

FLAT ROCK YACHT RACE



Saturday 26th September 2020

NOTICE OF RACE

Organising Authority

Southport Yacht Club Inc.

Hollywell Sailing Squadron
1 Marina Crescent
Hollywell QLD 4216

Mercedes-Benz
Gold Coast



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1. INVITATION

Southport Yacht Club extends a warm invitation to all owners, skippers, and crews of all eligible boats to enter and compete in the 2020 Flat Rock Yacht Race to be held offshore from the Gold Coast Saturday 26th September 2020. The course length is approximately 67 nautical miles.

2. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority shall be Southport Yacht Club Inc. (SYC) located at 1 Macarthur Parade, Main Beach, QLD, 4217. Phone (07) 5537 7030. Fax (07) 5537 7131.

3. RULES

- 3.1. The Flat Rock Yacht Race will be governed by the current rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 3.2. The Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) Part 1 Category 3 will apply.
- 3.3. When conflict occurs between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the rules of the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7
- 3.4. The International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea 1972 (COLREGS) shall apply at all times. The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) will apply only between those ships that are participating in the event, for the duration of the event. Should interaction occur with non-participating ships, then COLREGS shall apply to all ships and shall over-ride all other rules.
- 3.5. Current Covid-19 Safe Plan in Place. We are compliant in accordance with the 'Aquatic Sport Sector Industry COVID Safe plan', for Yachting QLD (Sailing) – small off the beach craft & yachts. At all times, the Plan is subject to all regulations, guidelines, and directions of Government and Public Health Authorities. Protocols as set out by the Organising Authority, include online pre-registration for the event. Skipper and Crew details will be required to complete the entry. **No late entries will be accepted.** Cross referencing of all registered Persons on Board (POB's) will be completed between Administration and Race Control with penalties being contained within the Sailing Instructions for non-compliance in affect.

4. CHANGES TO THE RACING RULES OF SAILING

The International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea (COLREGS) will replace Part 2 of the RRS between the hours of sunset and sunrise.

5. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 5.1. The Yacht Race is open to: Performance Handicap System (PHS) Rated Racing & Cruising monohull and multihull boats that comply with Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1 Category 3.
- 5.2. Sub-Divisions may be made by the Race Committee based on boat numbers. A minimum of 5 boats would be required to constitute a sub-division i.e. Monohull Spinnakers, Cruising (Monohull Non-Spinnakers), Multihull Division's etc.
- 5.3. The Organising Authority or the Race Committee may reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor, subject to rule 76.3, provided it does so before the start of the first race and states the reason for doing so. On request the boat shall promptly be given the reason in writing. The boat may request redress if she considers that the rejection or exclusion is improper.

6. FEES AND DOCUMENTATION TO BE LODGED

- 6.1. The 'early bird' entry fee for entries received prior to the 19th September 2020 will be \$60.
- 6.2. From the 19th September onwards, the event entry fee for the 2020 Flat Rock Yacht Race is AUD \$80.00.
- 6.3. Block Special Event Entrants do not have to pay the entry fee for the Flat Rock Yacht Race. However, Block Special Event entrants are required to submit an entry via TopYacht for this race.

- 6.4. Entrants will be charged the entry fee based on the date they have paid, not when entry is received via Topyacht.
- 6.5. Entries shall be lodged with the Organising Authority no later than 1800 hours on Wednesday 23rd September 2020. **No late entries will be accepted.** Eligible boats shall enter via TopYacht Entry System online at the Southport Yacht Club Website <http://www.southportyachtclub.com.au/sailing/special-sailing-events-2/> accompanied by the required Entry Fee and supplementary documentation, including a comprehensive Crew List, as applicable.
- 6.6. All boats shall upload their current AS SR Equipment Compliance Form for Category 3 to their Topyacht profile at time of online Entry. These forms are available to download from the Southport Yacht Club website or Australian Sailing website.
- 6.7. Crew Particulars, including Australian Sailing Numbers, are required at time of online Entry.

7. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

The following is the schedule of events (Australian Eastern Standard Time – Qld):

DATE - 2020	EVENT	TIME
Wed 23 rd September	Entries Close	1800hrs
Thurs 24 th September	List of Competitors & PHS Handicaps Published Registration & COMPULSORY Skippers Briefing @ SYC Main Beach	1900hrs
Sat 26 th September	Warning signal not before	Not Before 0955hrs
Sun 4 th October	Presentation of Prizes @ SYC Main Beach	Approx. 1700hrs

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available from the Sailing Office or online from 1600 hours Sunday 20th September 2020.

9. SKIPPERS BRIEFING

A Compulsory Skippers Briefing & registration will be held at Southport Yacht Club Main Beach on Thursday 24th September at 1900hrs.

10. VENUE

The Flat Rock Yacht Race will be conducted from Southport Yacht Club (SYC) located at 1 Macarthur Parade, Main Beach, Qld 4217. Phone: (+61) 7 5591 3500 Fax: (+61) 7 5532 7507.

11. HANDICAPPING

- 11.1. PHS results will be calculated based on a Performance Handicap System (PHS) Time Correction Factor (TCF). The TCF that is determined and allocated by the Race Committee, will be performance-based, and will be expressed as three (3) decimal places applied as a multiplier to elapsed times. The TCF will not be subject to protest, redress, or dispute. This changes RRS 60.1 and 62.1(a).
- 11.2. A list of Handicaps will be published on the website.

12. BERTHING ARRANGEMENTS

As space in the marina is limited, free berthing (tie up / rafting up) will be available at the SYC Marina for entered competing yachts from 1000 hours on Friday 25th September to 1000 hours on Monday 28th September 2020. Berthing allocation must be arranged well in advance through the Marina Office. Phone (07) 5591 3500.

13. PRIZES

- 13.1. Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, & 3rd on corrected time and Line Honours.
- 13.2. Other Prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 13.3. The Line Honours winner will be presented with the Southport Yacht Club Flat Rocks Perpetual Trophy at the Presentation of prizes on the 4th of October at Main Beach.
- 13.4. A crew member of the yacht must be present at the presentation to receive prizes. Prizes not collected during the presentation will be redrawn to the next placing accordingly.

14. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY & RESPONSIBILITIES

- 14.1. By submitting an entry, the Owner and or Person in Charge agrees to be bound by all the rules and conditions of the race and acknowledges and accepts:
- 14.2. That for the Flat Rock Yacht Race the Organising Authority and or Race Committee reserve the right to alter or vary any part of the race, including its course should conditions prevent the safe conduct of the race.
- 14.3. They and the crew are familiar with and understand the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the boat complies (where applicable) with all the Australian Sailing Special Regulations
- 14.4. They and the crew are familiar with and understand RRS 4 "Decision to Race".
- 14.5. The Owner and or Person in Charge acknowledge that all their crew are satisfied as to the experience of the skipper and the adequacy of the boat, all safety equipment aboard the boat and insurance arrangements.
- 14.6. The entry of the boat is acknowledgment that the Owner and or Person in Charge and all crew are individually aware of and conversant with the risks involved in the sport of ocean racing and that the participation in this event is entirely at the risk of the Owner and or Person in Charge and crew;
- 14.7. The owner and or Person in Charge warrant the suitability of the boat for the race.
- 14.8. The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the Owner and or Person in Charge who must ensure that the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy, and managed by a crew of sufficient number and experience who are physically fit.
- 14.9. The Owner and or Person in Charge must be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. They must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and that the crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used.
- 14.10. Neither the existence of these conditions, and their use by the race organisers, or the inspection of the boat pursuant to these conditions in any way limits the absolute responsibility of the Owner and or Person in Charge and crew.
- 14.11. Neither the Southport Yacht Club nor its officers, employees nor agents shall be responsible or liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury however caused to the owner/charterer, his or her skipper or crew or their property as a result of their taking part in the Flat Rock Yacht Race and their related activities, including pre-start and post- finish operations and related shore activities;
- 14.12. Neither the Southport Yacht Club nor its officers, employees or agents will be liable for any costs or expenses that may be incurred as a result of special assistance at sea being arranged for any reason whatsoever.

15. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participation 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.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the Flat Rock Yacht Race entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the Race.

17. INSURANCE

17.1. All boats shall have a current marine legal public liability insurance policy for the duration of race, with a sum insured of not less than AUD\$10 million (or its equivalent in another currency).

17.2. The policy must state that the boat is insured for the race (or racing) in which it is participating in and that it is covered for a length greater than the length (a minimum of 90 nautical miles for ocean racing) of the race in which it is participating.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

Contact SYC Sailing Office on:

Phone (07) 5537 7030

Fax (07) 55377 131 or

email Sailing.Admin@sycgc.com.au