



WHITSUNDAY  
SAILING CLUB



# WHITSUNDAY OFFSHORE YACHT RACING CIRCUIT

3 – 5 October 2020

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## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 This series will be governed by the World Sailing (WS) Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the prescriptions of Australian Sailing (AS) (2017 – 2020) except as either of these are changed by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 The International Rules for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea will replace the corresponding sections of the RRS from official sunset to sunrise.
- 1.3 Attention is especially drawn to **Fundamental Rule 4**.

### 2. CATEGORY OF EVENT

The series is designated a Category "4" event for all races. Where a current relevant Safety Compliance Certificate is not held within the register of a yacht's home club, the Race Committee will refuse to accept an entry unless the owner or skipper is able to demonstrate the yacht's compliance.

### 3. ENTRIES

Completed entry forms accompanied by an entry fee of \$60.00 (for the series, or \$25.00 per race) shall be lodged in accordance with the Notice of Race.

### 4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices shall be posted on the official notice boards of each participating club and will be announced verbally at each competitor's meetings:

- Race 1- North Queensland Cruising Yacht Club – 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020 at 1930 hours
- Race 2 - Whitsunday Sailing Club – 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2020 following Race 1 Presentation
- Race 3 - Hamilton Island Cruising Yacht Club 4<sup>th</sup> October 2020 following Race 2 Presentation

### 5. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions shall be announced at the race briefing prior to each race except that a change to be notified on the water will be communicated via VHF Channel 73. In the latter event, the Committee Vessel /Station may display Code Flag "L".

### 6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore shall be displayed on the flagstaff of the club having responsibility for starting the particular race.

### 7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- Race 1 Bowen to Airlie Beach: 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2020. Warning signal 0755
- Race 2 Airlie Beach to Hamilton Island: 4<sup>th</sup> October 2020. Warning signal 0855
- Race 3 Hamilton Island to Mackay: 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020. Warning signal 0855

### 8. DIVISIONS

8.1 Subject to entries, there may be three divisions, 1, 2 & 3, as detailed in the Notice of Race

Division 1	Multihulls
Division 2	Monohulls
Division 3	Monohulls

8.2 At least three entries are required to form a division. Allocation of yachts to Divisions 2 & 3 shall be on the basis of handicaps determined before the start of Race 1. Any queries on the allocation of yachts to divisions shall be directed in writing to the Race Officer.

## 9. RACING AREA

The series will be conducted in coastal waters extending from Mackay in the South to Bowen in the North West and the Cumberland and Whitsunday Groups of islands in the East. Relevant charts are AUS253, AUS252, AUS249, AUS370, AUS268 and AUS825.

## 10. THE COURSES

### Bowen to Airlie Beach Race

From the **START**, M1 to port, Gloucester Island to **STARBOARD, FINISH**

### Airlie Beach to Hamilton Island Race

Course to be decided and announced at the competitors meeting on Saturday evening at WSC.

### Hamilton Island to Airlie Beach

Course to be decided and announced at the competitors meeting on Sunday evening at CYCHI

## 11. HANDICAPS

Initial handicap shall be allocated according to the speed potential of the individual yacht. Handicaps will be revised after each race, based on previous back calculated handicap (BCH). No protests concerning handicaps shall be accepted.

## 12. THE START

- 12.1 Races will be started in accordance with rule 26. All Divisions will start together. The Warning Signal will be as detailed at the race briefing.
- 12.2 The starting line for:  
 Race 1 shall be between M7 and M4.  
 Race 2 shall be between an orange buoy and the start boat (starboard end), set generally North from the WSC  
 Race 3 shall be in Dent Passage details at briefing.

## 13. THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finish line for Race 1 will be an imaginary line between an orange buoy generally NNW of the WSC outside the moorings (leave to PORT) and the WSC balcony flagpole.
- 13.2 The finish line for Race 2 will be between the signal mast at the new HI Yacht club and the North end of the barge ramp on Dent Island, just South of Titan Island (see diagram)
- 13.3 The finish line for Race 3 will be an imaginary line between an orange buoy generally NNW of the WSC outside the moorings (leave to STBD) and the WSC balcony flagpole.

## 14. PROTESTS

Protests shall be in writing. Protest forms will be available at the finishing club's office and delivered thereto, within two hours of the finishing time of the last boat in that division. Protests will be heard as soon as practicable after the completion of the race from which the protest has arisen, depending on the availability of a suitable Protest Committee.

## 15. SCORING

The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A shall apply. All races will count.

## 16. CHANGES OF GEAR

Any significant change to a yacht's sailing equipment, i.e. rig, sails, hull or fittings, which may affect the performance of the yacht, shall be declared to the Race Committee prior to the start of the race immediately following upon the changes being made. The penalty for yachts failing to comply with this instruction shall be 5% on PBH and is protestable under these Instructions.

## 17. CREW

- 17.1 Each yacht must submit to the Race Committee prior to the start of each race a list of crew, which is to include the name and address of each crew member, their next of kin (NOK) and their NOK's telephone number. The penalty for failing to comply with this Instruction is 2% on PBH and is protestable under these Instructions. Note that a standard crew list form will be available at the briefing at NQCYC.
- 17.2 Each yacht shall be crewed by at least three persons, one of whom shall be a financial member of a club or other organisation affiliated to a national sailing authority or a member of a national sailing authority.

## 18. RADIO

- 18.1 Radio skeds shall be conducted by the radio relay vessel at four hourly intervals commencing at 1410 hours on VHF Channels
- |        |     |     |                |
|--------|-----|-----|----------------|
| Race 1 | 73, | 82  | BACKUP         |
| Race 2 | 73, | 81, | See phone list |
| Race 3 | 73, | 81  | attached       |
- 18.2 One or more vessels in each race will be designated by the Race Committee to act as Radio Sked Contact Vessel.
- 18.3 Radio contact shall be established with the finish boat/station on Channel 73 for each race as follows:

- Race 1            When passing Grimstone Point and entering Pioneer Bay  
 Race 2            When approximately 2 miles from the entrance to Dent Passage  
 Race 3            When entering Pioneer Bay and crossing a line between Grimstone Point and Pioneer Point.

Radio checks with the starter should be completed 20 minutes before the start of each race.

**18.4 Radio skeds as outlined above are compulsory. Failure to comply shall result in a penalty on handicap for each breach.**

- 18.5 A yacht shall neither make transmissions nor receive communications not available to all competing yachts. However mobile phones may be used as emergency back up to complete radio schedules. A list of contact Phone numbers of competing skippers race finish contacts etc is attached.

**19. TROPHIES AND PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded for each race and the series.

**Each Race**

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> each Division on handicap.

**Series**

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> each Division. The Advanced Alarms Perpetual Inter-club Trophy will be awarded to the club with the best overall score (best two results to count in each race).

**Schedule of Presentations**

- Race 1 -            Whitsunday Sailing Club (Airlie Beach)  
                          Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October - As soon as practical after last boat finishes  
 Race 2 -            Hamilton Island Cruising Yacht Club  
                          Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October As soon as practical after last boat finishes  
 Race 3 -            Whitsunday Sailing Club (Airlie Beach)  
 & Series           Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October - As soon as practical after last boat finishes.

**20. LIABILITY**

- 21.1 All persons taking part in this series organised jointly by Cruising Yacht Club of Hamilton Island, Mackay Sailing Club Inc, North Queensland Cruising Yacht Club Inc, and Whitsunday Sailing Club Ltd do so entirely at their own risk and responsibility.
- 21.2 The Cruising Yacht Club of Hamilton Island, Mackay Sailing Club Inc, North Queensland Cruising Yacht Club Inc, and Whitsunday Sailing Club Ltd, their organising and race officials, and the various sponsors are not responsible for any loss, damage or injury either afloat or ashore, howsoever arising, nor for the seaworthiness of any yacht whose entry is accepted, nor for the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.

**APPENDIX A**

**COURSES & MARKS**

- A1. Courses for each division will be confirmed on VHF Channel 73 prior to the first Start Sequence for each race.
- A2. If conditions dictate, the Race Committee may change courses from those published.. If a change from the scheduled course is necessary, the Race Committee Boat may hoist Code Flag "L" prior to the warning signal.
- A3. Competitors should note that there may be shallow water around some of the rounding points specified in the courses. Particular attention is drawn to the reef off Pioneer Rocks, Roma Point, the northern entrance to Dent Passage and Slade Rock.

Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October		Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> October		Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	
<i>BOWEN</i>		<i>SHUTE HARBOUR</i>		<i>SHUTE HARBOUR</i>	
<i>Time</i>	<i>Height</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Height</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Height</i>
0423	0.82	0530	0.81	0550	0.92
1025	2.48	1155	2.92	1226	2.85
		1747	1.13	1824	1.31

## APPENDIX B

## PHONE CONTACT LIST

Ross Chisholm	WSC	0429 584 787
Alan Campbell	WSC	0418 727 199
Clayton Matthews	WSC	0402 426 220
Ray Travis Jones	NQCYC	0438 846 730
Elliot Brown	NQCYC	0437 289 150
Bruce Shanks	NQCYC	0407 791 198
Alan McDonald	HICYC	0422 661 671
Noel Hardy	Envy	0414 486 489
Graeme Trewavis	Assadori	0416 501 640
Colin Clark	Unbealeievable	0418 402 444
Kev Fogarty	Twister	0419 775 282
Jim Hayes	Lama	0400 854 008
Rob Davis	Treasure 8	0414 247 492
Carol Roberts	Infarrction	0424 256 449
Bill Hopton	Mistery	0423 254 799
Tom Jordan	Lunacy	0407 226 094
NQCYC		4786 3490
WSC		4946 6138
Hamo Marina		4946 8353
VMR Bowen		4786 1950
VMR Airlie Beach		4946 7207
VMR Mackay		4955 5448