.00 |
- 5.3 Any Refunds will be as per the RQYS Sailing Refunds Policies (<https://www.rqys.com.au/membership/rules-and-regulations/>)

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Opening Day of the 140th Season (2024 – 2025) shall be on Saturday 07 September 2024.
- 6.2 **Opening Day Race on Saturday 07 September 2024** shall be run as a separate race to Seasons Points with a separate set of Sailing Instructions.
- 6.3 Racing will be conducted on Saturdays for Off the Beach classes as per the [Online Sailing Program](#).
- 6.4 Seasons Points races will be every race of the Season.
- 6.5 Squadron Championships races will be as per the [Online Sailing Program](#).

7. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 7.1 Boats may be inspected at any time.

8. VENUE

- 8.1 NoR Attachment A shows the plan of the event venue.
- 8.2 NoR Attachment D shows the location of the racing areas.

9. COURSES

- 9.1 The courses shall be as described in the Sailing Instructions.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1 For the skiffs, 9ers and multihull class(es) RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty.
- 10.2 For Etchells and VX One, RRS44.1 is amended in that the penalty for breaking a rule of RRS Part 2 shall be a One-Turn Penalty, except the penalty for breaking a rule of RRS Part 2 occurring within the zone as defined in RRS shall be a Two-Turn Penalty.

11. SCORING

- 11.1 There shall be three scoring methods: Season Points Series Scratch, Season Points Series PHS & Squadron Champion Series Scratch (Per NoR 6.5).
- 11.1 (a) Any mixed divisions Scratch shall be replaced with Yardstick.
- 11.2 1 race is required to constitute a series.
- 11.3 Score discards shall be as per the following:
- 11.3 (a) For Squadron Championship series, there will be 1 discard per 5 completed races.
- 11.3 (b) For Seasons Points series, there will be 1 discard per 5 completed races.
- 11.4 PHS Handicaps shall be defined by the "SailSys" system. SailSys is an online race management system. For further information regarding handicaps and scoring see <https://www.sailsys.com.au> .
- 11.5 Average Points:
- 11.5 (a) Average points may be requested for season entries when racing is missed due to competing at a National or International class regatta or a World Sailing ranked event in the competitor's class, or in any other circumstance approved by the Sailing Committee.
- 11.5 (b) These points shall be awarded for no more than four (4) days in a season.
- 11.5 (c) To receive average points, sailors must request average points in advance by emailing sailing@rqys.com.au with a "Request for Average Points" form and have this approved by the Sailing Office BEFORE the missed day's racing.
- 11.5 (d) Average Points will be awarded as per RRS A9 (b) only if there have been two (2) races in the series before the race the competitor is applying for average points for. If there have not been two (2) races in the series already, the Race Committee will determine the application of average points.
- 11.6 A boat which Does Not Compete (DNC) in a race shall be scored the number competitors within the fleet at the starting area, plus an additional three (3) points. This changes RRS A5.3.

12. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

- 12.1 A chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the race committee has approved her sail identification before the first race.

13. [NP][DP] BERTHING

- 13.1 No vessels shall berth or rig on the RQYS Fuel Dock unless re-fuelling or approval obtained from the RQYS Marina/Sailing Office.
- 13.2 Restrictions may be placed on where vessels may be stored or rigged by the RQYS Sailing or Marina office.
- 13.3 No tie down restraints may penetrate the ground deeper than 300mm due to lawn irrigation systems.

14. DATA PROTECTION

- 14.1 By participating in an event, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority and the sponsors of the event, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition for said event in which the competitor participated and in all material related to the said event without compensation.

15. RISK STATEMENT

- 15.1 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.**
- 15.2 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, Part 1 Category 7 for Etchells, 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 armour, impact vests, etc.) if they or their guardian believe that conditions and their personal circumstances warrant. All skippers and crew (in particular in higher performance trapezing classes and those with trampoline decks) are strongly encouraged to carry on-person safety knives and / or webbing cutters to assist in entrapment prevention. All crew wearing trapeze harnesses must ensure that they do not impede the ability to remove their harnesses through the wearing of clothing or other equipment that prevents them doing so. All competitor's attention is drawn to the Risk Statement - Section 15 of the Notice of Race.

16. INSURANCE

- 16.1 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.

17. PRIZES

- 17.1 The 2024/2025 Presentations of Trophies for Seasons Points and Squadron Championships and other events will take place in a Squadron Function Room, to be advised by invitation in future. A list of major trophies is at NoR Attachment B.
- 17.2 Only Season Entrants are eligible for Seasons Points or Squadron Championship awards at the Junior and/or Senior Presentation of Trophies.
- 17.3 Divisions or Classes with five or more entries will be awarded:
- 17.3 (a) 1st, 2nd & 3rd Season Points Scratch (Yardstick for Mixed Divisions).
 - 17.3 (b) 1st, 2nd & 3rd Season Points PHS.
 - 17.3 (c) 1st, 2nd & 3rd Squadron Championship Scratch (Yardstick for Mixed Divisions).
- 17.4 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 18.1 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>
WillyWeather: <https://wind.willyweather.com.au/qld/brisbane/brisbane.html>

Attachment A



Attachment B

Most Consistent Skipper in a Junior Class

~ Harold Dean Memorial Trophy ~

Best Result at a National Regatta

~ Vidgen Perpetual Trophy ~

Most Improved Junior Skipper

~ T E Passey Trophy ~

Junior Sailor of the Year

~ Lady Stonehaven Challenge Cup ~

Youth Sailor of the Year

~ W A O'Hare Memorial Trophy ~

Squadron Champion for an Olympic Class

~ Astra Trophy ~

Longest Serving Member of a Season Points Winner

~ The Governor's Trophy ~

Most Consistent Skipper in a Senior Class

~ Callisto Cup – AM Greenfield Trophy ~

Most Consistent Contributor

~ Maurice Tilley Perpetual Trophy ~

Corinthian Yachtsman of the Year

~ Model Elliott ~

Best Performing Female Crew

~ Erica Blumson Trophy ~

Best Performance in an Olympic Class

~ John H Robinson Memorial Trophy ~

Keelboat Crew of the Year

~ E Sparkes Trophy ~

Sailor of the Year

~ Hardy Brothers Jewellers Trophy ~

Attachment C

SAFETY FIRST

As part of a national incentive by Australian Sailing, RQYS has adopted 'Whole of Fleet' Safety Audits appropriate to your race category.

So why extend equipment audits to all of our fleet?

The simple answer is compliance and good safety practice within the club. We have a Duty of Care to those participating in RQYS events and this extends beyond RQYS responsibility to boat owners and skippers.

Nationally, self audits have not, in the majority of cases, been completed to a satisfactory standard and it is our intention to engender into our sailors a culture of safety which benefits us all.

Chris Morgan, a division yacht owner and Queensland's Senior Sailing Australia Equipment Safety Auditor, has agreed to undertake the management of this program alongside the sailing office.

- All yacht owners and off the beach boats will be required to complete the appropriate Sailing Australia category form applicable to the club racing they intend to enter.
[Off the Beach Audit](#) (most recent version at May 2024)
[AS SR Safety Equipment Checklists](#)
- Owners will then be required to contact an RQYS/Class approved auditor(s) to arrange an inspection and sign off.

It is not our intention to be heavy handed and disqualify boats that do not have an audited form on race day, but we want all participants to build a culture of safety in the club from the juniors up.

Below is a list of our current RQYS auditors. Please arrange for an audit check well in advance of commencing racing as auditors may not be available on the day. If you are interested in becoming an auditor please contact Mark Dingley.

RQYS / Class Safety Auditors for Off the Beach Boats

Greg Kemp
Jan Kemp
Colin Bilston
Mick Patrick
Chris Davey
Simon Tribe
Mark Dingley
(Classes may approve other Inspectors)

Attachment D

