



Brisbane Women's Keelboat Cup

7th & 8th March 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

ROYAL QUEENSLAND YACHT SQUADRON LTD
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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 in accordance with the RRS and World Sailing guidelines (including no penalty) at their discretion. This changes RRS 60.5 and RRS 64.

1. SCHEDULE

1.1.

DATE	EVENT	FIRST WARNING SIGNAL or TIME
Saturday 7 th March 2026	Briefing in RQYS Auditorium	0830 Hours
	Passage Race	Not Before 1055 Hours
Sunday 8 th March 2026	Briefing in RQYS Auditorium	0830 Hours
	Passage Race	Not Before 1055 Hours
	Presentation in TP BBQ Area (on Jnr Lawn)	After Racing

1.2. 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.

1.3. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1400 hrs.

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 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

3. CLASS FLAGS

3.1. The class flags are:

Division	Class Flag
Division 1	Numeral pennant 1

4. COURSES

4.1. The passage courses to be sailed will be as per the course descriptions in the [RQYS Yacht Racing Course Book 2025/26 Version 1](#).

4.2. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the course to be sailed and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

5. MARKS

5.1. Designated fixed marks are as described in the [RQYS Yacht Racing Course Book 2025/26 Version 1](#).

5.2. Laid marks for Passage Races shall be an orange inflatable mark.

5.3. The start and finish marks for the passage race will be orange teardrop buoy.

6. THE START

6.1. The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

6.2. A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.

7. THE FINISH

- 7.1. The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finish vessel at the port end and the course side of the starboard end finishing mark.

8. TIME LIMITS

- 8.1. For the passage race the time limit is five (5) hours after the starting signal. Boats failing to finish within the time limit shall be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, RRS A4 and RRS A5.

9. HEARING REQUESTS

- 9.1. The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat 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.
- 9.1. Hearing requests are to be submitted online via the following link <https://www.rqys.com.au/event/brisbane-womens-keelboat-cup-2026/>. Alternately forms are available from and shall be lodged with the race office.
- 9.2. 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. [NP][DP]SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 10.1. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 10.2. All skippers shall SIGN ON with the signal boat on the days designated VHF Channel (See NoR 5.5) prior to the first warning signal each day. Boats failing to sign on may be scored DNC without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, RRS A4 and RRS A5.
- 10.3. All Maritime Queensland Aquatic Event conditions must be followed including:
 - 10.3.1. All Participating ships are not to impede power driven vessels traversing Manly Boat Harbour and associated channels.
 - 10.3.2. All Participating ships are to obey the gazetted speed limit in Manly Boat Harbour (6 knots).
- 10.4. No Spinnakers are to be flown in the Manly Harbour 6-knot area.
- 10.5. No sailing vessel shall berth on or impede traffic to/from the RQYS fuel dock without permission from the RQYS Sailing or Marina Office.
- 10.6. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

11. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

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

12. OFFICIAL VESSELS

- 12.1. Official vessels will be identified by displaying a black & white 'RC' or Red & White 'MEDIA' flag.

13. [DP] SUPPORT TEAMS

- 13.1. Team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

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 1 for Racing 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 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.