



# WHITSUNDAY SAILING CLUB

## **2024 SAIL AIRLIE**

**INCORPORATING:**

**NQ LASER CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**OTB CLASSES REGATTA**

**JUNIOR CLASSES (SABOT, OPTIMIST, O'PEN SKIFF)**

**GREEN FLEET REGATTA**

**29 MARCH – 1 APRIL 2024**

## **REGATTA INFORMATION AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

Welcome to the Tropical Rentals Whitsunday Sail Airlie 24, the 2024 Easter Regatta for Off -Beach sailing dinghies, this year incorporating the North Queensland Laser Championships. We hope you enjoy your time with us in the Whitsundays, and discover for yourself the spirit of friendly competition that the regatta has fostered throughout its history.



### Arriving at the Regatta –

The gates will be open during the day on Thursday and Friday, allowing competitors to bring their boats and road trailers into the club grounds. Note that the club is closed on Good Friday, other than for event registration.

Please use the boat drop off zone to un-hitch your boat and trailer and then move the road trailer.

**Trailers may be stored at Lot 104, The Beacons, for the duration of the regatta.**

Once you have parked your vehicle, please visit the regatta office to complete registration. Please ensure you have details of insurance and your Australian Sailing Number prior to registration.

### Car Parking

Parking is prohibited in the boat park area. Cars must be moved as soon as boats and equipment are unloaded. Please be aware that Whitsunday Regional Council has installed parking ticket machines in the car park adjacent the club. Car parking regulations may be policed by council officers throughout the regatta period.

## **Amenities**

Toilets and showers are located on the downstairs level of the main club building and will remain open throughout the weekend for the use of competitors and their families.

## **Camping**

Camping is available by pre-booking only. Details of camping areas will be provided to those who have booked during registration.

## **Catering**

Light lunches will be available on the ground level on race days. The Club Bistro will also be open for lunch and dinner.

## **Presentation**

Trophy presentation is scheduled as soon as possible after racing on Monday, subject to light winds, protest hearings or the usual computer glitch.

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Tropical Rentals Whitsunday Most Valuable Sailor (MVS) Award

(16 years and under)

This award is for the young person during the regatta who we feel shares the same ethos as our company

By going that extra mile by:

- Having a proactive attitude
- Sharing knowledge & experience
- Being a great team member
- Mentoring and / or motivating others
- Supporting & helping others.
- Showing respect for all within the event, not just sailors and competitors, but the many valuable staff, volunteers and organisers, without whom this event could not take place
- Helping to provide a positive environment and experience for everyone

This award we hope will encourage all sailors to be more conscious of their behaviour and how your actions impact yourself, how others see you, therefore your own mental health and well being and the impact your behaviour and attitude has on others around you.

We would like to welcome all the sailors to this event from near and far and thank all those who have generously given their time and expertise to support, organise and hold this fabulous event

Remember: *You cannot control the wind but you can adjust your sails*

Fair winds & following seas to all

Prize is cash \$200 and trophy recognising this most outstanding individual person

Warm regards

Kerri Southee

Tropical Rentals Whitsunday

# Sailing Instructions

**Organising Authority:** Whitsunday Sailing Club Ltd  
**Event:** Sail Airlie 23 Regatta  
**Dates:** 29 March - 1 April 2024

Note: The sailing instructions have been separated into General Instructions common to all fleets (Section A) and 3 x Appendices:

Appendix A            Open Divisions - Mixed Multihull, Laser, Mixed Mono - Specific Instructions

Appendix B            Junior Fleet - Sabot, Optimist, O'pen Skiff, etc - Specific Instructions

Appendix C            Green Fleet - Specific Instructions

## SECTION A - General Instructions

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. For all classes, Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 2 (Off the Beach) will apply.
- 1.3. Green fleet will be governed by World Sailing Introductory Rules for Sailing.
- 1.4. Boats cannot change class or division after the start of the first race.

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, downstairs below the balcony.

### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900hrs on the day before it will take effect.

### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag mast on the balcony of the clubhouse.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

## 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

### 5.1.

Friday 29 March	Registration	10:00 – 17:00 Hrs
Saturday 30 March	Registration	08:00 – 09:30 Hrs
	Competitor's Briefing	09:30 Hrs
	Race Session 1	Warning Signal no earlier than 11:00
	Race Session 2	Warning Signal no earlier than 14:00
Sunday 31 March	Race Session 3	Warning Signal no earlier than 10:00
	Race Session 4	Warning Signal no earlier than 14:00
Monday 1 April	Race Session 5	Warning Signal no earlier than 10:00
	Presentation	ASAP after last race

5.2. The warning signal shown above is for the first race in each session.

5.3. There shall be no warning signal after 1300 hours on the last day of racing.

5.4. Registration and competitor's briefing will take place downstairs at WSC

5.5. Up to 3 races may be conducted in any Race Session

## 6. FLEETS, DIVISIONS AND CLASS FLAGS

### 6.1.

Fleet	Classes	Course Area	Class / Division Flag
Open Division(s)	A Class, Nacra, Laser, Laser Radial, Laser 4.7, Tasar, 29er, Flying 11, etc	A	Refer Appendix A
Junior Fleet	Sabot 1 Up, Sabot 2 Up Optimist, O'pen Skiff	B	Refer Appendix C
Green Fleet	Optimist Green Opti Tacker O'pen Skiff Green	C	Refer Appendix D

6.2. Fleets may be split or combined at the discretion of the Race Committee. Details will be posted on the official notice board and provided at the competitor's briefing on Saturday morning.

6.3. All courses will be set on Pioneer Bay as described in Clause 20 of these sailing instructions.

## 7. COURSES

7.1. Courses will be as described in the relevant appendix

7.1.1. The courses to be sailed are shown in the relevant Appendix (A, B, or C)

7.1.2. The Course number to be sailed will be displayed on a board on the back of the course area start boat no later than the warning signal.

## 8. MARKS

Marks will be as described in the relevant appendix

## 9. THE START

9.1. The starting sequence will be as described in the relevant appendix

- 9.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel and the PORT end starting mark.
- 9.3. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 9.4. A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

## 10. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

## 11. THE FINISH

- 11.1. Marks will be as described in the relevant appendix.
- 11.2. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a Blue flag on the committee vessel and the STARBOARD end finishing mark.
- 11.3. When a subsequent race is to be sailed, the race committee vessel will display Code Flag "AP" while on station at the finish.

## 12. PENALTIES

Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turn penalty is replaced by the One-Turn penalty for all classes.

## 13. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 13.1. Time limits and target times will be as described in the relevant appendix
- 13.2. Failure to meet the target time is not grounds for redress

## 14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1. Protest forms are available at the regatta office, located downstairs at WSC. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 14.2. For each fleet, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat in that fleet has finished the last race of the racing session. For race session 5 a protest time limit of 30 minutes shall apply.
- 14.3. Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings to which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after all concerned parties are notified.
- 14.4. Notices of protests by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 14.5. Appendix T (arbitration) may apply prior to a hearing.

## 15. SCORING

- 15.1. Races will be scored in accordance with the requirements of individual sub-series (Sail Airlie, NQ Laser Championship, Sabot Traveller Series, CQ Club

Challenge).

- 15.2. Up to 10 races (max 3 per session) may be sailed, with 3 races required to constitute a series.
- 15.3. Where fewer than 5 races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 15.4. Where from 5 to 7 races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 15.5. Where 8 or more races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

## 16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

All Classes

- 16.1. Sign on and Sign off sheets will be provided for each morning and afternoon session of racing. Skippers failing to sign on before each session or off after each session within the protest time limit will be scored DNF.
- 16.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

## 17. PRIZES

Class / Division	Regatta Prizes	Other Prizes
Green Fleet	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> Overall	Encouragement awards
Junior Fleet	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> Overall	Line Honours for single class (subject to entries)
Mixed Mono Fleet	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> Overall	Line Honours for single class (subject to entries)
Mixed Multi Fleet	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> Overall	Line Honours for single class (subject to entries)
Laser	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> Overall for each fleet	North Queensland Laser Championship Trophy for each fleet

- 17.1. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the race committee

## 18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

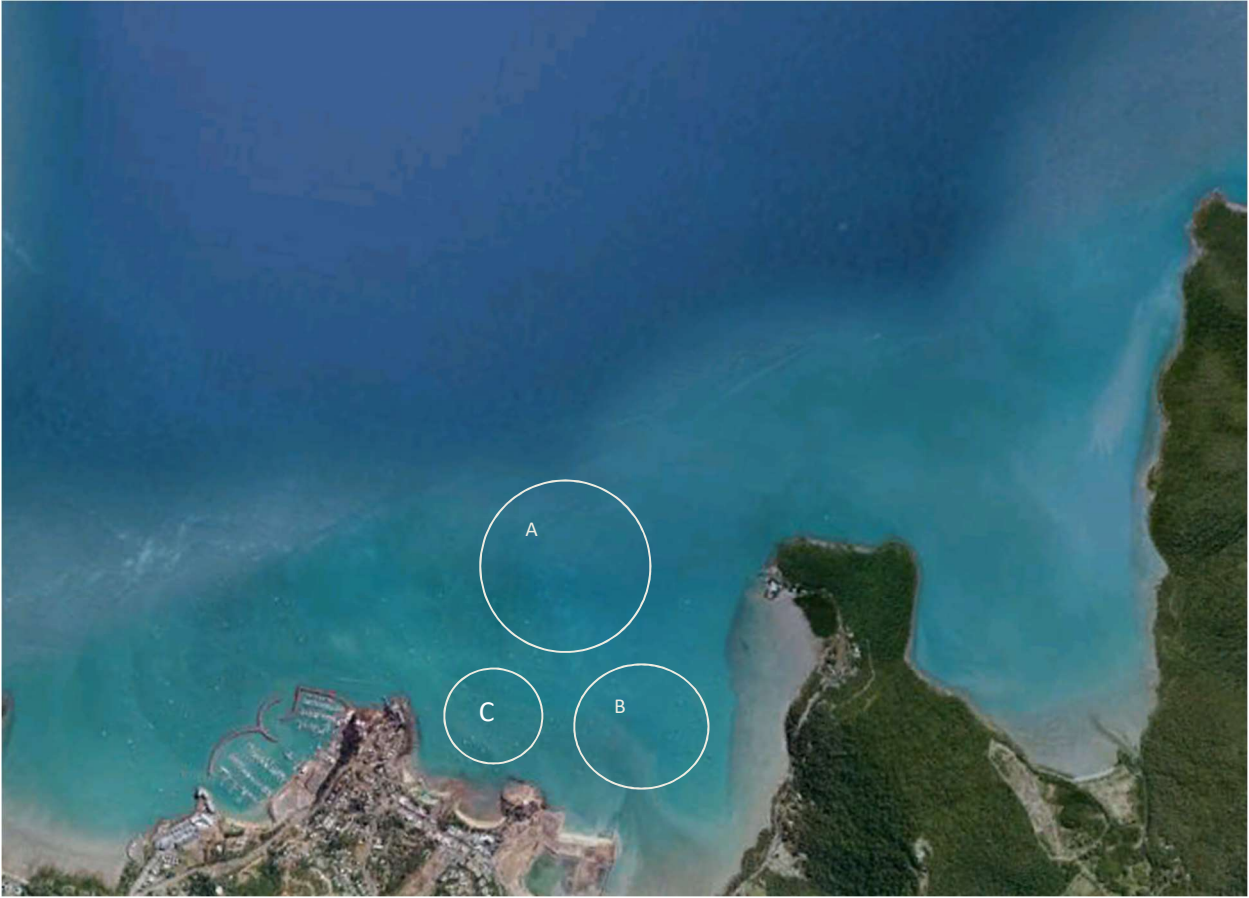
Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

## 19. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000 per event or the equivalent.



## 20. COURSE AREAS – SAIL AIRLIE 2023



Note: Approximate locations - Diagram not to scale

## APPENDIX A OPEN DIVISION(S) – MULTIHULL, LASER, MIXED MONOS

### DIVISIONS:

The fleet will be divided into divisions at the discretion of the Race Committee.

There will be 3 divisions of laser, Standard Rig, Radial and 4.7. Other classes will be allocated to divisions at the discretion of the Race Committee. Details of divisions and division flags will be advised at the briefing.

Division flags will be:

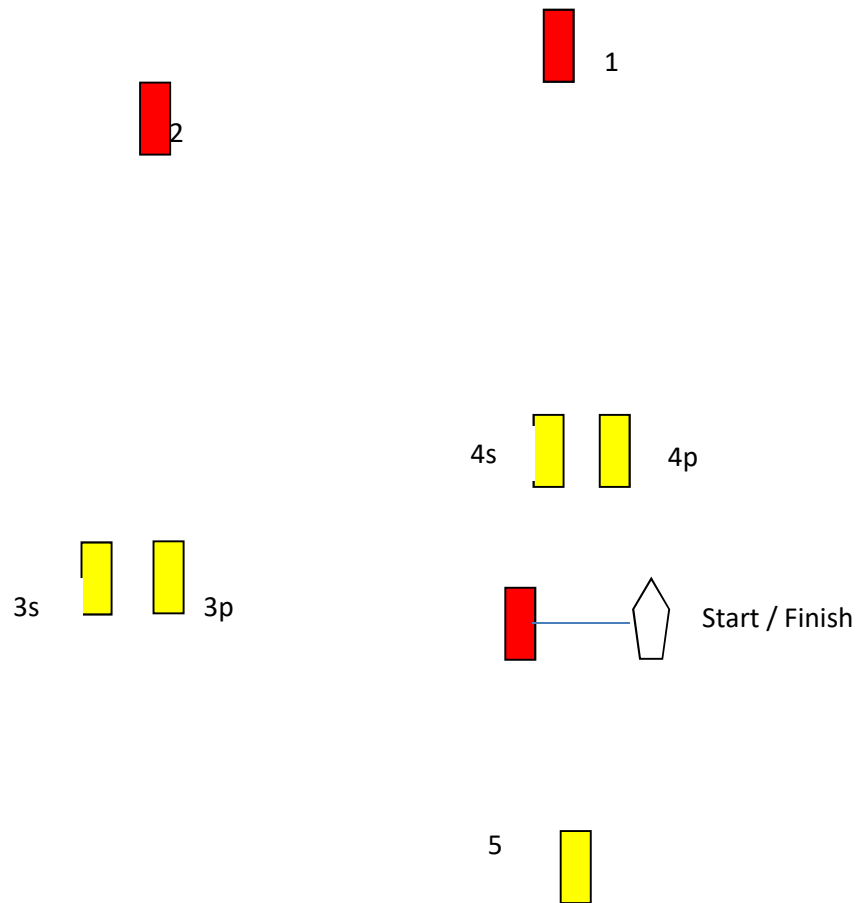
<b>Division</b>	<b>Division Flag</b>
Multihull	Numeral Pendant 2
Laser 4.7	Yellow flag with Laser Insignia
Laser Radial	Green flag with Laser Insignia
Laser Standard	White flag with Laser Insignia
Monohulls	Numeral Pendant 1

### COURSES:

Courses will be windward / leeward or trapezoid courses with leeward gates

Notes:

- Marks 1, 2 & 5 to be left to PORT
- Marks 3s/3p and 4s/4p are gates
- Boats shall not pass through the start / finish line unless starting or finishing.



Course No	Description
W2	Start – 1 – 5 – 1 – 5 – Finish
W3	Start – 1 – 5 – 1 – 5 – 1 – 5 – Finish
O1	Start – 1 – 2 – 3p – 5 – Finish
O2	Start – 1 – 2 – 3S/3P – 2 – 3p – 5 – Finish
O3	Start – 1 – 2 – 3S/3P – 2 – 3S/3P 2 – 3p – 5 – Finish
I1	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 2 – 3p – 5 – Finish
I2	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 2 – 3p – 5 – Finish

## **MARKS:**

Mark 1 & 2 will be Red Inflatable buoys

Marks 3s, 3p, 4s, 4p and 5 will be Yellow Inflatable buoys

The Start / Finish mark will be a Red Inflatable buoy

## **THE START**

Starts will be in accordance with RRS 26, with the warning signal 5 minutes before the start.

An inner distance mark may be laid near the committee vessel, and boats shall keep this mark to Starboard. Boats failing to comply will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.1.

## **THE FINISH**

The finish mark will be a red inflatable buoy at the Port end of the finishing line.

## **TIME LIMIT**

The time limit for each race will be 60 minutes. Boats who fail to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat in their division sails the course may be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing.

## APPENDIX B – JUNIOR FLEET

### DIVISIONS:

There will be 3 divisions.

Division flags will be:

Division	Division Flag
O'pen Skiff	White Flag with Open Skiff Logo
Sabot	White Flag with Sabot Logo
Optimist	Green Flag with Optimist Logo

### COURSES:

Courses will be Triangular or Windward / Leeward courses.

Notes:

- All marks to be left to PORT
- If code flag S is displayed prior to or with the warning signal, boats will sail Course 2 as described below. If code flag S is NOT displayed prior to or with the warning signal, boats will sail Course 1 as described below.



	Description
Course 1	Start – A – B – C – A – C – A- Finish
Course 2	Start – A – B – C – A –Finish



Start / Finish



### MARKS:

Marks A, B & C will be Orange inflatable buoys. The Start / Finish mark will be Yellow inflatable buoy

## **THE START**

Starts will be in accordance with RRS 26, with the warning signal 5 minutes before the start.

An inner distance mark may be laid near the committee vessel, and boats shall keep this mark to Starboard. Boats failing to comply will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.1.

## **THE FINISH**

The finish mark will be a yellow inflatable buoy at the Starboard end of the finishing line.

## **TIME LIMIT**

The time limit for each race will be 60 minutes. Within each division, boats who fail to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course may be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing.

## APPENDIX C GREEN FLEET

### NOTE:

There will be a meeting of competitors before going to sea for each racing session.

### DIVISIONS:

The fleet may be divided into divisions.

### COURSES:

Courses will be described at an information session before each session of races.

### MARKS:

All marks will be yellow or red spheres as described at the information session before racing.

### THE START

The starting sequence will be as follows:

3 Minutes to go		Three (3) Flags displayed	1 Sound Signal
2 Minutes to go	1 flag removed	Two (2) flags displayed	1 Sound Signal
1 Minute to go	1 flag removed	One (1) flag displayed	1 Sound Signal
Start	1 Flag removed	Nothing displayed	1 Sound Signal

This changes Rule 26.

The start is between the race committee boat and a nearby buoy.

### THE FINISH

The finish is between the race committee boat and a nearby buoy

### TIME LIMIT

The time limit will be at the discretion of the race committee. Every effort will be made to ensure boats are scored in each race.