

Queensland French Yacht Owners Association



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

SPIRIT MARINE BENETEAU CUP

MOOLOOLABA YACHT BROKERS

JEANNEAU CUP

FRENCH YACHT CHALLENGE

19 and 20 OCTOBER 2024

Organising Authority

Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron

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. This event is governed by the rules as defined in the 2021 – 2024 Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. The prescriptions and special regulations of Australia Sailing (AS) Part 1 Category 6 will apply.
- 1.3. Competitors must follow RQYS Club Policies (<https://www.rqys.com.au/membership/rules-and-regulations/>)

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. The online official notice board is located <https://www.rqys.com.au/beneteau-cup-jeanneau-cup-french-yacht-challenge-2024/>.
- 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. you can join the group at the following link:
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/BUVJAquelmVLWo5wqUATPn>
- 3.3. [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on 72 & 77.
- 3.4. All boats are required to monitor VHF Channel 72 for the duration of the race.
- 3.5. If the race committee displays code flag L alternate VHF channel 77 will be used. This changes NoR 3.4.
- 3.6. [NP][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. This restriction applies also to mobile telephones.

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 45 minutes’ in Race Signals AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1.

Date	Event	Warning Signal
Friday 18 October	Pre-Regatta get together for skippers and their partner on RQYS Boardwalk (invitations will be emailed to skippers of registered yachts)	1800
Saturday 19 October	Sign On (by calling start boat on VHF as per NoR 3)	0930 to 0950
	"Tour de la Baie" - Race 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cruising Division (Non-Spinnaker) • Performance Division (Spinnaker) 	1010 1025
	Complementary sausage sizzle at the BBQ area near the Bay Lookout – BYO drinks (note there is no bar at this location). To assist with catering register by going to qfyoa.com/bay-veiw-sausage-sizzle-1/	1600
Sunday 20 October	Breakfast (at competitors' own expense) and judging of Best Dressed French Themed Crew – buy tickets at www.revolutionise.com.au/rqys/events/259507	0800 to 0930
	Sign On (by calling the start boat on VHF as per NoR 3)	0930 to 1020
	"Autour des iles" - Race 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cruising Division • Performance Division 	1040 1055
	Complementary finger food. Drinks at competitors' expense. To assist with catering register by going to qfyoa.com/blank-13/	1600
	Trophy Presentation at RQYS	1630

- 6.2. The results presentation may be held earlier than indicated in the schedule. Any changes to the schedule will be advised via the Official Notice Board & may be broadcast via WhatsApp.
- 6.3. The sequence below of "Tour de la baie" for Race 1 and "Autour des iles" for Race 2 may be swapped depending on the forecast for breeze.
- 6.4. "Tour de la baie" or Tour of the Bay is a longer passage racecourse, eg. once around Peel Island.
- 6.5. "Autour des iles" or Around the Islands - two laps of a shorter course, eg. around Green Island

7. CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1. The class flags are:

CLASS	FLAG
Cruising Division	Numeral Pennant 3
Performance Division	Numeral Pennant 4

8. RACING AREA

- 8.1. SI attachment A shows the location of racing areas.
- 8.2. The Start shall be in the waters of Waterloo Bay, see SI attachment A.

9. COURSES

- 9.1. The diagrams in the Manly Course Book V2.5 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.
 - 9.1.1. Manly Course Book V2.5: <https://www.rqys.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/RQYS-Manly-Course-Book-2023-24-V2.5.pdf>
- 9.2. The Course to be sailed each day will be notified on the morning of the race via a briefing using the RQYS Whats app group and the course flag will be displayed on the start boat.
 - 9.2.1. It is each skipper's responsibility to check the course flag displayed on the start boat.
 - 9.2.2. If the course indicated by the course flag displayed on the start boat differs from the course in the briefing, then the course as indicated by the course flag on the start boat will apply.
 - 9.2.3. The RQYS What app group can be accessed at www.rqys.com.au/beneteau-cup-jeanneau-cup-french-yacht-challenge-2024/.
- 9.3. For "Autour des iles " a Numeral Pennant will be displayed with the course flag to indicate one (numeral pennant 1) or two (numeral pennant 2) laps.
 - 9.3.1. When two laps are signalled the Start/Finish line shall be passed as a gate on the first lap.
- 9.4. If a two-lap race is selected, the race officer may shorten the course (as per RRS 32) or use times through the lap 1 Start/Finish gate as finish times (This changes RRS 32).
 - 9.4.1. The Race Committee may broadcast on VHF 72 if a race is to be shortened (failure to receive this transmission shall not be grounds for redress).

10. MARKS

- 10.1. Navigation marks will be marks of the course
- 10.2. A "X" Mark may be set as per the [Course Book Supplementary Sailing Instructions](#) (pg. 5).
- 10.3. The "X" Mark will be a purple inflatable buoy.
- 10.4. The starting and finishing marks will be orange teardrop buoys.

11. THE START

- 11.1. Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made five (5) minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the start vessel at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark.
- 11.3. [NP][DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 11.4. A boat starting later than fifteen (15) minutes after her starting signal may be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.
- 11.5. If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line during the two minutes before her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee may 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 rule 62.1(a).

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1. Attention is drawn to SI 9.3.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the finishing boat at the starboard end, and the port end 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 time limit is 1600 hrs

16. HEARING REQUESTS

- 16.1. [RRS Appendix T](#) (Arbitration) shall apply.
- 16.2. Protest forms are available at the RQYS Sailing Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.3. For each class, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished.
- 16.4. 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.
- 16.5. Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 16.6. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
 - 16.6.1. Within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - 16.6.2. No later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.
 - 16.6.3. This changes rule 66.
- 16.7. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

17. SCORING

- 17.1. PHS Handicaps shall be as approved by the RQYS handicappers.
- 17.2. Review of Handicap forms can be found at <https://www.rqys.com.au/documents-auditing/> and must be submitted before the first day of racing.
- 17.3. Scoring and handicapping will be defined by the "SailSys" system. SailSys is an online race management system.
- 17.4. For further information regarding handicaps and scoring at <https://www.sailsys.com.au>
- 17.5. SailSys applies the Racing Rules of Sailing Low Point System for scoring.

18. [DP][NP]SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1. All boats shall SIGN ON by contacting the Race Committee vessel on VHF Channel 72 advising the name of the boat, sail number, number of persons on board (POB) and receive acknowledgement.
 - 18.1.1. Sign On shall be no race no earlier than the start boat going on station by displaying an orange flag
 - 18.1.2. No later than 15 minutes before the first warning signal.

- 18.2. All Maritime Queensland Aquatic Event conditions must be followed including:
- 18.2.1. 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. No sailing vessel shall berth on or impeded traffic to/from the RQYS fuel dock with out permission from the RQYS Sailing or Marina Office.
- 18.5. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

19. OFFICIAL VESSELS

- 19.1. Official vessels will be identified with a white flag with black letters 'RC' or red 'MEDIA'.

20. TRASH DISPOSAL

- 20.1. Vessels are reminded of the importance of correctly disposing of trash.

21. PRIZES

- 21.1. Prizes will be given as follows:
- 21.1.1. PHS 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each of Cruising and Performance Divisions for the Spirit Marine Queensland Beneteau Cup.
 - 21.1.2. PHS 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each of Cruising and Performance Divisions for the Mooloolaba Yacht Brokers Jeanneau Cup.
 - 21.1.3. PHS 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each of Cruising and Performance Divisions for the French Yacht Challenge.
 - 21.1.4. Interclub Challenge for the Spirit Marine Queensland Beneteau Cup.
 - 21.1.5. Best Dressed French Themed Crew.

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.**
- 22.2. All participants are required to comply with any safety provisions as mandated under the Racing Rules of Sailing, 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 competitor's attention is drawn to the Risk Statement - Section 22 of the Sailing Instructions.

23. INSURANCE

- 23.1. 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.

24. FURTHER INFORMATION

24.1. For further information please contact:

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