

WAGS 2025/26

First Wednesday in September 2025 to the last Wednesday in August 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

ROYAL QUEENSLAND YACHT SQUADRON LTD 578 Royal Esplanade, Manly 4179, QLD, Australia

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.

The notation [DP] in a rule of the sailing instructions (Sl's) means that a protest committee can award a penalty less than disqualification (including no penalty) at their discretion. This changes Rules 60.5 and 64.

The notation [SP] in a rule of the NoR and/or SIs means that a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing per RRS60.5(b)(3).

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The Australian Sailing prescriptions and special regulations Part 1 Category 5 apply.
- 1.3 Where lifelines complying with AS SR Part 1 Section 3 Rule 3.12 have not been fitted, all crew shall wear a visible personal floatation device as per AS SR Part 1 Section 5.
- 1.4 All boats using outboard engines shall comply with AS SR Part 1 Section 3 Rule 3.25.4.
- 1.5 ALL skippers shall comply with the Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994 and Regulation. In the event of a reportable Marine incident the RQYS Sailing Office is to be notified as soon as practical; but no later than 1 hour after the incident, a copy of the Marine Incident Report is required to be lodged with the RQYS Sailing Office at the same time it is lodged with Marine Safety Queensland.
- 1.6 Boats that make contact with another vessel shall be scored DSQ without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1.
- 1.7 RRS Appendix T (Arbitration) will apply.

2. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 2.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials
- 2.2 [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.
- 2.3 Competitors must follow RQYS Club Policies (https://www.rqys.com.au/membership/rules-and-regulations/)

3. CHANGES TO RACE DOCUMENTS & SCHEDULE

3.1 Any change to the race documents 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.

4. COMMUNICATION

- 4.1 The official notice board (ONB) is located at https://www.rqys.com.au/wags/.
- 4.2 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. Join the group at https://chat.whatsapp.com/FoffPIRCBYG5O9PSC2Gmiq.



- 4.3 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.
- 4.4 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on the <u>VHF maritime mobile</u> band.
- 4.5 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio Channel 72.
- 4.6 If the race committee displays code flag L alternate VHF channel 77 will be used, this changes section 4.5.
- 4.7 [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.

5. ELIGIBILITY AND FEES

- 5.1. WAGS races are open to all Monohull and Multihull Yachts (both trailerable and fixed keel) on the register of a yacht or sailing club affiliated with Australian Sailing (AS). Dinghies are not permitted to sail in WAGS.
- 5.2 Race fee is \$15.00 for all boats per race.
- 5.3 All crew are required to be included in the boat's online entry/registration before each race.
- 5.4 Single handed entries are NOT eligible.
- 5.5 Boats may enter the event by registering online at https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/25/entry/series/4894/pricing.
- 5.6 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 5.7 The minimum age for RQYS allocated crew is 17 or above.
- 5.8 Any refunds will be as per the RQYS Sailing Refunds Policies (https://www.rqys.com.au/membership/rules-and-regulations/).

6. SAIL RESTRICTIONS

- 6.1. All boats are to sail with a singular Jib or Genoa, and Mainsail only. Other sail combinations based on a boat's designed rig (e.g. Ketches, Schooners, etc.) are permitted with prior approval by the Race Committee. Loose luffed headsails (e.g. Screecher, Code 0, Spinnakers) are not permitted.
- 6.2. The headsail must be fully hanked, or attached by means of a luff groove device, to the forestay. Spinnaker poles and/or whisker poles are allowed for poling out headsails.
- 6.3 Boats shall use only one mainsail throughout the Race and only one headsail at a time for the duration of the Race.

7. SCHEDULE

7.1

DAY	EVENT	TIME	
Each Wednesday	Boat Registration at WAGS table in RQ Bar or	Between 1100 and 1225hrs	
at the discretion of the	online via SailSys		
Race Committee	(Crew still need to be registered before every race,		
	online on SailSys " <u>Crew List</u> ")		
	In-person Competitor Briefing in RQ Bistro	1215 hrs	
	Racing	As per allocated start time	
	Presentation in RQ Bar	1700 hrs. on the day of race	
WAGS SPECIAL EVENTS			
	THE GEOFF ANDERSON MEMORIAL SUPER SERIES (7 RACES STARTING WITH)		
Race 1: 19 Nov 2025	The Ross Jullyan Memorial Trophy		
Races 2 thru 7	The first Wednesday each month December 2025 through to May 2026		
17 December 2025	Christmas WAGS		
12 August 2026	Peter Beard Memorial Trophy WAGS Ekka Wednesday		

8. RACING AREA

8.1. All races will be conducted on Waterloo and Moreton Bay.

9. COURSES

- 9.1 All courses start and finish as per SI 11 and 12.
- 9.2 The courses to be sailed will be as per the course descriptions in the RQYS Yacht Racing Course Book 2025/26 Version 1: https://www.rqys.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/RQYS-Yacht-Racing-Course-Book-2025-26-V1.0.pdf
- 9.3 The course number confirming the course to be sailed will be displayed from the start boat. In the event that the start boat is not on station, competitors shall monitor Channel VHF 72 for course information.
- 9.4 Courses may be shortened as per RRS 32.

10 MARKS

- 10.1. When a navigation mark is nominated as a mark of a course it shall be left in the manner described in the course booklet, otherwise all navigation marks shall be observed in the correct manner
- 10.2. Where a navigation mark is to be rounded due consideration to the weather conditions including tidal effect shall be given.

11. THE START

- 11.1. Races will be started as follows:
 - 11.1.1. Boats shall start no earlier than their allocated start time. All times are in Brisbane EST time. Syncing of your clock is recommended at http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/fullscreen.html?n=47.
 - 11.1.2. The Race Officer (starter) will usually raise a start bat 10 seconds prior to the minute and lower the start bat on the minute.
 - 11.1.3. A sound signal will be given to any yacht starting early and therefore they are required to restart. This changes RRS 26.
- 11.2. All boats shall keep clear of the start line and not cross in either direction prior to their designated start time.
- 11.3. A boat re-starting because of OCS shall return and re-enter the course via the rounding of the pin or start boat and keep clear of all starting boats. NO DIPPING.
- 11.4. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the start boat at the starboard end and an orange buoy at the port end approximately 300m to 800m from the outer Manly Harbour Leads.
- 11.5. In the case where the start boat is not on station, the start line shall be an extension of the Eastern Port and Starboard Lateral Beacons to the south and within 100m. In these circumstances boats are required to start at their allocated starting time.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel and an orange buoy at the port end of the line.
- 12.2. When a course is shortened, the race committee will display flag S with 2 sounds and the finish line shall be at a rounding mark and a staff on the finish boat displaying flag S.
- 12.3. When a finish boat is not on station, the finish line shall be an extension of the Eastern Port and Starboard Lateral Beacons to the south and within 100m. Boats are to record and report their own finish times to the Sailing Office.

8. VENUE

8.1 Attachment B shows the plan of the event venue.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

9.1 For all boats RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

13. TIME LIMIT

13.1. The time limit for all boats to be finished is 1600 hours.

14. PROTESTS

- 14.1. All WAGS races are intended to that of a <u>fun and enjoyable nature</u> and therefore there should be no reason to Protest. Competitors are encouraged to resolve their differences in a respectable manner.
- 14.2. Should an incident occur, that cannot be resolved, competitors are required to lodge a protest with the Sailing Office via an email to sailing@rqys.com.au by 1600 hrs, the day after the relevant Wags race. Protest forms are available at the sailing office and online.

15. SCORING AND HANDICAPS

- 15.1. All Races:
 - 15.1.1. Handicap start times will be allocated to each boat upon registration at the "WAGS Table" or via VHF once the committee/start boat displays station flag (orange).
 - 15.1.2. Each race is an individual race and will be scored as such with the exception of races for the Squadron Monohull and Multihull Championship.
- 15.2. Races to determine WAGS Squadron Multihull and Monohull Champions (The Geoff Anderson Memorial Super Series):
 - 15.2.1. A Performance Based Handicap system will be in place for these races.
 - 15.2.2. The WAGS Squadron Monohull and Multihull Champions will be determined from the results of the following races as per section 7.
 - 15.2.3. There will be a drop after the completion of race 3 and 6.
 - 15.2.4. To qualify for these trophies the skipper/owner must be a Full member or equivalent of RQYS and their yacht registered with RQYS

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1. All competitors intending to start shall report to the WAGS Table located near the RQ Bar. to register for the day's race or have completed online registration (per section 5.5) by no later than 1225 hrs.
- 16.2. A current / Intended POB shall be provided at Sign-On.
- 16.3. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee on **VHF Channel 72** as soon as possible.
- 16.4. Attention is drawn to SI 25.

17. [NP][DP] AQUATIC EVENT CONDITIONS

- 17.1. It is a skippers responsibility to ensure all aquatic event conditions are followed, the Authority consent to hold aquatic event can be viewed at https://www.rqys.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/25-0802-Signed-Authority-141st-Sailing-Season-Club-Racing-RQYS-30-Aug-to-30-November-2025.pdf
- 17.2. Attention is drawn to the following conditions:
 - 17.2.1. Participants / safety ship are not to impede commercial shipping.
 - 17.2.2. All participating ships and safety ships are not to impede power driven vessels traversing Manly Boat Harbour and associated channels.
 - 17.2.3. All participating ships and safety ships are to be briefed on the gazetted speed limit in Manly Boat Harbour.
 - 17.2.3.1. Page 10 from the Schedule of Speed Limits in QLD in SI Attachment A.
 - 17.2.4. All participating ships and safety ships equipped with VHF are to monitor VHF channel 12 and VHF channel 16.
 - 17.2.5. The Authority Holder must ensure that ships participating in the aquatic event observe a 20-metre exclusion zone around all Aids to Navigation.

18. DIVISIONS

18.1. Signals for divisions shall use the following flags:

DIVISION	FLAG	
MONOHULLS	Numeral Pennant #1	
MULTIHULLS	Numeral Pennant #5	

19. CREW LIST

- 19.1. A complete and accurate crew list shall be submitted to the Sailing Office by all boats before their start time. Crew must be submitted electronically on SailSys, in the "Crew Lists" section under "Your Account" (https://app.sailsys.com.au/crew).
- 19.2. The crew list shall contain the following information for each crew: Full Name; Club Member No; AS No; Telephone No; Email address; Emergency Contact Details.
- 19.3. A complete & accurate crew list submitted before a boat's start time is a requirement of entry, boats failing to provide a crew list may not be deemed an official, complete entry and may not receive a result.

20. SAIL DAY PASS MEMBERSHIP

20.1. For more the most up to date information please see the Sail & Social Day Pass Membership Policy: Here (https://www.rgys.com.au/membership/rules-and-regulations/).

21. RACE OFFICIALS

21.1. All official directions during the course of the race will be advised by the race officer on board the start/finish boat. This boat will be marked with a WAGS RC flag. To ensure there is no confusion during races, no other boats are to issue directions unless approved by the Race Officer or the RQYS Sailing Manager.

22. RACE CANCELLATION

- 22.1. Racing will not occur if there is a gale or stronger wind warning issued for the day of racing.
- 22.2. Racing may occur if a strong wind warning is issued for the day of racing.
- 22.3. Any decision to race, postpone or abandon will be made by the RQYS Sailing Manager after consultation with the Race Officer.
- 22.4. A decision to race on any given day does not relieve any competitor of his/her obligation under RRS 3, Decision to race.

23. ALTERNATE START / FINISH AREA

23.1. The start/finish area may be altered depending on other racing being conducted in a "shared" racing area. The Race Officer will advise of any such change to the start/finish area at registration desk on the day of racing.

24. DATA PROTECTION

24.1 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.

25. RISK STATEMENT

- 25.1 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.
- 25.2 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 25.1 of the Notice of Race.

26. INSURANCE

26.1 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.

27. PRIZES

- 27.1. All competitors are eligible for the following awards and must be present on the day of the race to collect:
 - 27.1.1. Monohull 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th over the line
 - 27.1.2. Multihull 1st and 2nd over the line
 - 27.1.3. Closest to the line at official starting time
 - 27.1.4. A lucky entrance draw (skipper must be present)
 - 27.1.5. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee
- 27.2. RQYS Entries only are eligible for the following awards:
 - 27.2.1. Monohull WAGS Squadron Monohull Champion
 - 27.2.2. Multihull WAGS Squadron Multihull Champion
- 27.3. THE GEOFF ANDERSON MEMORIAL SUPER SERIES Squadron Championship races are the first Wednesday of each month (December –May) and starting with the Ross Jullyan Memorial Trophy in November.
- 27.4. Due to the nature of Handicapping in WAGS no vessel may win on her first race.

28. FURTHER INFORMATION

28.1 For further information please contact:

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

Attachment A – Manly Harbour 6 knot zone

Description of area	Speed	Ships affected	Date gazetted
(e) All creeks and waterways flowing into the Brisbane River (exce	pt the Bremer 6 knots	All	
River)			
(f) The waters described as:	6 knots	All, excluding ships	16 February 2018
 commencing at the waterline of the eastern bank nearest 	to location	operated by Maritime	
27°35.630′S, 152°51.441′E		Safety Queensland,	
 then south along the waterline of the eastern bank upstre 	am to a location on	Queensland Police	
the waterline nearest to 27°35.739'S, 152°51.431'E		Service and Queensland	
then west across the river to a point on the waterline of tr	e western bank	Boating and Fisheries	
nearest to location 27°35.739'S, 152°51.338'E		Patrol	
then north along the waterline of the western bank to a portion.	int on the waterline		
nearest to 27°35.630'S, 152°51.344'E			
then easterly across Brisbane River to the point of comm	encement.		
Manly Harbour			
The waters of the Manly Harbour bounded by an imaginary line:	6 knots	All	28 October 2022
 from a position on the northern breakwater latitude 27°27.042' 	S, longitude		
153°11.520'E			
then in a north easterly direction to No. 7 starboard lateral bea	con latitude		
27°26.9523'S, longitude 153°11.7462'E			
then across the channel to No. 8 port lateral beacon latitude 2	(°26.9838'S,		
longitude 153°11.7637'E			
then continuing in a south westerly direction to a position on the state of th			
southern breakwater latitude 27°27.112'S, longitude 153°11.5			
then back in a northerly direction across the channel to the init	al position at the		
northern breakwater.			
The waters marked in red as shown on Map S8sp-29-1.			
Moreton Bay	G knoto	All	24 May 2004
The waters of the Tangalooma Wrecks anchorage, Moreton Bay be and the western foreshores of Moreton Island.	tween the wrecks 6 knots	All	21 May 2004
Cabbage Tree Creek			
Upstream of a line extending approximately south-south-easterly from	m the jetty known 6 knots	All	21 May 2004
as Baxter's Jetty.	of the jetty known		21 Way 2004
Bald Hills Creek	6 knots	8.0m in length & over	21 May 2004
Caboolture River	6 knots	8.0m in length & over	21 May 2004
Pine River	O KITOLO	orom in longar a ovor	21 May 2001
North and South Pine Rivers	6 knots	8.0m in length & over	21 May 2004
Tingalpa Creek, Ransome to Capalaba			
All waters of the Tingalpa Creek extending from Molle Road in posi	ion latitude 27° 6 knots	All	28 October 2022
29.773'S, longitude 153° 11.223'E heading upstream to the Tingalp			
entrance in position latitude 27° 31.695'S, longitude 153° 10.824'E.			
in red as shown on Map S8sp-26-1.			
Lake Somerset			
The waters of Lake Somerset, Brisbane	Unlimited	All	15 February 2008
Except		1 27	,,
The waters of the northern parts of Lake Somerset at approximate	atitude 6 knots	All	6 May 2014
27°00.227's, longitude 152°33.912'e and extending across to the ea			
Somerset at approximate latitude 27°00.342's, longitude 152°34.35			
Lake Moogerah			
The waters of Lake Moogerah, Brisbane	Unlimited	All	21 May 2004
Except			
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Attachment B – Location Information

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Emergencies	000	
RQYS Sailing Manager	0424 101 732	
Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron	(07) 3396 8666	578 Royal Esplanade, Manly QLD
Manly Coast Guard	(07) 3396 5911	40 Trafalgar St, Manly QLD
Wynnum Police	(07) 3308 8100	82 Pine St, Wynnum QLD
Wynnum Fire & Rescue	(07) 3396 3297	2006 Wynnum Rd, Wynnum West
Brisbane Water Police	(07) 3895 0333	2 Howard Smith Dr, Port of Brisbane

Location, access & communication of Next of Kin Details

Sailing Office & SailSys Databases including information gathered from regatta registrations and/or indemnity forms.

Location of Nearest Emergency Medical Facilities

Location of Nearest Medical Facilities

Wynnum Family Health Service	(07) 3893 0093	116 Edith St, Wynnum QLD
Doctors on Manly Road	(07) 3348 6111	12 Manly Rd, Manly QLD
Silky Oaks Medical Practice	(07) 3396 9855	218 Manly Rd, Manly QLD
Dental On Cambridge	(07) 3348 6661	4/99 Cambridge Parade, Manly QLD

LOCAL SERVICES

Sail Maker

North Sails

1/264 Tingal Rd, Wynnum QLD 3396 5822

Hood Sails

181 Wynnum Esplanade, Wynnum QLD 0419 799 958

Ullman Sails

112 Glenora St, Wynnum QLD (07) 3348 7245

Chandlery

Muir Marine

453 Esplanade, Manly QLD (07) 3396 9988

Road Tech Marine

20 Redland Bay Rd, Capalaba QLD (07) 3914 9543

Boat Building / Repairs - Located at RQYS

JSA Marine

(07) 3348 5682

David Glenn Boat Building 0412 878 144

Physio

Manly Physiotherapy & Pilates 3/443 Esplanade, Manly QLD (07) 3396 8137

Bounce Physio Birkdale

190 Birkdale Rd, Birkdale QLD (07) 3822 2122

Pharmacy

Manly Village Pharmacy

9/222 Stratton Terrace, Manly QLD (07) 3396 8999

Groceries

IGA Manly Village

Cnr Stratton Tce & Cambridge Parade (07) 3396 1980

Woolworths Wynnum Central

145 Florence St, Wynnum QLD (07) 3513 4416

Butcher

The Local Butcher

222 Stratton Terrace, Manly QLD (07) 3396 2195

Bakery

Manly Bakery

222 Stratton Terrace, Manly QLD (07) 3396 5688

Accommodation

Manly Marine Cover Motel

Located on the Grounds of RQYS (07) 3348 1000

Limited Camping Facilities at RQYS

<u>Limited camping MAY be available</u> (07) 3396 8666

The Manly Hotel

54 Cambridge Parade, Manly QLD (07) 3249 5999

Waterloo Bay Hotel

75 Berrima St, Wynnum QLD (07) 3893 2344

Pelican's Nestle Inn

149 Wynnum Esplanade, Wynnum QLD (07) 3396 3214

Wynnum Anchor Motel

14 Adam St, Wynnum QLD (07) 3396 3037

LOCAL WEATHER TIDE

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

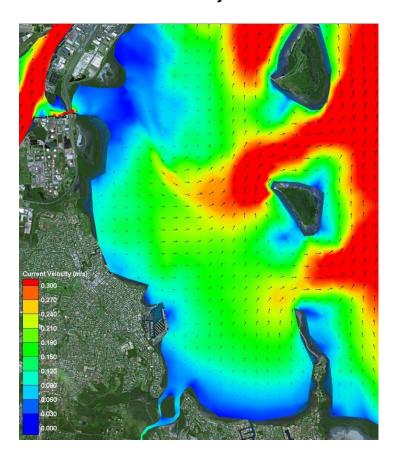
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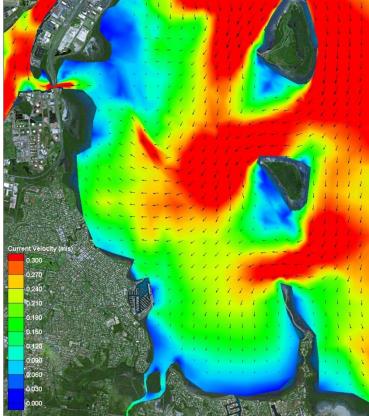
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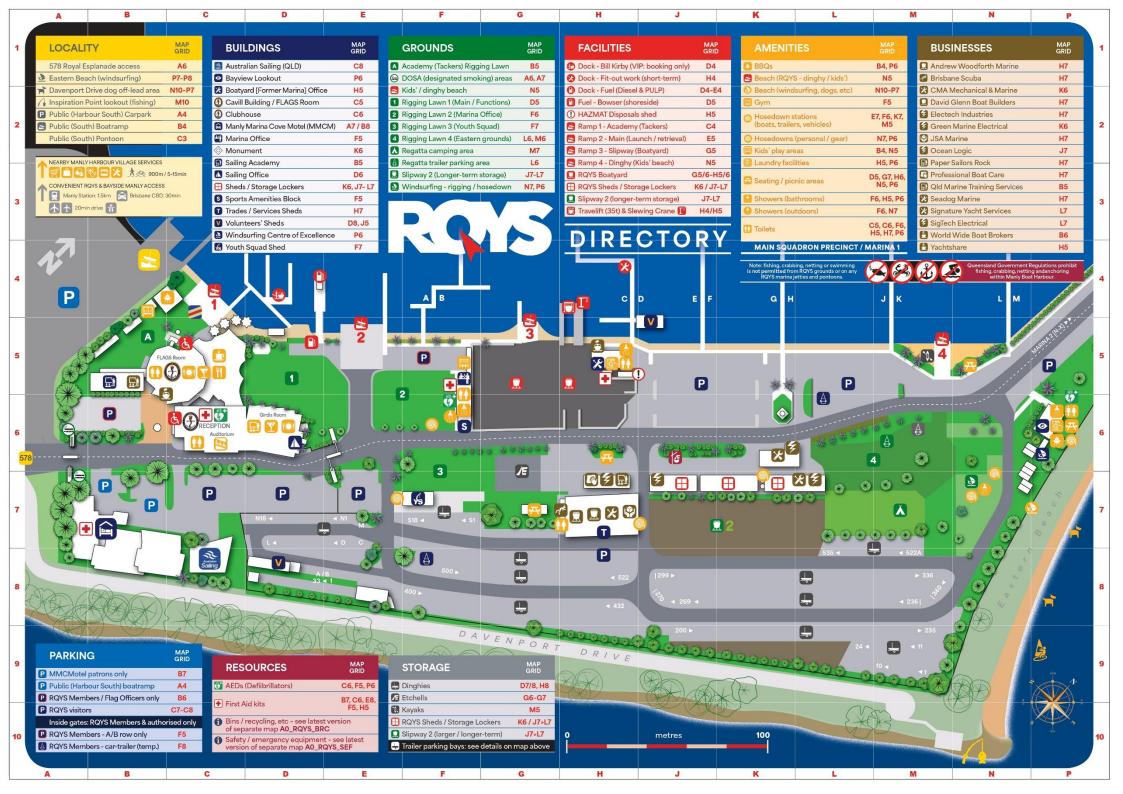
Seabreeze: https://www.seabreeze.com.au/weather/wind-forecast/brisbane WillyWeather: https://wind.willyweather.com.au/qld/brisbane/brisbane.html

Waterloo Bay Ebb

Waterloo Bay Flood







ROYAL QUEENSLAND YACHT SQUADRON - THE SAILING GATEWAY TO MORETON BAY

