

**Queensland French Yacht Owners Association**



## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**SPIRIT MARINE BENETEAU CUP,  
MOOLOOLABA YACHT BROKERS**

**JEANNEAU CUP**

**AND**

**FRENCH YACHT CHALLENGE**

**25 and 26 OCTOBER 2025**

**Organising Authority**

**Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron**

## Sponsors



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 (SI's) means that a protest committee can award a penalty less than disqualification (including no penalty) at their discretion. This changes RRS 60.5 and RRS 64.

## 1. SCHEDULE

### 1.1.

DATE	EVENT	WARNING SIGNAL
<b>Friday 24 October</b>	Pre-Regatta get together for skippers and their partners (max of two people per yacht) on RQYS "wine down area"	1830
<b>Saturday 25 October</b>	Sign On (by calling start boat on VHF as per NoR 5)	0930 to 0950
	"Tour de la Baie" - Race 1: • Cruising Division (Non-Spinnaker) • Performance Division (Spinnaker)	1010 1025
	Complementary sausage sizzle at the BBQ area near the Bay Lookout – BYO drinks	1600
<b>Sunday 26 October</b>	Breakfast (at competitors' own expense) and judging of Best Dressed French Themed Crew	0830
	Sign On (by calling the start boat on VHF as per NoR 5)	0930 to 1020
	"Autour des iles" - Race 2: • Cruising Division • Performance Division	1040 1055
	Complementary finger food. Drinks at competitors' expense. Trophy Presentation at RQYS	1600 1630

- 1.2. 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 & WhatsApp.
- 1.3. 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.
- 1.4. "Tour de la baie" or Tour of the Bay is a longer passage racecourse, e.g. once around Peel Island.
- 1.5. "Autour des iles" or Around the Islands - two laps of a shorter course, e.g. around Green Island
- 1.6. On both days if conditions allow a second race may be scheduled at the discretion of the Race Officer.
- 1.7. The Beneteau Cup, the Jeanneau Cup and the French Yacht Challenge will each include a minimum of one race on each day of the regatta.

## 2. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 2.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the official flagpole located at the top of the Eastern Gangway of the Bill Kirby Docks.
- 2.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

### 3. CLASS FLAGS

3.1. The class flags are:

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

### 4. COURSES

4.1. The diagrams in the Manly Course Book V1 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.

4.1.1. Manly Course Book V1: <https://www.rqys.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/RQYS-Yacht-Racing-Course-Book-2025-26-V1.0.pdf>

4.2. The course to be sailed each day will be notified on the morning of the race via a briefing using the RQYS WhatsApp group and the course flag will be displayed on the start boat.

4.2.1. It is each skipper's responsibility to check the course flag displayed on the start boat.

4.2.2. 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.

4.2.3. The RQYS WhatsApp group can be accessed [HERE](#).

4.3. 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.

4.3.1. When two laps are signalled the Start/Finish line shall be passed as a gate on the first lap.

4.4. 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).

4.4.1. 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).

### 5. MARKS

5.1. Navigation marks will be marks of the course

5.2. A "X" Mark may be set as per the [Course Book Supplementary Sailing Instructions](#) (pg. 5).

5.3. The "X" Mark will be a purple inflatable buoy.

5.4. The starting and finishing marks will be orange teardrop buoys.

### 6. THE START

6.1. Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made five (5) minutes before the starting signal.

6.2. 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.

6.3. [NP][DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

6.4. A boat starting later than fifteen (15) minutes after her starting signal may be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4.

6.5. If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line during the two minutes before her starting signal and she is identified, 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 61.2.

## **7. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 7.1. Attention is drawn to SI 4.4.

## **8. THE FINISH**

- 8.1. The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing boat and the course side of the finishing mark.
- 8.2. 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](mailto: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.

## **9. TIME LIMITS**

- 9.1. The time limit is 1600 hrs.

## **10. HEARING REQUESTS**

- 10.1. [RRS Appendix T](#) (Arbitration) shall apply.
- 10.2. 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.
- 10.3. For each class, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished.
- 10.4. 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. Hearings will be held at a time and place advised on the hearing notice.
- 10.5. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
- 10.5.1. Within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
  - 10.5.2. No later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.
  - 10.5.3. This changes RRS 63.7(b).
- 10.6. 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 RRS 61.2(b).

## **11. [NP][DP] SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 11.1. 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.
- 11.1.1. Sign On shall be no earlier than the start boat going on station by displaying an orange flag
  - 11.1.2. No later than 15 minutes before the first warning signal.
- 11.2. Boats shall be considered signed off upon crossing the finish line.
- 11.3. All Maritime Queensland Aquatic Event conditions must be followed including:
- 11.3.1. All Participating ships are not to impede power driven vessels traversing Manly Boat Harbour and associated channels.
  - 11.3.2. All Participating ships are to obey the gazetted speed limit in Manly Boat Harbour (6 knots).
- 11.4. No Spinnakers are to be flown in the Manly Harbour 6-knot area.
- 11.5. No sailing vessel shall berth on or impede traffic to/from the RQYS fuel dock without permission from the RQYS Sailing or Marina Office.
- 11.6. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **12. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

- 12.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.

## **13. OFFICIAL VESSELS**

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

## **14. TRASH DISPOSAL**

- 14.1. Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.

## **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, 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 15.1 of the Sailing Instructions.

## **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.