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2024 OFFSHORE RACE CALENDAR



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OFFSHORE RACING CALENDAR 2024										
DATE	TIME	EVENT	CLUB	SHIP	SUMMER RIES	WINTER RIES	OFFSHORE RIES	CHALLENGE CUP	OTHER RIES	Inter Club
JANUARY										
Twilight Races January 3,10,17,24,31										
Friday, 19 January 2024	13:00	Little Ripper Clipper Cup (Quests)								
Friday, 26 January 2024	13:00	Opening Day (Season Opening)								
Friday, 26 January 2024	13:00	CYCHI Race Around Hamilton Island								
26 - 29 January 2024		Australia Day Weekend Club Cruise (APYC)								
FEBRUARY										
Twilight Races February 7,14,21,28										
16 - 19 February 2024		APYC Club Cruise								
MARCH										
Twilight Races March 6,13,20,27 (March 6 Lady Skippers Series Race 1)										
Sunday, 3 March 2024	11:00	Offshore Race - Club Championship	X	X			X			
Wednesday, 6 March 2024		Lady Skippers' Series Race 1 (Twilight)								L
Friday, 8 March 2024		International Womens' Day								
Sunday, 17 March 2024	11:00	Challengers Cup Races 1 and 2		XX				XX		
Saturday, 23 March 2024		Champion Of Champions Regatta								
Sunday, 24 March 2024		Champion Of Champions Regatta								
29 Mar - 1 April 2024		Easter Cruising								
Friday, 29 March 2024	10:00	Sail Airlie OTB Regatta (no racing)								
Saturday, 30 March 2024	10:00	Sail Airlie OTB Regatta (no racing)								
Sunday, 31 March 2024	10:00	Sail Airlie OTB Regatta (no racing)								
APRIL										
Twilight Races April 3,10,17,24										
Monday, 1 April 2024	10:00	Sail Airlie OTB Regatta (no racing)								
Tuesday, 2 April 2024		Sail Airlie OTB Coaching Camp								
Wednesday, 3 April 2024		Sail Airlie OTB Coaching Camp								
Sunday, 7 April 2024	11:00	Lady Skippers' Series Race 2								L
Sunday, 14 April 2024		APYC Warri Cup								
Sunday, 21 April 2024	11:00	Offshore Race - Club Championship	X	X			X			
Thursday, 25 April 2024		ANZAC Day								
Saturday, 27 April 2024	13:00	Two Handed Series								T
Sunday, 28 April 2024	11:00	Two Handed Series								T
MAY										
Twilight races May 1,8,15,22,29 (May 29 Lady Skippers Series Race 4)										
Saturday, 4 May 2024	10:00	Hamilton Cup Regatta - (CYCHI)								X
Sunday, 5 May 2024	10:00	Hamilton Cup Regatta - (CYCHI)								X
Monday, 6 May 2024	10:00	Hamilton Cup Regatta - (CYCHI)								X
Sunday, 12 May 2024	11:00	Lady Skippers' Series Race 3 (Mothers' Day)								L
17 - 20 May 2024		APYC Club Cruise								
Saturday, 25 May 2024	17:00	Full Moon Offshore Night Race		X			X			
Wednesday, 29 May 2024		Lady Skippers' Series Race 4 (Twilight)								L
21-25 May 2024		Port Douglas Race Week								
JUNE										
Twilight races June 5, 12, 19, 26										
Sunday, 2 June 2024	11:00	Provision for Resails (if required)								
Sunday, 16 June 2024		Challenge Round the Molles Yacht Race (APYC)								
Saturday, 22 June 2024	16:30	Sunset Bay Race		X			X			

OFFSHORE RACING CALENDAR 2024

DATE	TIME	EVENT	CLUB	CH'SHIP	SUMMER SERIES	WINTER SERIES	OFFSHORE SERIES	CHALLENGERS CUP	OTHER SERIES	Inter Club Series
JULY										
Twilight Races July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 (31 July Lady Skippers Series Race 5)										
Saturday, 6 July 2024	9:00	Great Northern Series (Round Whitsundays)	X		X	X				
20 - 27 July 2024		Whitsunday Whale Cruise								
Saturday, 20 July 2024	11:00	Great Northern Series (Short Offshore)	X		X	X				
Sunday, 21 July 2024	13:00	Great Northern Series (Bay Race)	X		X					
Saturday, 27 July 2024		Cock of Gloucester - (NQCYC)								
Wednesday, 31 July 2024		Lady Skippers' Series Race 5 (Twilight)								L
AUGUST										
Twilight Races August 7, 21, 28										
Sunday, 4 August 2024	11:00	Challengers Cup Race 3 & 4 (Club Championship)	XX		XX		XX			
08 - 15 August 2024		Airlie Beach Race Week								
17 - 24 August 2024		Hamilton Island Race Week - (HIYC)								
23 - 26 August 2024		APYC Club Cruise								
29 Aug - 4 Sept 2024		Magnetic Island Race Week (TCYC)								
SEPTEMBER										
Twilight Races September 4, 11, 18, 25										
12 - 20 September 2024		APYC Coral Coast Rally								
Sunday, 15 September 2024	11:00	Challengers Cup Race 5 & 6			XX		XX			
OCTOBER										
Twilight Races October 2, 9, 16, 26, 30 (30 Oct Lady Skippers Series Race 5)										
05 Oct Sept - 07 Oct 2024		W.O.Y.R.C. Series (TBC)								
Sunday, 13 October 2024	11:00	Lady Skippers' Series Race 6								L
25 - 28 October 2024		APYC Club Cruise								
Sunday, 27 October 2024	11:00	Challengers Cup Race 7 & 8 - Club Championship	XX		XX		XX			
Wednesday, 30 October 2024		Lady Skippers' Series Race 7 (Twilight)								L
NOVEMBER										
Twilight Races November 6, 13, 20, 27										
Saturday, 9 November 2024		NQCYC 2 Handed Series								
Sunday, 10 November 2024		NQCYC 2 Handed Series								
08- 10 November 2024		Airlie Beach Music Festival								
Sunday, 17 November 2024	11:00	Offshore Race - Club Championship	X		X	X				
22 - 25 November 2024		APYC Club Cruise								
Sunday, 24 November 2024	13:00	Junior Skippers Series - 2 Races								JJ
DECEMBER										
Twilight Races December 4, 11, 18										
Saturday, 7 December 2024	18:00	Presentation Function								
TBA		APYC Christmas Cruise								
		WSC Club Event								
		Non Club event								

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WELCOME

Welcome to the 2024 sailing season. Once again, the program is an iteration of previous years, adjusted after consultation with boat owners, skippers and crew, with an aim to improve participation. While similar to previous years, subtle changes have been introduced to provide a better balance between bay and offshore races.

All of the regular Club series have been included in the program with sufficient discards to allow all boats to be competitive.

The Cruising Division events included in the program will be run in conjunction with APYC. These family orientated events are co-ordinated on dates when there is no racing so that yachts that race regularly can enjoy the company of cruising yachts and socialise in some of the best anchorages in the world.

The club is again planning “learn to sail” programs for both adults and children, including Off Shore crewing tuition. There is also a strong focus on female participation. On every fifth Wednesday of the month, Twilight racing is dedicated to lady skippers. These will be run in conjunction with three weekend races to form a 6 race Lady Skippers series

The club has successfully introduced the online SailPass system, to ensure that boat owners, skippers and all crew members can be registered for any organized race on the WSC web site. Crew who are not sailing members of the club, or an Australian Sailing affiliated club are required to purchase a SailPass to obtain a temporary YA number. This is now a prescription to the Racing Rules of Sailing, introduced by Australian Sailing.

Any alteration to the Sailing Program or to the Notice of Race will be notified via the online notice board at <https://whitsundaysailingclub.com.au/official-notice-board/> and may be issued to skippers via a SMS txt message. You can also see notices published on SailSys, on the same page as the results.

If you have any questions or constructive suggestions, or wish to discuss any issues, please contact our Sailing Officer, Ross Chisholm, at the club & he will pass on your inquiry to the Offshore Sailing Committee which meets each month.

A big thank you to our sponsors, who assist in a big way in enabling this program to continue.

Also, a big welcome to our new sailing members, I hope to see you all at the Club, & on the water.

David Chittleborough
Rear Commodore - Off Shore.

CONTACTS

SAILING COMMITTEE

Rupert King	Commodore
David Chittleborough	Rear Commodore Offshore
Tammy Scharf	Rear Commodore Off-Beach
Ross Chisholm	Sailing Manager

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Ross Chisholm; Rob Davis; Kevin Fogarty; Jim Hayes; Greg Hammon

MARINE AND EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Whitsunday Sailing Club	VHF 73	07 4946 6138
Volunteer Marine Rescue (VMR)	VHF 16, 67, 81, 82	07 4946 7207
AMSA Rescue Co-ordination Centre (RCC)		1800 641 792
MSQ Airlie Beach		(07) 4841 4500
Vessel Tracking Services (VTS) Mackay		(07) 1300 645 022
Water Police	General Contact	07 4967 7222
	Urgent Matters	07 4948 8888
Bureau of Meteorology	Coastal Marine Warnings	1300 360 427
Salvage Contractor	David Edge Marine Contracting	0487415599

NOTICE OF RACE - 2024

The Organising Authority is Whitsunday Sailing Club Limited.

1 RULES

- 1.1. All Races will be governed by the current versions of:
 - 1.1.1. The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
 - 1.1.2. The prescriptions of Australian Sailing (AS).
 - 1.1.3. Australian Sailing Special Regulations (Part 1 for Racing Boats).
 - 1.1.4. The notice of race and these sailing instructions, as required by rule 89.2 and 90.2
- 1.2. Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) will be changed as follows:
 - 1.2.1. Between the hours of sunset and sunrise, as defined in the Queensland tide tables, part 2 of the RRS will be replaced by the International Rules for the Prevention of Collision at Sea.
 - 1.2.2. For Two-Handed Series races only, the use of autopilots/self-steering systems is permitted during hoisting and retrieving spinnakers and in emergency situations. This changes RRS 41.
 - 1.2.3. For all races, a boat may make a one turn penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while racing. This changes RRS 44.1.
 - 1.2.4. Spinnakers or extras are not permitted for Junior Skippers races.
 - 1.2.5. Where a spinnaker is hoisted in a twilight race, the boat will be subjected to a 3.5% elapsed time penalty prior to the application of handicap.
- 1.3. Boats shall NOT carry anchors forward of the stem whilst racing.
- 1.4. Competitors are reminded of the provisions of Fundamental Rule 3- DECISION TO RACE which states “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* is hers alone”.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. Applicable events are all events marked as “WSC event” in the Offshore Race Calendar and to Twilight Races. A separate Notice of Race will be provided for other events.
- 2.2. Unless noted, all WSC events in the Offshore Sailing Calendar and all Twilight Races are classified as Category 5 races. Any boat racing after official sunset shall comply with minimum Category 5N.
- 2.3. By lodging an entry, the owner/charterer agrees to be bound by all the rules and conditions of the race. Attention is drawn to RRS 46, and the AS Prescription which requires that all crew members shall be financial sailing members of an Australian Sailing affiliated club, and shall hold a valid AS Number (SailPass day membership is available from the club for \$15.00 per day). Boats failing to comply may be subject to protest.
- 2.4. Eligible boats may enter online through SailSys (<https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/85/entry?tab=entry>) (accessible through the WSC website www.whitsundaysailingclub.com.au) accompanied by the appropriate entry fee and the supporting documentation.
- 2.5. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee
- 2.6. To be eligible to enter a race a boat shall register on SailSys the following documentation:
 - 2.6.1. A completed AS Special Regulations compliance form appropriate to Category 5 for daytime, 5N for racing after sunset; and
 - 2.6.2. A copy of current insurance policy endorsed for racing and having a minimum Public Liability cover of \$10 million; and
 - 2.6.3. A full list of crew on board, complete with name, email address, phone number and Australian Sailing (AS) number as registered with Australian Sailing via AS membership system Revsport.

3 DIVISIONS & CLASS FLAGS

There may be three divisions (1, 2, and 3), subject to the number of entries

DIVISION	FLAG	CLASS
1	White Flag	Multihulls
2	Purple Flag	Faster Monohulls
3	Pink Flag	Slower Monohulls
Combined	Pink / Black Flag	Combined Divisions

- 3.1. Boats will be allocated to a division at the discretion of the Sailing Committee.

- 3.2. Divisions may be combined at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 3.3. If fewer than six entries are accepted the race may be abandoned.

4 SCHEDULE OF RACES

The Offshore Race Calendar as published will define the schedule of races. Any change to the schedule will be treated as a Change to Sailing Instructions.

Twilight races will be conducted every Wednesday from 6-Dec-2023 to 27-Nov-2024 except 27-Dec-2023 and 14-Aug-2024.

5 RACING AREA

Racing will be conducted within the areas defined on charts AUS 825 & 252.

6 COURSES

- 6.1. Courses will be:
- 6.2. Twilight Races - Triangular or Trapezoidal courses within Pioneer Bay
- 6.3. Short Offshore Races - A range of coastal and island courses as described in the Sailing Instructions
- 6.4. Long Offshore Races - A range of coastal and island courses as described in the Sailing Instructions
- 6.5. Bay Races - Triangular, Windward / Leeward or Trapezoidal courses conducted within Pioneer Bay as described in the Sailing Instructions

7 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

Radio Communication between the Race Committee and competitors will be via VHF radio, channels 73 (primary), 72, 81 and 82. It is recommended that boats monitor VHF Channel 73 while racing and VHF Channel 16 at all times afloat.

8 HANDICAPS

Handicaps are based on the Performance Handicap System (PHS) calculated and tabulated by the "SailSys" race management system. The club reserves the right to adjust handicaps. Any alteration to handicaps will not be grounds for a request for redress.

9 SCORING

- 9.1. The Scoring System, RRS Appendix A5.3 will apply, except that "A boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place three more than the number of boats that came to the starting area." This changes RRS A5.3.
- 9.2. To qualify for the Club Championship Series, boats must start a minimum of (5) races defined in the offshore calendar as Club Championship races.
- 9.3. To qualify for the Club Twilight Championship, boats must start a minimum of (5) Club Twilight races.
- 9.4. A Monthly Twilight Point score will include the first four races for that month and be awarded at the discretion of the race committee. Boats may be allocated to a team for the monthly twilight point score at the discretion of the race committee.
- 9.5. A boat's best results in a series excluding the number of drops indicated in the Offshore Racing Calendar will be used to determine a series score.
- 9.6. Should a skipper change boats during the season, the points previously allocated in a series remain with the boat.

10 PRESENTATION

Where possible, the presentation of prizes will be as soon as practicable after the finish of the race, unless otherwise notified.

11 LIABILITY

Competitors participate in a race entirely at their own risk and are responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted and for the sufficiency and adequacy of its equipment. Neither the Whitsunday Sailing Club Ltd, their servants nor volunteers shall accept liability or responsibility whatsoever for death or any personal or material damage sustained by participants before, during or after a race, see RRS 3, Decision to race.

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS – 2024

The Organising Authority is Whitsunday Sailing Club Limited.

1 RULES

- 1.1. All Races will be governed by the current versions of:
 - 1.1.1. The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing (WS).
 - 1.1.2. The prescriptions of Australian Sailing (AS).
 - 1.1.3. Australian Sailing Special Regulations (Part 1 for Racing Boats).
 - 1.1.4. The notice of race and these sailing instructions.
- 1.2. Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) will be changed as follows:
 - 1.2.1. Between the hours of sunset and sunrise, as defined in the Queensland tide tables, part 2 of the RRS will be replaced by the International Rules for the Prevention of Collision at Sea.
 - 1.2.2. For Two-Handed Series races only, the use of autopilots/self-steering systems is permitted during hoisting and retrieving spinnakers and in emergency situations. This changes RRS 41.
 - 1.2.3. For all races, a boat may make a one turn penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while racing. This changes RRS 44.1.
 - 1.2.4. Spinnakers or extras are not permitted for Junior Skippers races.
 - 1.2.5. Where a spinnaker is hoisted in a twilight race, the boat will be subjected to a 3.5% elapsed time penalty prior to the application of handicap.
- 1.3. Boats shall NOT carry anchors forward of the stem whilst racing.
- 1.4. Competitors are reminded of the provisions of Fundamental Rule 3 - DECISION TO RACE which states “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone”.
- 1.5. These sailing instructions apply to all events marked as “WSC club event” in the offshore racing calendar and to Twilight Races. Separate Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions will be provided for other events.

2 CATEGORY OF EVENTS

- 2.1. All club races in the Offshore Racing Calendar and all Twilight Races are classified as Category 5 races. Any boat racing after official sunset shall comply with minimum Category 5N.
- 2.2. The Race Committee may at any time inspect a boat’s equipment to verify compliance with the AS Special Regulations.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

The official Notice Board will be an on line notice board on the SailSys Entry & Results page (<https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/85/profile?tab=results>). Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board. Copies may also be published on the Whitsunday Sailing Club’s Website (<https://whitsundaysailingclub.com.au/official-notice-board/>).

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1. Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the online notice board on the SailSys Entry & Results page (<https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/85/profile?tab=results>) Copies may also be published on the Whitsunday Sailing Club’s Website (<https://whitsundaysailingclub.com.au/official-notice-board/>).
- 4.2. Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than two hours before taking effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 hours on the day before it will take effect.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagstaff located on the balcony of the Sailing Club. Repeats of these signals may be displayed on the race committee boat.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

The Offshore Racing Calendar as published will define the schedule of races. Any change to the schedule will be treated as a Change to Sailing Instructions.

Twilight races will be conducted every Wednesday from 6-Dec-2023 to 27-Nov-2024 except 27-Dec-2023 and 14-Aug-2024.

7 ENTRIES

- 7.1. By lodging an entry, the owner / charterer agrees to be bound by all the rules and conditions of the race.
- 7.2. Race entry process is detailed in the Notice of Race.
- 7.3. Boats shall, prior to their warning signal, notify the Race Committee of their intention to race, together with the number of people on board (POB). Note that all crew members shall be financial sailing members of an Australian Sailing affiliated club, and shall hold a valid AS Number in accordance with AS Prescription to RRS 46 (SailPass day membership is available from the club for \$15.00 per day).
- 7.4. To be eligible to enter a race a boat shall register on SailSys copies of the following documentation:
 - 7.4.1. A completed AS Special Regulations compliance form appropriate to Category 5 for daytime, 5N for racing after sunset; and
 - 7.4.2. A copy of current insurance policy endorsed for racing and having a minimum Public Liability cover of \$10 million; and
 - 7.4.3. A full list of crew on board, complete with name, email address, phone number and Australian Sailing (AS) number as registered with Australian Sailing via AS membership system Revsport
- 7.5. A boat failing to comply with SI 7.1 and SI 7.4 may be scored DNC without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.
- 7.6. The Race Committee will post a list of handicaps, prior to the start of a race.

8 DIVISIONS

- 8.1. There may be three divisions (1, 2, and 3) dependent upon the number of entries

DIVISION	FLAG	CLASS
1	White Flag	Multihulls
2	Purple Flag	Faster Monohulls
3	Pink Flag	Slower Monohulls
1,2,3	Pink/Black Flag	Combined divisions

- 8.2. Divisions may be combined at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 8.3. If fewer than six entries are accepted the race may be abandoned.

9 RACING AREA

Racing will be conducted within the areas defined on charts AUS 825 & 252.

10 COURSES

- 10.1. Courses are described in Appendix "A": TWILIGHT COURSES; SHORT OFFSHORE COURSES; LONG OFFSHORE COURSES; and BAY COURSES.
 - 10.1.1. The notes provided in each of the course descriptions published in Appendix "A" are deemed to be included as part of these sailing instructions and apply when the relevant course is in operation.
 - 10.1.2. Offshore Courses may be sailed in reverse. The Committee Boat shall display code flag "R" to indicate that all boats should "Go to Windward Mark (if listed), then all other marks in reverse order" and "All other marks indicated as rounded to starboard will be rounded to port and vice versa"
- 10.2. Twilight races will be selected from one of the Twilight Courses.
- 10.3. Short Offshore races will be selected from one of the Short Offshore Courses
- 10.4. Long Offshore races will be selected from one of either the Short Offshore or Long Offshore courses.
- 10.5. Interclub Challenge Series races will be either Short Offshore or Long Offshore courses and two Bay Courses.
- 10.6. Challengers Cup races will each be one of the Bay Courses.
- 10.7. Great Northern Series races will be one each of Short Offshore, Long Offshore Courses and Bay Courses.
- 10.8. Lady Skippers races will be either Bay courses or Short Offshore Courses.
- 10.9. Two-Handed races will be either Bay courses or Short Offshore Courses.
- 10.10. The course to be sailed will be displayed on a course board on the committee vessel with or prior to a division's warning signal, or notified by VHF radio (Channel 73) prior to the first warning signal.

11 MARKS

The start, finish and windward or other set marks will be orange or yellow inflatable buoys, other marks may be islands or navigation aids. An inner limit mark, being a yellow buoy with its own ground tackle, may be laid in the vicinity of the committee vessel. The inner limit mark shall be considered as an extension of the committee vessel and shall be left to starboard.

12 THE START

- 12.1. The start and finish will be located in Pioneer Bay in the vicinity of Whitsunday Sailing Club.
- 12.2. For all races a boat shall, before the first warning signal, report to the committee vessel on VHF 73 and advise intention to race and count of persons on board (POB).
- 12.3. The start sequence will be conducted in accordance with RRS 26, except designated pursuit (handicap start) races.
- 12.4. In the event of a general recall, recalled divisions will be re-started after the last division starts.
- 12.5. The Starting line will be an imaginary line between the flag mast on the committee vessel displaying an ORANGE flag and a buoy set at approximately 90 degrees to the direction of the first mark.
- 12.6. The committee vessel will be located at the starboard end of the starting line.
- 12.7. The committee vessel may display a red or green flag to indicate the rounding direction of a windward mark or the orientation of the course as defined in the relevant course notes. A red flag indicates port, and a green flag indicates starboard.
- 12.8. The first warning signal for Twilight races will not be before 16:25 hrs.
For other races the scheduled warning signal is as indicated in the Offshore Racing Calendar.
- 12.9. A boat shall keep clear of the start line area after the first warning signal until her warning signal has been made.
- 12.10. For Twilight Races, a "Sternchaser" race may be declared seven days prior to the start. Boats will be allocated a starting time according to their Twilight handicap. Individual start times for existing competitors in the series will be posted on the official notice board and website and may be emailed to all skippers. Boats starting in the series for the first time must be entered by noon on the day of the race and their start time will be advised by text or radio from the Race Committee. Boats will start at their designated start time using GPS time. To assist time keeping, the start boat will hoist Pink/Black flag at 16.25hrs with the starting sequence in accordance with RRS 26. Radio signals will also be given during the start sequence to assist boats timing. Boats starting closest to their scheduled start time will be awarded Best Start.

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1. The committee vessel will display a club burgee and a blue flag.
- 13.2. For Bay and Twilight Races the Finish is detailed in Appendix "A".
- 13.3. For Short or Long Offshore Races the finish line will be one of the following:
 - 13.3.1. COMMITTEE VESSEL ON STATION
The finish will be an imaginary line between the flag mast on the committee vessel and the adjacent orange or yellow inflatable buoy. The committee vessel will be on the starboard end of the finishing line. Between official sunset and sunrise, the committee vessel may display a blue flashing light.
 - 13.3.2. COMMITTEE VESSEL NOT ON STATION (Club Finish)
The finish will be an imaginary line between an orange or yellow inflatable buoy and the flagstaff on the balcony of the club. Finishers may be acknowledged by radio on VHF 73. If not so acknowledged a boat shall record its own finish time and lodge a declaration. The finishing line shall be crossed from the course side (see RRS definition finish). Between official sunset and sunrise, the finish mark may display a blue flashing light.
 - 13.3.3. COMMITTEE VESSEL NOT ON STATION (On Water Finish)
The finish will be an imaginary line forming a transit of the Port and Starboard lead lights into the Port of Airlie Channel, and an orange or yellow inflatable buoy located approximately 200 metres to the west of the Starboard Lead Light. Boats will leave the Starboard lead light to PORT (do not enter the channel). Each boat shall record its own finish time and lodge a declaration. If not so acknowledged a boat shall record its own finish time and lodge a declaration.
- 13.4. The race committee will advise details of the finishing line prior to the warning signal

14 TIME LIMIT

- 14.1. The time limit for each category of course is defined in the appropriate Courses section of Appendix "A".
- 14.2. A boat not finishing within the time limit will be scored DNF without a hearing.

15 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 15.1. For races outside the bay in progress after 1730 hours, WSC will conduct a radio schedule at 1735 hours on VHF Channels 73, 72, 81 and 82, and then at (4) hourly intervals until all boats have finished or returned to port. When called, a boat shall provide its latitude and longitude and any other information requested.
- 15.2. When entering Pioneer Bay (crossing an imaginary line between Pioneer Point and Grimstone Point) a boat shall advise the committee vessel on VHF Channel 73.
- 15.3. In the event of a boat being unable to contact WSC on the stated channels, the boat shall use all available means to contact WSC, including radio relay or mobile phone.
- 15.4. A 2% time penalty may be applied to any vessel not complying with this SI or pre-race reporting (SI 12.2) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.

16 HANDICAPS

Handicaps are based on the Performance Handicap System (PHS) calculated and tabulated by the "SailSys" race management system. The club reserves the right to adjust handicaps. Any alteration to handicaps will not be grounds for a request for redress.

17 SCORING

- 17.1. For twilight races, the Scoring System, RRS Appendix A5.3 will apply, except that "A boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place three more than the number of boats that came to the starting area." This changes RRS A5.3.
- 17.2. For all other races, the Scoring System, RRS Appendix A5.3 will apply.
- 17.3. To qualify for the Club Championship Series, boats must start a minimum of (5) races defined in the offshore calendar as Club Championship races.
- 17.4. To qualify for the Club Twilight Championship, boats must start a minimum of (5) Club Twilight races.
- 17.5. A Monthly Twilight Point score will include the first four races for that month and be awarded at the discretion of the race committee. Boats may be allocated to a team for the monthly twilight point score at the discretion of the race committee.
- 17.6. A boat's best results in a series excluding the number of drops indicated in the Offshore Racing Calendar will be used to determine a series score.
- 17.7. Should a skipper change boats during the season, the points previously allocated in a series remain with the boat.

18 PROTESTS

For all races other than Long Offshore races, Protests shall be submitted to the WSC office and received within two (2) hours after the last boat in the division finishes the last race of the day. Protests shall comply with RRS 61.3. Protest forms are available at the WSC office.

For Long Offshore races only, the protest time limit is 12 noon of the day following the race. This changes RRS 61.3.

19 PRESENTATION

Where possible, the presentation of prizes will be as soon as practicable after the finish of the race, unless otherwise notified.

20 LIABILITY

Competitors participate in a race entirely at their own risk and are responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted and for the sufficiency and adequacy of its equipment. Neither the Whitsunday Sailing Club Ltd, their servants nor volunteers shall accept liability or responsibility whatsoever for death or any personal or material damage sustained by participants before, during or after a race, see RRS 3, Decision to race.

21 INCIDENT REPORTS

A skipper involved in an incident involving significant injury, grounding or collision is required to lodge an incident report with the club and Maritime Safety Queensland.

22 RETIREMENTS

Any boat retiring from a race shall use all available means to promptly advise the WSC race committee of such retirement.

23 AUTOPILOTS

For Two Handed series races only, the use of autopilots / self-steering systems is permitted during hoisting and retrieving spinnakers and in emergency situations.

24 SPINNAKERS

Spinnakers are not permitted for Junior Skippers races. Where a spinnaker is hoisted in a twilight race, the boat will be subjected to a 3.5% elapsed time penalty prior to the application of handicap.

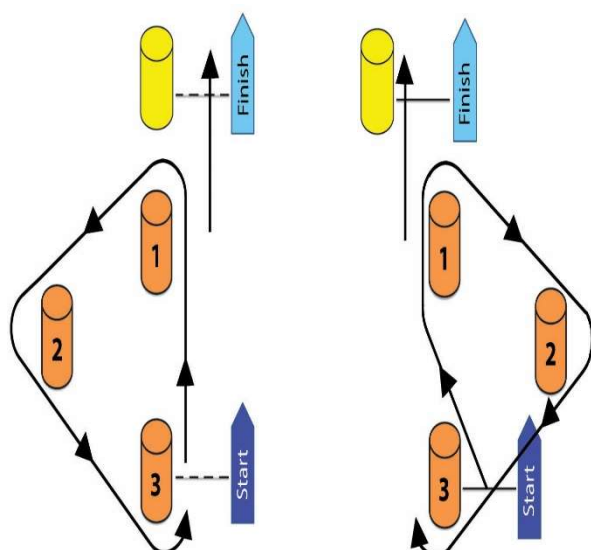
TWILIGHT COURSES

TIME LIMIT

18:30 Hrs

TWILIGHT COURSE 1 - TRIANGLE

Div 1	start, 1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3, finish
Div 2	start, 1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3, finish
Div 3	start, 1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3, finish

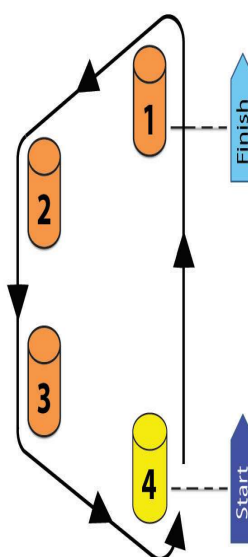


Port Course

Starboard Course

TWILIGHT COURSE 2 - TRAPEZOID

Div 1	start, 1, 4, 1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 4, finish
Div 2	start, 1, 4, 1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 4, finish
Div 3	start, 1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 4, 1, 4, finish



TWILIGHT RACE NOTES

- Boats shall enter as required under the Notice of Race, and also sign on via radio (VHF Ch 73) to the start boat no later than the first warning signal, confirming intent to race and the number of People on Board (POB).
- Red or green flag will denote course orientation and direction of rounding of marks.
- In some circumstances, a race may be postponed or abandoned. Wherever possible, the decision to postpone will be made no later than one hour before the scheduled start time. Texts will be sent to registered participants. Code flags "AP over A" ("All races are *postponed*. No more racing today") will be flown from the flagstaff on the balcony of the club with three short sounds, and announcements made on VHF 73 and in the clubhouse. The start boat will not be launched in these circumstances. Should the race have already started, the race may be abandoned in accordance with "RRS Race Signals".
- The finish line for Course 1 will be laid approximately upwind of mark 3.
- The finish vessel will be on the starboard end of the line.
- A one turn penalty shall replace the two turn penalty defined in RRS 44.1.
- Boats hoisting a spinnaker at any time during the race shall display a distinctive backstay flag for the duration of the race and shall notify the committee boat at the end of the race that a spinnaker has been used. Boats hoisting a spinnaker will be subjected to a 3.5% elapsed time penalty prior to the application of handicap.

SHORT OFFSHORE COURSES

TIME LIMIT

7.5 hrs

COURSE 1

Long start, Double Cone Island (port), Armit Island (port), finish. (Approx 23.5 NM)

Short start, Double Cone Island (port), finish. (Approx 18.5 NM)

COURSE 2

Long start, Gumbrell Island (stbd), Double Cone Island (stbd), finish. (Approx 27.2 NM)

Short start, Armit Island (stbd), Double Cone Island (stbd), finish. (approx 23.5 NM)

COURSE 3

Long start, windward mark, Daydream Island (stbd), White Rock (port), Daydream Island (port), finish. (Approx 23.8 NM)

Short start, windward mark, Daydream Island (stbd), finish. (Approx 19.8 NM)

NOTES

- 1 Red or green flag will denote windward mark rounding.

COURSE 4

Long start, windward mark, White Rock (port), Denman Island (port), Planton Island (port), Hannah Point (port), finish. (Approx 22.6 NM)

Short start, windward mark, Denman Island (port), Planton Island (port), Hannah Point (port), finish. (Approx 20.9 NM)

NOTES

- 1 Red or green flag will denote windward mark rounding.

COURSE 5

Long start, windward mark, Denman Island (port), Cid Island (port), Hannah Point (port), finish. (Approx 29.5 NM)

Short start, windward mark, Cid Island (port), Hannah Point (port), finish. (Approx 28.0 NM)

NOTES

- 1 Red or green flag will denote windward mark rounding.

COURSE 6

Long start, windward mark, White Rock (port), Special Mark NW of Henning Island (port), finish. (Approx 28.6 NM)

Short start, windward mark, Denman Island (port), Special Mark NW of Henning Island (port), finish. (Approx 27.3 NM)

NOTES

- 1 Red or green flag will denote windward mark rounding.
- 2 Special Mark NW of Henning Island - approx 20°17.834S 148°55.001E

COURSE 7

Long start, windward mark, Pine Island (port), finish. (Approx 31.9 NM)

Short start, windward mark, White Rock (port), Denman Island (port), Planton Island (port), finish. (Approx 21.5 NM)

NOTES

- 1 Red or green flag will denote windward mark rounding.

COURSE 8

Long start, Little Grassy Island (port), Grassy Island (port), Armit Island (stbd), Double Cone Island (stbd), finish. (Approx 30.3 NM)

Short start, Little Grassy (port), Grassy Island (port), Double Cone Island (stbd), finish. Approx 29.0 NM)

COURSE 9

Long start, Grassy Island (stbd), Olden Island (stbd), Armit Island (stbd), finish. (Approx 29.6 NM)

Short start, Grassy Island (stbd), Little Grassy (stbd), Edwin Rock (stbd), Armit Island (stbd), finish. (Approx 25.8 NM)

COURSE 10

Long start, windward mark, Hannah Point (stbd), Planton Island (stbd), Denman Island (stbd), White Rock (stbd), finish. (Approx 22.5 NM)

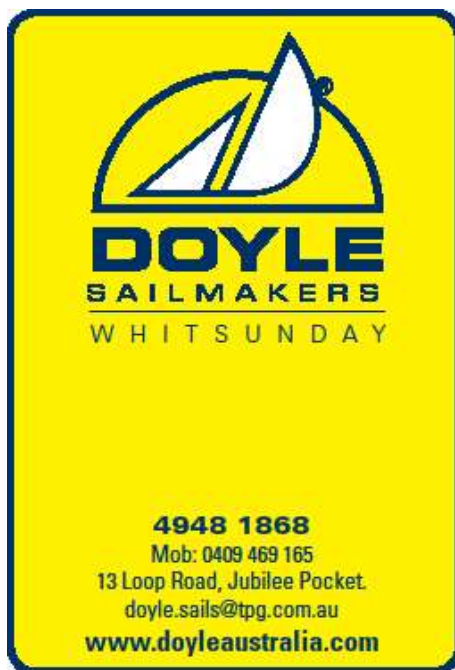
Short start, windward mark, Hannah Point (stbd), Planton Island (stbd), Denman Island (stbd), Roma Point (stbd), finish. Approx 20.9 NM)

NOTES

- 1 Red or green flag will denote windward mark rounding.

SPECIAL COURSE

Special Courses as decided by the Race Committee



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<p>Kev Fogarty 0419 775 282 07 4946 4497 kevinfogarty@bigpond.com PO Box 35, AIRLIE BEACH, Queensland 4802</p>	

LONG OFFSHORE COURSES

TIME LIMIT

None

COURSE 11

Long start, Sidney Island (port), finish. (Approx 45.0 NM)

Short start, Dent Island (port), finish. (Approx 35.2 NM)

COURSE 12

Long start, Saddleback Island (port), finish. (Approx 34.0 NM)

Short start, Gumbrell Island (port), finish. (Approx 24.1 NM)

COURSE 13

Long start, Holbourne Island (stbd), finish. (Approx 77.1 NM)

Short start, Rattray Island (stbd), finish. (Approx 38.2 NM)

COURSE 14

Long start, Pentecost Island (stbd), finish. (Approx 46.0 NM)

Short start, Dent Island (stbd), finish. (Approx 35.0 NM)

COURSE 15

Long start, Lindeman Island (stbd), Brush Island (stbd), finish. (Approx 53.3 NM)

Short start, Sidney Island (stbd), finish. (Approx 44.7 NM)

COURSE 16

Long start, Dent Island (port), Surprise Rock (port), Hamilton Island (port), finish. (Approx 42.4 NM)

Short start, Dent Island (port), Plum Pudding (port), Henning Island (port), finish. (Approx 35.8 NM)

COURSE 17 (AROUND THE WHITSUNDAYS)

All start, Dent Island (port), Workington Island (port), Border Island (port), Hayman Island (port), finish. (Approx 66.3 NM)

COURSE 18

Long start, Rattray Island (port), finish. (Approx 37.1 NM)

Short start, Gumbrell Island (port), finish. (Approx 23.6 NM)

COURSE 19

Long start, Armit Island (stbd), Langford Reef (stbd), Roma Point (stbd), finish. (Approx 46.0 NM)

Short start, Double Cone (stbd), Langford Reef (stbd), Roma Point (stbd), finish. (Approx 40.9 NM)

COURSE 20

Long start, Pine Island (port), Double Cone Island (port), finish. (Approx 45.5 NM)

Short start, Denman Island (port), Double Cone Island (port), finish. (Approx 32.8 NM)

BAY COURSES

TIME LIMIT

1700 hrs

FINISH

The finish line will be an imaginary line between the flag mast on the committee vessel and the adjacent Orange or Yellow inflatable buoy. Course orientation is as shown in the appropriate course diagram and as amended in the notes.

COURSE 21: WINDWARD/LEEWARD

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Long start, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, finish

Short start, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, finish

NOTES

- 1 Red or green flag will denote rounding of marks 1 and 2.

COURSE 22: W'WARD/L'WARD W GATES

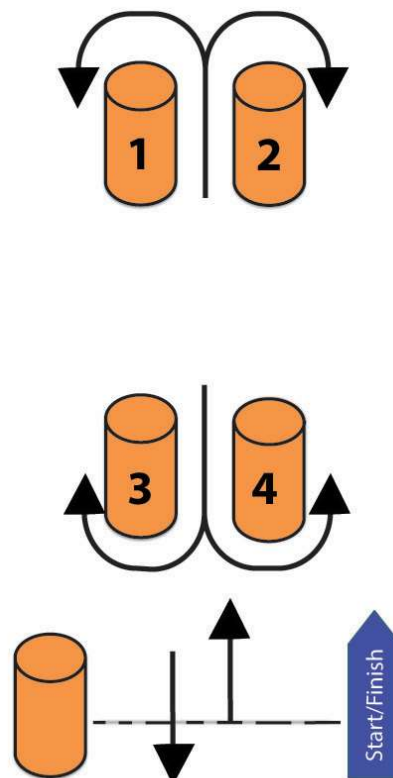
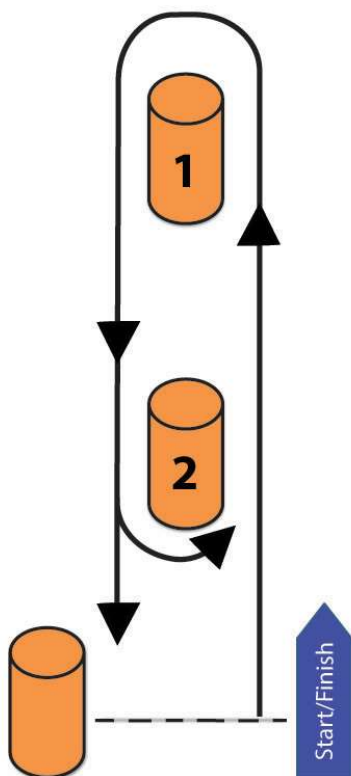
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Long start, (1 or 2), (3 or 4), (1 or 2), (3 or 4), (1 or 2), finish.

Short start, (1 or 2), (3 or 4), (1 or 2), finish.

NOTES

- 1 Boats must pass between the marks, hence mark 1 must be passed to port, mark 2 must be passed to starboard, mark 3 must be passed to starboard and mark 4 must be passed to port.
- 2 On the first upwind leg from the start and the last downwind leg to the finish, marks 3 and 4 are not marks of the course.





COURSE 23: TRAPEZOID COURSE

Long start, 1, 2, 3, 4, 1, 4, 1, 2, 3, 4, finish.

Short start, 1, 2, 3, 4, 1, 2, 3, 4, finish.

NOTES

- 1 Red or green flag will denote course orientation and rounding of marks 1, 2, 3 and 4.
- 2 Port hand course orientation shown in diagram. For starboard hand course marks 2 and 3 will be to starboard of the course axis.

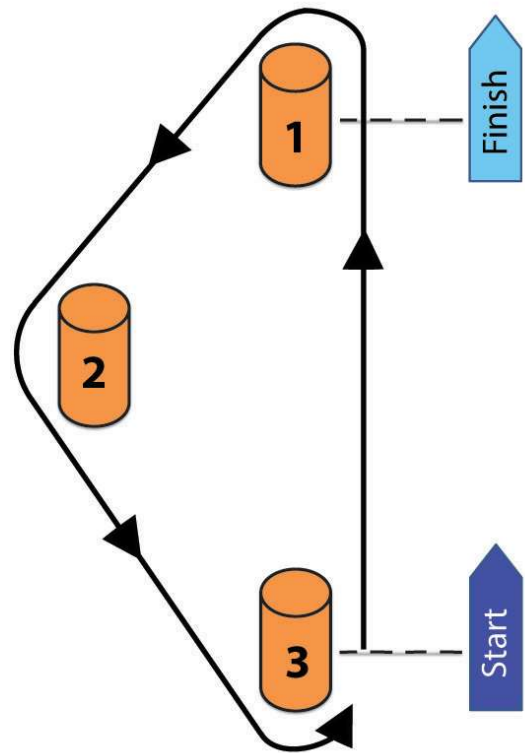
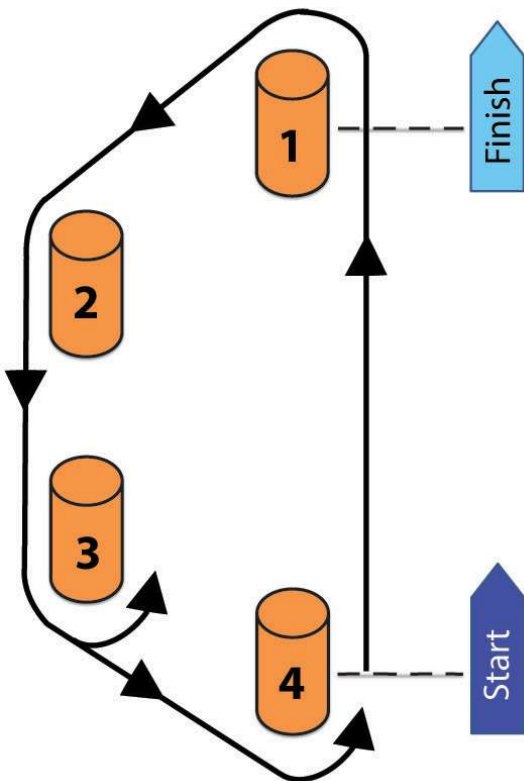
COURSE 24: TRIANGULAR COURSE

Long start, 1, 2, 3, 1, 3, 1, 2, 3, 1, 3, finish.

Short start, 1, 2, 3, 1, 3, 1, 2, 3, finish.

NOTES

- 1 Red or green flag will denote rounding of marks 1, 2 and 3.
- 2 Port hand course orientation shown in diagram. For starboard hand course marks 2 and 3 will be to starboard of the course axis.



ON WATER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN

In case of on water emergency:

Contact Event Race Officer:

- VHF Ch 73 or as specified otherwise in the Sailing Instructions
- WSC Sailing Officer Ross Chisholm Phone 0429 584 787.
- WSC Commodore Rupert King Phone 0406 077 703
- Phone Whitsunday Sailing Club on Phone (07) 4946 6138 or 0459 300 381

Explain the situation in clear terms, including:

- Location of incident
- Nature of incident
- Name of vessel(s) involved
- Injuries to people
- Damage to vessel(s)
- Other relevant information

In case of the evacuation of an injured person, there are three evacuation points:

1. Whitsunday Sailing Club Launching Area – VHF 73 or 4946 6138
2. Abell Point Marina Fuel Dock – VHF Ch 09 or 4946 2400
3. Port of Airlie boat ramp – (07) 4948 0643

Salvage and Towing

Salvage is the responsibility of the skipper. The organising authority takes no responsibility for organising salvage. Should towing or salvage be required, local contact is:

David Edge Marine Contracting Ph 0487415599

After the incident, it is the responsibility of skipper(s) to complete and submit Incident Report to Marine Safety Queensland and to Whitsunday Sailing Club.

Other contact details:

Bureau of Meteorology

- Marine Warning (Phone) 1300 360 427
http://www.bom.gov.au/qld/forecasts/northern_qld_coastal_waters.shtml
http://www.bom.gov.au/australia/charts/4day_col.shtml
- **Emergency Services** **000**
- MSQ Airlie Beach (07) 4841 4500
- Vessel Tracking Services (VTS) Mackay (07) 1300 645 022
- Whitsunday VMR 442 16, 80, 81, 22 (07) 4946 7207
- Whitsunday Police (07) 4948 8888
- Whitsunday Water Police (07) 4967 7222
- Airlie Beach Ambulance Service 131233`
- Airlie Beach Fire Brigade (07) 49466442
- Whitsunday Sailing Club (07) 4946 6138
- Abel Point Marina (07) 4946 2400
- Port of Airlie Marina (07) 4948 0643
- Department of Boating & Fisheries (07) 4946-7003