

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

## Ron Howell Memorial Mud Is. Marathon 2010



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Organising Authority  
**Moreton Bay Yacht Club Inc.**

### 1. RULES

1.1 The Division 1 event will be governed by the International Regulation for Preventing Collision at Sea (ColRegs) and these sailing instructions.

The Division 2 event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 as may be modified by these sailing instructions. [Refer also SI 17]

1.2 The events are also governed by the Notice of Race and, for Division 2 only, the special prescriptions of Yachting Australia.

1.3 Competitors are to take cognizance of the Maritime Safety Queensland prescriptions outlined in Appendix A.

1.4 The events are arbitrary/performance handicap events. Handicaps will be based on the latest available club championship handicaps. Any yacht not having a club championship handicap will be assigned an arbitrary handicap based on social event performance or yacht design potential if performance data is not available.

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors will be given via VHF 77 and/or via flags flown on the committee boat(s).

2.2 Notices to competitors may be given during the event particularly on matters relating to safety and course modification.

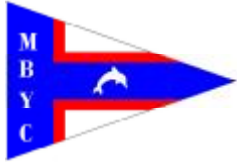
2.3 All boats are required to acknowledge any such notification via VHF 77.

### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be advised in accordance with item 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS.

### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals will not be made ashore. All signals will be sounds made and/or flags flown from the committee boat(s).



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### 5. RACE START TIME

The race is scheduled to start at 10:00 am on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2010. Division 1 yachts will start at 10:00 am. Division 2 yachts will start at 10:15am.

### 6. DIVISIONS and FLAGS

Yachts will race as two (2) divisions. Division 1 will comprise cruising yachts with no spinnakers or other 'extras' allowed. Division 2 will comprise competition yachts carrying 'extras'. The division (class) flag for both divisions will be code flag 'Q' (a yellow flag).

### 7. RACE AREA

The race area is Deception Bay, Northern Moreton Bay and the precincts of Mud Is.

### 8. THE COURSE

8.1 The course is generally as per the course diagram attached to the Notice of Race.

**NOTE:- Sailing Instruction 9. MARKS, takes precedence over the course diagram.**

8.2 Any change to the courses will be notified in accordance with instruction 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS.

### 9. MARKS

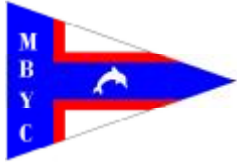
The marks of the course and the direction of rounding shall be as follows.

#### **DIVISION 1 (cruising yachts – no 'extras')**

1. Start.
2. Reef Point beacon to **starboard**.
3. Brisbane Road isolated danger buoy to **starboard**.
4. Brisbane River West "Coffee Pot" to **port**,
5. Brisbane Road isolated danger buoy to **port**.
6. Reef Point beacon to **port**
7. Finish.

#### **DIVISION 2 (competition yachts – 'extras' allowed))**

1. Start.
2. Reef Point beacon to **starboard**.
3. Brisbane Road isolated danger buoy to **starboard**.
4. Brisbane River "Coffee Pot" beacons **both to port**



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5. Mud Is. All perimeter cardinal marks to **port** if the island is taken to **port** or to **starboard** if the island is taken to **starboard**.
6. Brisbane River entrance “Coffee Pot” beacons **both to starboard**.
3. Brisbane Road isolated danger buoy to **port**.
6. Reef Point beacon to **port**
7. Finish.

### 10. THE START

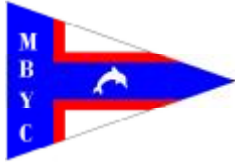
- 10.1 The races will both be started in accordance with RRS rule 26. Refer Appendix B. If a start boat is not present, competitors shall ‘self start’ based on GPS AEST.
- 10.2 The start line will be between the yellow special mark at the North end of the Scarborough harbour lateral entrance marks (starboard end) and a large blue and white cubic buoy at the port end.
- 10.3 Any boat motoring after the relevant warning signal must complete a 720 degree penalty turn under sail **after** the start signal and **prior to** crossing the start line.
- 10.4 A boat starting later than 15 minutes after the starting signal may be scored Did Not Start (DNS).
- 10.5 Division 2 boats must keep clear of the start line prior to and during the Division 1 start sequence.

### 12. THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finish line will be between the yellow special mark at the entrance to Scarborough Harbour (the port end of the line) and a blue and white cubic buoy marking the starboard end of the line.
- 13.2 A committee boat may not be present at the finish. Yachts must take their own finish time as they cross the finish line and advise their time to the race committee on VHF 77 as soon as practicable after finishing.
- 13.3 All race times shall be those obtained via GPS.

### 13. PENALTY DECLARATION

A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under the RRS must advise the race committee prior to the end of the protest time limit.



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### 14. TIME LIMITS

- 14.1 The time limit will be official civil sunset on the day of the race (1733 hrs) or as otherwise notified by the race committee on the day.
- 14.2 The time limit may not necessarily be applied absolutely to yachts in close proximity to the finish line at the time limit. This will be at the discretion of the race committee. Any yacht close to the finish line at sunset must contact the race committee on VHF 77 for a directive on any extension of the time limit.

### 15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

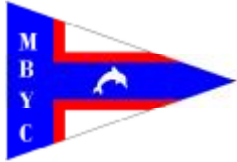
- 15.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes.
- 15.2 Protests must be handed to a race committee member before the end of the protest time limit to be valid.
- 15.3 Notice to parties involved in protests will be given via direct contact within 30 minutes of the end of the protest time limit. Written notices will not be posted.
- 15.4 Protests will be heard as soon as is practical and in the order of receipt.
- 15.5 Breaches of sailing instructions 18, 19 or Appendix A will not be grounds for a protest by a yacht. Penalties for these breaches will be time penalties at the discretion of the race committee. The penalty for breaches of Appendix A may be disqualification.
- 15.6 Decisions of the protest committee will be final and absolute. Refer also Notice of Race clause 11. – **Fair sailing.**

### 16. SCORING

Scoring is not applicable to this single event. The event results will not affect any yacht's current championship handicap nor its SAGS/WAGS handicaps.

### 17. APPLICATION OF THE RRS TO THE MIXED FLEET

Division 2 yachts racing under the RRS must not apply any tactical RRS to any Division 1 yacht. When Division 2 yachts meet Division 1 yachts, the ColRegs apply absolutely and totally displace the RRS. *[Example:- a yacht sailing in one division cannot apply "luffing rights" to a yacht sailing in the other division.]*



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### 18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1 Boats competing in the event must, as a minimum, comply with the following safety requirements:-

**Division 1** – Safety requirements prescribed by Maritime Safety Queensland for the type and size of boat.

**Division 2 - YA SPECIAL REGULATIONS 2009-2012, Category 6.**

18.2 Competitors shall log on via VHF 77 at least 15 minutes prior to the Division 1 warning signal.

18.3 Competitors crossing the finish line at the completion of the event need not log off if a committee boat is in attendance.

18.4 A yacht that retires from the race shall notify the race committee via VHF 77 or by hail as soon as practicable after retiring but not later than 60 minutes after returning to shore.

18.5 Competitors shall maintain an effective listening watch on VHF 77 from “log on” until the finish line is crossed and cleared. Refer also Appendix A regarding radio watch in and adjacent the Brisbane River entrance.

18.6 All persons in charge of any boat participating in or associated with the race must comply with the prescriptions of Maritime Safety Queensland as notified via the Aquatic Event Authority governing the event. Prescriptions relevant while racing are attached as **Appendix A**. These prescriptions override any sailing instruction.

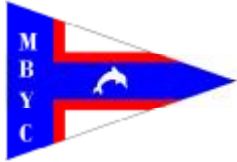
### 19 RADIO COMMUNICATION

19.1 The official radio communication channel will be VHF 77.

19.2 While racing, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions or other communications not available to all boats. This restriction includes mobile phones. This instruction does not preclude the provision, by a boat, to another boat or the race committee, of information regarding safety or significant changes in the weather conditions experienced.

19.3 The organising authority reserves the right to appropriately penalise any competitor found to have gained sole advantage by radio or other communication.

19.4 All yachts must maintain radio watch on VHF 12 when within 1 nautical mile of the Brisbane River entrance.



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#### 20. ENTRY FEE

There is no entry fee. It is included in the club membership fee structure.

#### 21. PRIZES

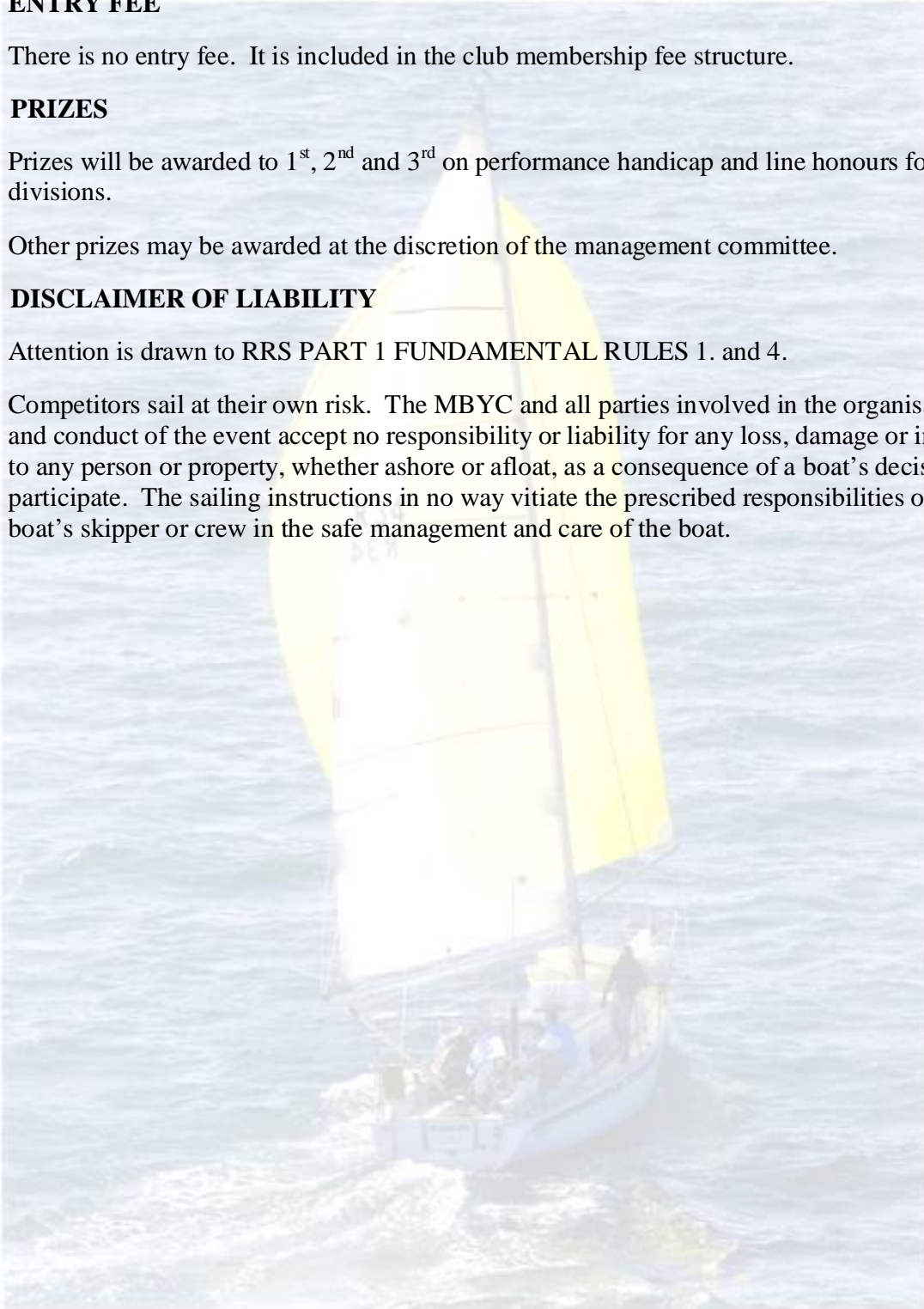
Prizes will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> on performance handicap and line honours for both divisions.

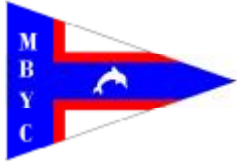
Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the management committee.

#### 22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Attention is drawn to RRS PART 1 FUNDAMENTAL RULES 1. and 4.

Competitors sail at their own risk. The MBYC and all parties involved in the organisation and conduct of the event accept no responsibility or liability for any loss, damage or injury to any person or property, whether ashore or afloat, as a consequence of a boat's decision to participate. The sailing instructions in no way vitiate the prescribed responsibilities of a boat's skipper or crew in the safe management and care of the boat.





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### APPENDIX A

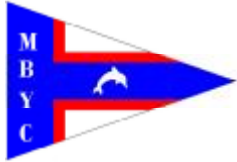
### STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

The following are specific prescriptions of the Aquatic Event Authority issued by Maritime Safety Queensland for this event. These prescriptions target participating vessels and their owners (or owner's representative) and skippers.

Having been formally issued by Maritime Safety under the auspices of the Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994 and the associated regulation, these prescriptions are mandatory and override the sailing instructions. Any incident, being a breach of these prescriptions and resulting in action being taken by Queensland Water Police, Boating and Fisheries patrols, Maritime Safety or Port Control, may be deemed by the race committee to be grounds for disqualification.

- The International Regulation for Preventing Collision at Sea with respect to all vessels shall apply. Particular attention is to be given to Rule 9 'Narrow Channels'.
- Radio communication with the committee boat, or its designate, on VHF 77 must be available and maintained at all times during the event. [*Aside:- by agreement, Coast Guard Redcliffe acts as a secondary shore station (VHF 73) while it is on station.*]
- All participating vessels must keep an effective radio watch on VHF channel 12 while approaching and traversing the Brisbane River entrance.
- Participants will be advised of all relevant shipping movements (refer sailing instruction 2. 'NOTICES TO COMPETITORS'). Avoidance of shipping must be pre-planned and take cognizance of the limited manoeuvrability of ships. Participants are required to not hinder and must give way to all commercial shipping.
- All participating vessels and operators of such vessels must comply with Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994 and the associated Regulation 2004.
- Participants (collectively or singly) must not interfere with normal traffic, including vessels underway, at anchor, moored or making way.

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**APPENDIX B**  
**START SEQUENCE**

The following sequence of events will apply only if a start boat is present. If a start boat is not present, competitors are required to manoeuvre and start **‘as if’** the sequence has occurred. The PRO on the day or a management committee member on board one of the competing boats may give timing advice to competitors via VHF 77.

- **09:55 am**    Division 1 warning signal            Code flag “Q” and 1 sound.
- **09:56 am**    Division 1 preparatory signal            Code flag “P” and 1 sound
- **09:59 am**    Division 1 one minute to go            Code flag “P” removed and 1 long sound.
- **10:00 am**    Division 1 start                            Code flag “Q” removed and 1 sound.
  
- **10:10 am**    Division 2 warning signal            Code flag “Q” and 1 sound.
- **10:11 am**    Division 2 preparatory signal            Code flag “P” and 1 sound
- **10:14 am**    Division 2 one minute to go            Code flag “P” removed and 1 long sound.
- **10:15 am**    Division 2 start                            Code flag “Q” removed and 1 sound.

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