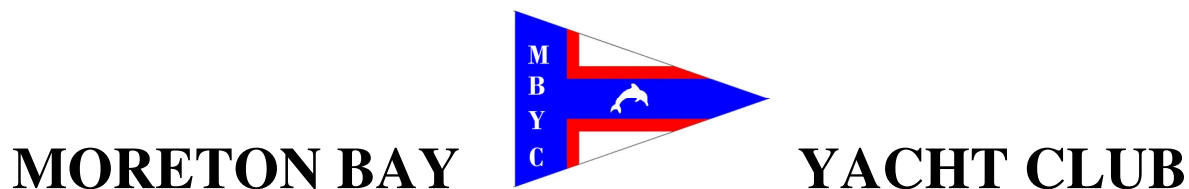


NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



Championship Series 1, 2 & 3 2009-2010

Revision 21/8/09

Organising Authority
Moreton Bay Yacht Club

1. RULES

1.1 The races will be governed by the 2009-2012 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:-

Series 1:

Race 1	30th August 2009
Race 2	27 th September 2009
Race 3	11 th October 2009
Race 4	25 th October 2009

Series 2:

Race 1	15 November 2009
Race 2	6 th December 2009
Race 3	14 th February 2010
Race 4	14 th March 2010

Series 3:

Race 1	28 th March 2010
Race 2	25th April 2010
Race 3	16 th May 2010
Race 4	30th May 2010

6. DIVISION FLAGS

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

7. RACE AREA

The race areas for all events are as described in the Club Handbook (Courses)

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.

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9. AUTO STEERING

9.1 Use of auto steering devices is prohibited where a yacht has a crew of 2 or more.

9.2 Single handed yachts are encouraged to use auto steering devices

10. NON SPINNAKER

10.1 Boats may elect at the beginning of each series to sail without the use of spinnakers or other sails deemed by the Race Committee to be classified as “Extras”. A handicap adjustment of 3% shall be awarded to Boats during each series that elect to sail as a Non Spinnaker Entrant. Once a Boat elects to sail the series as either a Spinnaker or Non Spinnaker entrant there will be no change.

11. MARKS

11.1 Fixed marks are selected navigation beacons and buoys within the race area.

11.2 Laid marks will be yellow cone shaped inflatable buoys.

12. THE START

12.1 If no start boat is present the start will be at precisely 11:00 am GPS time and the start will be between the yellow special mark at the entrance to Scarborough Harbour and a laid yellow mark.

12.2 If a start boat and personnel are available the start will be started in accordance with RRS 26 and 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.

12.3 Any boat motoring after 10:55 am (the Warning Signal) must complete a 720 degree penalty turn after the starting signal and prior to crossing the start line.

12.4 A boat starting later than Ten (10) minutes after the starting signal may be scored Did Not Start (DNS). Application of this rule is at the discretion of the race committee.

12.5 Premature starters – Boats starting early must round either the start buoy or yellow X mark to restart. (also see 15.6). All starts are deemed to be to RRS 30.1 (I Flag Rule).

12.6 The Race Committee may at its discretion call for a Gate Start (see Club Handbook)

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13. THE FINISH

13.1 If there is no finish boat in attendance, the finish line will be between the start marks & yachts must 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

13.2. Yachts not reporting their time within the time limit as describes above will be scored DNF

14. 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.

15. TIME LIMITS

15.1 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.

15.2 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 such an extension of the time limit.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

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

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

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

16.4 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.

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

16.6 Protests in regard to premature starters-

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

16.7 Breaches of instructions 17 or 19 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

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

16.8 Decisions of the protest committee will be final and absolute. This changes rule 70.1.

17. SCORING

17.1 The low point scoring system will apply.

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

17.3 DNF or DSQ will be scored as if placed one more than the number of race entrants. This changes RRS A4.2.

17.4 One race score will be discarded from the overall series score. (the Series Score) A DSQ will NOT be discarded

Note:- The Club Championship score is an accumulation of the Series Scores.

18. START BOAT DUTY

It is expected that there may not necessarily be a start boat present, however, yachts may be asked to set or retrieve the start buoy.

NOTE:- To expedite post race shore activities, the yacht finishing last may not be expected to retrieve the finish buoy.

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

19.1 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.**

19.2 Competitors shall log on via VHF 77 at least 15 minutes prior to the start time.

19.3 Competitors crossing the finish line must advise their finish time via VHF 77 and log off.

19.4 A yacht that retires from a race must notify the race committee via VHF 77, phone or by hail as soon as practicable after retiring.

19.5 Competitors shall maintain an effective listening watch on VHF 77 from “log on” until moored.

19.6 Crews of single handed yachts must wear an approved PFD and / or safety harness and lanyard attached to a strong point or jack lines at all times

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19.7 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 or website

20. RADIO COMMUNICATION

20.1 The official radio communication channel will be VHF 77.

20.2 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications relevant to the race that is 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

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

21. PRIZES

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

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

Where practicable, prizes for individual races will be awarded after each race at the MBBC. Series and Overall Championship prizes will be presented at the annual presentation dinner in June/July 2010. Yachts **must** have a representative present after each race to receive race prizes and at this dinner in order to receive series and other prizes.

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 championship events 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 No. 09/0810 dated 12 July 2009. Therefore they are associated with statutory requirements and override any sailing instruction and any RRS.

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, that 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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