

FLAT ROCK YACHT RACE



Saturday 26th September 2020

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organising Authority

Southport Yacht Club Inc.

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Office Hours

0900 – 1600 hours daily

First Aid & Emergency Services

Seaway Tower VMR400,	CH16,22,67,73,82	0755 912 948
Coast Guard Redcliff VMR403	CH16,21,63,67,73,82	0732 035 522
Coast Guard Southport VMR440,	CH16,21,22,67,72,73,74,80,81,82	0755 311 421
VMR Southport VMR400,	CH16,67,73,22,81,82	0755 323 417
RACQ Care Flight	CH16, 73	0755 068 400
Queensland (Gold Coast) Water Police	CH16, 73	0755 095 700
VMR Stradbroke Island	CH 16, 63, 67, 73, 81	0734 099 338

Southport Yacht Club (OA)

Race Committee

Commodore	Ken Tregeagle
Vice Commodore Sail	Drew Jones
Principal Race Officer	Mark Dingley
Sailing Administrator	Renee Cohen

Support Staff

General Manager	Brett James
Communications & Marketing	Virginia Riddle-Cross
Sailing Operations Manager	Simon Turpin
Sailing Reception	Karen Holdway

1. RULES

- 1.1. The Flat Rock Yacht Race will be governed by the current rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. The prescriptions and special regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) Part 1 Category 3 will apply.
- 1.3. 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
- 1.4. 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.
- 1.5. 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 override all other rules.
- 1.6. RRS Appendix T – Arbitration applies.

2 ALTERATIONS OF RACING RULES

- 2.1 ISAF RRS 50.2 is amended to include the provision, "Fixed and Retractable Spinnaker Poles will be permitted for the purpose of setting Asymmetric Spinnakers".
- 2.2 ISAF RRS 50.3 is amended to include the provision, "A Bowsprit may be used to secure the tack of a spinnaker".
- 2.3 The International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea (COLREGS) will replace Part 2 of the Racing Rules between the hours of sunset and sunrise.
- 2.4 Australian Sailing Special Regulations Category Three (3) are amended to include Regulations: 2.04 (Crew Experience), 3.01.2 (Multihull Bulkheads), 5.02d (Safety Harnesses).

3 DIVISIONS

The Race will comprise of one (1) division. Other sub divisions may be made at the discretion of the race committee.

4 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board, located online at <https://www.southportyachtclub.com.au/2020-flat-rock-official-notice-board/>

5 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0730 hours on the day of the Race, except that any change which affects the schedule of the Race will be posted before 1900 hours on the day before it will take effect.

6 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located to the Eastern Lawn (Quarter Deck) of the Southport Yacht Club Main Beach Clubhouse.

7 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Australian Eastern Standard Time (**Queensland**) will be used for the timing of all signals and the Warning Signal shall be made no sooner than the time stated.

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Wednesday 23 rd September 2020	Entries Close	1800 hrs
Thursday 24 th September 2020	PHS Handicaps Published	1900 hrs
Thursday 24 th September 2020	Compulsory Skippers Briefing Main Beach	1900 hrs
Saturday 26 th September 2020	Warning Signal for the Flat Rock Race	0955 hrs
Sunday 4 th October 2020	Presentation of Prizes at Main Beach	1700hrs

8 CLASS FLAGS

The Warning Signal for all yachts shall be International Code Flag 'T'.

9 RACING AREA

- 9.1 The Racing Area will be the region offshore between the Gold Coast Seaway and Flat Rock located in the vicinity of Moreton Island.
- 9.2 When entering or departing the Gold Coast Seaway, the Organising Authority strongly encourages all skippers to carefully observe the prevailing conditions and wave patterns. Skippers are strongly encouraged to have all crew on deck, all hatches securely closed and to consider the need for personal flotation devices whilst crossing the Seaway.

10 THE COURSE

- 10.1 The course will be a coastal passage race, in accordance with Illustration A
- 10.2 Start in the vicinity of the Gold Coast Seaway Sand Bypass Jetty, between the Starting Mark (Port) and the Race Committee Vessel (Starboard).
- 10.3 Proceed in a Northerly direction towards Moreton Bay Flat Rock **VIRTUAL MARK** (27.23.414 Latitude S, 153.34.579 Longitude E), leaving Stradbroke Island to Port.
- 10.4 Round Moreton Bay Flat Rock **VIRTUAL MARK** (27.23.414 Latitude S, 153.34.579 Longitude E),
- 10.5 Proceed in a Southerly direction towards the Gold Coast, leaving Stradbroke Island to Starboard.
- 10.6 Finish by crossing the imaginary line formed by the transit of the lights on the Gold Coast Seaway Sand Bypass Jetty, crossing the finishing line in a southerly direction at a distance of not more than 800 Meters from the seaward end of the Sand Bypass Jetty.

11 MARKS

- 11.1 The Starting Mark will be an orange (with black top and bottom) Cylinder approximately 1.50 Meters high x 0.60 Meters diameter.
- 11.2 Moreton Bay Flat Rock **VIRTUAL MARK** (27.23.414 Latitude S, 153.34.579 Longitude E), located in the vicinity of Moreton Bay forms the turning point and shall be rounded to port.

12 THE START

- 12.1 The Race will be started according to RRS Rule 26.
- 12.2 The Starting Line shall be between a staff displaying an Orange flag or shape on the Race Committee Vessel at the Starboard end of the line, and the Starting Mark at the Port end, located approximately 1 nautical mile to the East of the seaward end of the Sand Bypass Jetty, at approx. 27. 56.4 Latitude S, 153.27.0 Longitude E
- 12.3 A yacht starting later than twenty (20) minutes after her Starting Signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.
- 12.4. **All vessels shall report to the race committee vessel at the starting area** with all crew on deck, no later than 0940 hours on the Saturday 26th September 2020, each wearing a

safety harness and tether which complies with AS Special regulation 5.02.1(a), and 5.02.1(d). Confirmation of Persons on Board (POB) will be verbally confirmed with the Race Officer and Skipper of each Competitor.

12.5 Individual Recalls will be signaled according to RRS 29.1, except that in the event of an Individual Recall the Race Committee Vessel will attempt to contact the recalled yacht on VHF09 as soon as possible but no later than fifteen (15) minutes after the Starting Signal. This modifies RRS 29.1.

12.6 General Recalls will be signaled according to RRS 29.2

12.7 Vessels not complying with SI 12.4 will have 10 Minutes applied to their finish time.

13 CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

There is no provision for a change of course after the start.

14 SHORTENED COURSE

The Course will not be shortened by the Race Committee.

15 THE FINISH

15.1 The Finishing Line shall be the imaginary line formed by the transit of the lights on the Sand Bypass Jetty, located to the South of the Gold Coast Seaway. Yachts shall cross the finishing line in a southerly direction at a distance of not more than 800 Metres from the seaward end of the Sand Bypass Jetty.

15.2 (a) **Yachts shall record their own finishing time.**

(b) **All skippers shall complete and submit a Skippers Declaration Form** (attached to the Sailing Instructions as Appendix A) **as soon as possible after finishing** but no later than **1600 hours on Sunday 27th September 2020**, detailing the finishing time of the yacht and any infringements of the RRS.

(c) Declarations may be submitted to the Main Beach Reception Desk or the Hollywell Sailing Office or sent by email to the Hollywell Sailing Squadron Sailing Office on sailing.admin@sycgc.com.au or via photograph text to Mark Dingley on 0424 101 732.

16. PENALTY SYSTEM

16.1. Between the hours of sunrise and sunset, the 720° penalty, Rule 44.2 of the ISAF RRS shall apply for infringement of the rules of Part 2 of the RRS.

16.1.a. Between the hours of sunset and sunrise, the rules of Part 2 are replaced by COLREGS. The scoring penalty, Rule 44.3 of the ISAF RRS shall apply for infringement of the COLREGS.

16.1.b. Rule 44.3a is amended so that a boat need not display a yellow flag, however a boat that takes a scoring penalty shall submit a declaration (attached to the Sailing Instructions) to the race committee as soon as practical but no later than **1700hrs on Sunday 27th September 2020**.

16.1.c. Rule 44.3c is amended so that the boats that receives a Discretionary Penalty Imposed (DPI) will be a ten (10) minute penalty added to the elapsed time of the boat.

17. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for the race will be twenty-four (24) hours from the time of the starting signal. Yachts which have not finished by this time will be scored DNF.

18 PROTESTS AND REDRESS

18.1 Protests shall be submitted on the Protest Form, available from the SYC Sailing Office at the Hollywell Sailing Squadron or Reception Desk at Main Beach and delivered there ASAP, but no later than 1600hrs on Sunday 27th September 2020.

18.2 Protest Notices will be posted within 48 hours of the Protest Time Limit to inform competitors when and where there is a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing or named as witnesses.

18.3 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt and as soon as possible.

- 18.4 Yachts, which divert from their optimum course for the purposes of search and/or rescue, or alternatively when carrying out their obligations under RRS 1.1, are strongly advised to keep a detailed log of their movements and are invited to make an application to the Race Committee for redress. The granting of and the extent and method of calculating redress shall be at the absolute discretion of the Race Committee, except that the outcome of a successful application for redress shall not result in the abandonment of the race. This amends RRS 64.2.

19 RADIO & MOBILE PHONE INSTRUCTIONS

A.1 RADIO STATIONS

The Race Control Centre of Southport Yacht Club may maintain a listening watch on, VHF73 and VHF09 for the duration of the Race. The call sign will be "SYC. RACE CONTROL". Alternative phone contacts are, 0424 101 732 (Mark Dingley - Sailing Officer) and (07) 5591 3500 (SYC Main Beach).

A.2 DEPARTURE LOG-ON AND ARRIVAL LOG-OFF

All yachts shall log-on with Volunteer Marine Rescue Seaway Tower (Call sign "SEAWAY TOWER", Channel 27.91MHz or VHF73) prior to departing, stating the Vessel name and Registration Number, number of persons on board, and the estimated time of returning. All yachts shall log-off upon entering the Gold Coast Seaway after finishing or retiring from the race. Failure of a yacht to log-on or log-off as required will result in the yacht being scored as DNS or DNF, respectively. NB: Seaway Tower is closed between and including the hours of 2205pm and

0515am. Please refer your communications to "VMR 400 Southport" on Ch 73 during these hours. They will in turn notify Seaway Tower.

A.3 MOBILE PHONE SMS POSITION REPORTING SCHEDULES

Each competitor shall SMS Mark Dingley 0424 101 732 upon immediately rounding Moreton Bay Flat Rock **VIRTUAL MARK** and returning in a southerly direction. The details of the SMS must include:

Vessel Name

Estimated time of Finishing (ETF)

A.4 RADIO RESTRICTIONS

No restrictions are placed on the receiving of weather information broadcast by Government or commercial stations. This amends ISAF RRS 41.

A.5 SEVERE WEATHER FORECASTS

Requests for, the passing of, and receipt of information regarding severe weather warnings shall not be regarded as an infringement of the Radio Restrictions.

A.6 RADIO COMMUNICATION

The Radio and Mobile Phone Instructions, form part of the Sailing Instructions and are a mandatory requirement for all yachts. The deliberate transmission of untrue position reports by a yacht will incur penalties to be applied at the discretion of the race committee or protest committee including disqualification of the yacht.

20. SCORING

20.1. The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A.3 will apply.

20.2. Results will be decided by application of the Performance Handicap System (PHS) Time Correction Factor (TCF), expressed as three (3) decimal places and applied as a multiplier to elapsed times. The PHS TCF will be allocated by the Race Committee or its nominee, will be performance based and will not be subject to protest, redress or dispute. This modifies RRS 62.1(a).

20.3. The Navigators Prize will be calculated as the yacht which has the closest actual finishing time to their estimated time of finishing, when stated at the SMS Schedule (A3).

21. PRIZES

- 21.1. Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, & 3rd on corrected time
- 21.2. A prize will be awarded to the boat with the fastest elapsed time - Line Honors
- 21.3. A Navigators Prize will be awarded in accordance with SI 20.3.
- 21.4. Other Prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 21.5. Announcement of overall results and presentation of prizes will take place at approximately **1700 hours on Sunday 4th October 2020**, at the Southport Yacht Club Main Beach Clubhouse.
- 21.6. The overall first place winners will be presented with the Southport Yacht Club Flat Rock Perpetual Trophy at the Annual Presentation Night, held at the Southport Yacht Club Main Beach Clubhouse.

22. INDEMNITY

- 22.1. Any entrant found to be deliberately invalidating certificates, falsifying documentation or otherwise misleading the Race Committee may be subject to action under ISAF RRS 69.1. If the Protest is upheld the yacht may be subject to disqualification from any future SYC event and the incident will be reported to the Yachting Australia.
- 22.2. Participants attention is drawn to:
 - 22.2.a. ISAF RRS Fundamental Rule 4, which states, "The responsibility for a boats decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."
 - 22.2.b. YA Special Regulation 1.02.1 which states, "The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner, or the owner's representative who must do their best to ensure that the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew who are physically fit to face bad weather. He must be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. He must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that the crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used."
 - 22.2.c. All those taking part in Southport Yacht Club events do so at their own risk and responsibility. The SYC is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.

23. FURTHER INFORMATION

Contact Mark Dingley, SYC Sailing Officer on Phone (07) 5537 7030, Fax (07) 5537 7131, Mobile 0424 101 732, E-mail sailing.officer@sycgc.com.au

APPENDIX A – SKIPPER’S DECLARATION

To the Regatta Administrator, 2020 Flat Rock Passage Race.
Hollywell Sailing Squadron, 1 Marina Crescent Hollywell Qld 4216.
Phone (07) 5537 7030, **Fax (07) 5537 7131**, Mobile 0409 065 083

I hereby declare that I am a Member of _____ Yacht Club.
During the 2020 Flat Rock Passage Race, organised by Southport Yacht Club and starting on
Saturday 26th September 2020 I was on board and in charge of the yacht:

BOAT NAME		SAIL NUMBER	
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I declare that during the race the following Rules were NOT observed and / or
Infringements occurred, with an explanation given as follows:

The finishing time of my yacht was recorded as: __:__:__ On Date: __/__/2020

Name of Person-In-Charge: _____ Date: __/__/2020

Signature of Person-In-Charge: _____

Witnessed by: (Crew Member) _____ Member of: _____

Office Use Only: Received By: _____

At Date: __/__/2020 Time: __:__:__ Location: _____

Watch Correction: (Delete) ADD / SUBTRACT _____ Seconds to finishing time



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