



Property Industry Foundation

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS **(SI)**

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

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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.

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 RRS 60.5(b)(3).

1. SAIL RESTRICTIONS

- 1.1. 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.
- 1.2. The headsail must be fully hanked, or attached by means of a luff groove device, to the fore-stay. Spinnaker poles and/or whisker poles are allowed for poling out headsails.
- 1.3. Boats shall use only one mainsail throughout the Race and only one headsail at a time for the duration of the Race.

2. SCHEDULE

2.1.

Day	Event	Time
Friday, 15 th May 2026	Mandatory Briefing & Handicaps (Start Times) Announcement in RQYS Auditorium	1015 hrs
	Racing	First Boat Away 1200 hrs
	Presentation – RQ Rigging lawn	ASAP After Racing

- 2.2. 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.
- 2.3. No warning signal will be made after 1500 hrs.

3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 3.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the official flagpole located at the top of the Eastern Gangway of the Bill Kirby Docks.
- 3.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

4. CLASS FLAGS

- 4.1. The class flags are:

Division	Class Flag
Monohull	Numeral Pennant 1
Multihull	Numeral Pennant 5

5. COURSES

- 5.1. The course to be sailed will be as per the course descriptions in the [RQYS Yacht Racing Course Book 2025/26 Version 2](#).
- 5.2. 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.
- 5.3. Courses may be shortened as per RRS 32.

6. MARKS

- 6.1. 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.
- 6.2. Where a navigation mark is to be rounded due consideration to the weather conditions including tidal effect shall be given.

7. THE START

- 7.1. Races will be started as follows:
 - 7.1.1. 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/world-clock/fullscreen.html?n=47>
 - 7.1.2. The Race Officer (starter) will usually raise a start bat 10 seconds prior to the minute and lower the start bat on the minute.
 - 7.1.3. A sound signal will be given to any yacht starting early and therefore they are required to restart. This changes RRS 26.
- 7.2. All boats shall keep clear of the start line and not cross in either direction prior to their designated start time.
- 7.3. 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.
- 7.4. 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.
- 7.5. 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.

8. THE FINISH

- 8.1. 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.
- 8.2. 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.
- 8.3. 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.

9. PROTESTS

- 9.1. All PIF races are intended to that of a **fun and enjoyable nature** and therefore there should be no reason to Protest. Competitors are encouraged to resolve their differences in a respectable manner.
- 9.2. Should an incident occur, that cannot be resolved, for each division, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat in that division finishes the last race or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 9.3. Hearing request forms are available from & shall be lodged with the RQYS Sailing Office.

10. SCORING AND HANDICAPS

- 10.1. Handicap start times will be allocated to each boat upon registration at the "PIF Table" or via VHF once the committee/start boat displays station flag (orange).

11. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 11.1. POB shall be provided at Sign-On.
- 11.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee on **VHF Channel 72** as soon as possible.
- 11.3. Attention is drawn to SI 16.

12. [NP][DP]AQUATIC EVENT CONDITIONS

- 12.1. It is a skipper's responsibility to ensure all aquatic event conditions are followed.
- 12.2. Attention is drawn to the following conditions:
 - 12.1.1. Participants / safety ship are not to impede commercial shipping.
 - 12.1.2. All participating ships and safety ships are not to impede power driven vessels traversing Manly Boat Harbour and associated channels.
 - 12.1.3. All participating ships and safety ships are to be briefed on the gazetted speed limit in Manly Boat Harbour.
 - 12.1.3.1. Page 10 from the Schedule of Speed Limits In QLD in SI Attachment A.
 - 12.1.4. All participating ships and safety ships equipped with VHF are to monitor VHF channel 12 and VHF channel 16.
 - 12.1.5. The Authority Holder must ensure that ships participating in the aquatic event observe a 20-metre exclusion zone around all Aids to Navigation.

13. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 13.1. The Race Committee may communicate information to the competing boats during the course of the race. All boats are required to **monitor VHF Channel 72** for the duration of the race.
- 13.2. If the race committee displays code flag L alternate **VHF channel 77** will be used.
- 13.3. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

14. OFFICIAL VESSELS

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

15. TRASH DISPOSAL

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

16. RISK STATEMENT

- 16.1. 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.
- 16.2. 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 16.1 of the Sailing Instructions.

17. INSURANCE

- 17.1. 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.

18. RACE OFFICIALS

- 18.1. 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 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.

19. RACE CANCELLATION

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

20. ALTERNATE START / FINISH AREA

- 20.1. 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.

21. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 21.1. For further information please contact:

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SI 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 (except the Bremer River)	6 knots	All	16 February 2018
(f) The waters described as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> commencing at the waterline of the eastern bank nearest to location 27°35.630'S, 152°51.441'E then south along the waterline of the eastern bank upstream to a location on the waterline nearest to 27°35.739'S, 152°51.431'E then west across the river to a point on the waterline of the western bank nearest to location 27°35.739'S, 152°51.338'E then north along the waterline of the western bank to a point on the waterline nearest to 27°35.630'S, 152°51.344'E then easterly across Brisbane River to the point of commencement. 	6 knots	All, excluding ships operated by Maritime Safety Queensland, Queensland Police Service and Queensland Boating and Fisheries Patrol	
Manly Harbour The waters of the Manly Harbour bounded by an imaginary line: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 beacon latitude 27°26.9523'S, longitude 153°11.7462'E then across the channel to No. 8 port lateral beacon latitude 27°26.9838'S, longitude 153°11.7637'E then continuing in a south westerly direction to a position on the top of the southern breakwater latitude 27°27.112'S, longitude 153°11.545'E then back in a northerly direction across the channel to the initial position at the northern breakwater. The waters marked in red as shown on Map S8sp-29-1.	6 knots	All	28 October 2022
Moreton Bay The waters of the Tangalooma Wrecks anchorage, Moreton Bay between the wrecks and the western foreshores of Moreton Island.	6 knots	All	21 May 2004
Cabbage Tree Creek Upstream of a line extending approximately south-south-easterly from the jetty known as Baxter's Jetty.	6 knots	All	21 May 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 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 position latitude 27° 29.773'S, longitude 153° 11.223'E heading upstream to the Tingalpa Reservoir entrance in position latitude 27° 31.695'S, longitude 153° 10.824'E. The waters marked in red as shown on Map S8sp-26-1.	6 knots	All	28 October 2022
Lake Somerset The waters of Lake Somerset, Brisbane <i>Except</i> The waters of the northern parts of Lake Somerset at approximate latitude 27°00.227's, longitude 152°33.912'e and extending across to the eastern side of Lake Somerset at approximate latitude 27°00.342's, longitude 152°34.356'e.	Unlimited 6 knots	All All	15 February 2008 6 May 2014
Lake Moogerah The waters of Lake Moogerah, Brisbane <i>Except</i> The southern waters indicated in the below two zones:	Unlimited	All	21 May 2004

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