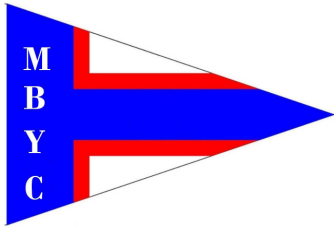


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Organising Authority
Moreton Bay Yacht Club

1. RULES

1.1 The races will be governed by the 2005-2008 Racing Rules of Sailing as published by Yachting Australia, the prescriptions of Yachting Australia, all as modified by the notice of race, the sailing instructions and the MBYC handbook.

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.

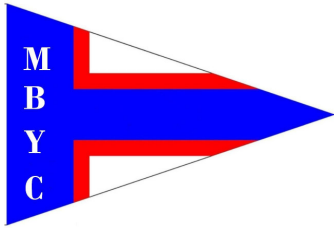
3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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 flags flown from the committee boat.

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5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

The race schedule is:-

Race 1	31st August 08
Race 2	28 th September 08
Race 3	12 th October 08
Race 4	26 th October 08

6. DIVISION FLAGS

The division (class) flag for the mixed fleet will be code flag 'Q'.

7. RACE AREA

The race area for this series is only within Deception Bay the Southern most mark will be Reef Point

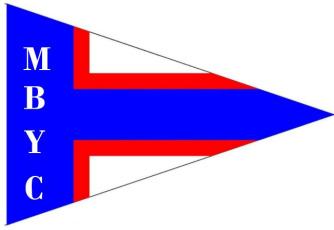
8. THE COURSE

- 8.1 The course for each race will be announced on VHF 77 prior to the warning signal.
- 8.2 Any change to the standard courses will be notified in accordance with instruction 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 Fixed marks are selected navigation beacons and buoys within the race area.
- 9.2 Laid marks will be yellow cone shaped inflatable buoys.

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10. THE START

- 10.1 If no start boat is present the start will be at precisely 11:00am GPS time and the start will be between the yellow special mark at the entrance to Scarborough Harbor and a laid yellow mark. This changes rule 26
- 10.2 If a start boat and personnel are available the start will be started in accordance with RRS rule 26. The start line will be between a staff on the start boat displaying an orange flag at the starboard end, and a yellow conical buoy at the port end. If an inner distance mark (barging buoy) is set, it will be a small red teardrop buoy.
- 10.3 Any boat motoring after 10:56am must complete a 720 degree penalty turn after the starting signal and **prior to** crossing the start line.
- 10.4 A boat starting later than Ten (10) minutes after the starting signal may be scored Did Not Start (DNS). Interpretation of this rule is at the discretion of the race committee.
- 10.5 Premature starters – Boats starting early must round either the start buoy or yellow X mark to restart. (Also see 15.6)

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finish line will be between the start marks, yachts shall take their own times.. Each yacht must report its finish time to the race committee via VHF 77 as soon as practical after finishing. And no later than 30 minutes after the last boat finishes
- 12.2. Yachts not reporting their time within the time limit as describes above will be scored DNF

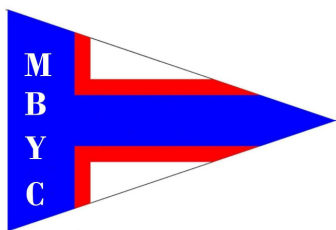
13. PENALTY DECLARATION

A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS rule 44.1 may be requested to complete and submit an acknowledgement form prior to the end of the protest time limit.

14. TIME LIMITS

- 14.1 The time limit will be official civil sunset on the day of the race or as otherwise notified by the race committee on the day.

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15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 Protests must be in a written format. (A standard protest form can be found in AYPF rule book).

15.2 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat finishes.

15.3 Protests shall be handed to a race committee member before the end of the protest time limit.

15.4 Notice to parties involved in protests will be given via direct contact within 15 minutes after the end of the protest time limit. Written notices will not be posted.

15.5 Protests will be heard as soon as is practical and in the order in the order of receipt.

15.6 Protests in regard to premature starters-

If a skipper believes another yacht has started early the skipper must hail “*Protest*” “*yacht name*” “*words to the effect of “early starter”*” **via VHF77** and hoist a protest flag.

15.6 Breaches of instructions 17 or 19 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

15.7 RRS rule 61.1 is amended to the extent that all boats intending to protest shall fly a protest flag.

16. SCORING

16.1 The low point scoring system will apply.

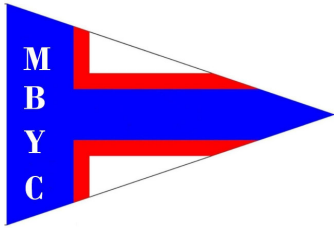
16.2 DNS or DNC will be scored as if placed one more than the number of series entrants.

16.3 DNF or DSQ will be scored as if placed one more than the number of race entrants.

16.4 One race score will be discarded from the overall series score. A DSQ can NOT be discarded

Note: - Club championship scores are an accumulation of each series.

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17. START BOAT DUTY

It is expected that this series will not use a start boat however yacht may be asked to set or retrieve the start buoy.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 Boats competing in the event must, as a minimum, comply with the safety requirements prescribed for **YA SPECIAL REGULATIONS, PART 1, SECTION 2 cl. 2.01.7 Category 6.**
- 18.2 Competitors shall log on via VHF 77 at least 15 minutes prior to the warning signal.
- 18.3 Competitors crossing the finish line shall advise finish time and log off.
- 18.4 A yacht that retires from a race shall notify the race committee via VHF 77, phone or by hail as soon as practicable after retiring but not later than 1 hour after returning to shore.
- 18.5 Competitors shall maintain an effective listening watch on VHF 77 from “log on” until moored.
- 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.

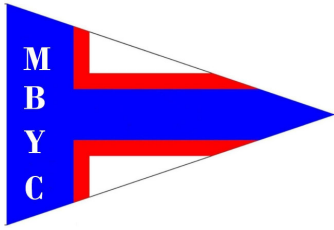
The complete Aquatic Event Permit will be posted on the MBYC notice board.

19 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 19.1 The official radio communication channel will be VHF 77.
- 19.2 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio 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
- 19.3 The organising authority reserves the right to appropriately penalise any competitor found to have gained sole advantage by radio or other communication.

20. PRIZES

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Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd on performance handicap.

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

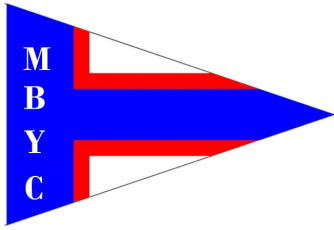
Prizes will be awarded at the MBYC annual presentation dinner in June/July 2009. Yachts **must** have a representative at this dinner in order to receive a prize.

21. 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 series 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

Maritime Safety Queensland Prescriptions

These prescriptions relate to the regulation under the Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994 as in force 19 May 2005. They are imposed by Aquatic Event Authority. Therefore they are associated with statutory requirements and override any sailing instruction or RRS rule.

1. All participating and safety vessels and operators of such vessels are to comply with the Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994 and the associated Regulation 2004.
2. The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGs) shall apply with respect to all vessels.
3. The organising authority (MBYC) has established a relationship with the Redcliffe Coast Guard whereby, coupled with its normal duties, it will log and respond to reported activity and emergency situations, respectively, which may arise during MBYC events. Serious events should be advised directly to Redcliffe Coast Guard on VHF 73. Other events should first be advised to the committee boat (or the PRO) on VHF 77. If the committee boat (or PRO) deems the situation to require Coast Guard assistance, the committee boat (or PRO) will notify the Coast Guard and remain on stand by to assist. The Coast Guard should not be called on trivial matters.
4. The authority to conduct this event does not give competitors rights and privileges greater than those of other mariners (recreational or commercial). The COLREGs apply equally to all mariners within or adjacent the race area. This is particularly pertinent to boats at anchor and boats trawling.
5. Race participants are to give way and not to hinder any shipping. Particular attention is drawn to COLREG Rule 9 'Narrow Channels'.

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