



**2015 XXXX SAIL PARADISE
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**



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1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The Yachting Australia Special Regulations Part 1 – For Racing Boats shall apply.
- 1.3 The relevant Class Rules shall apply.
- 1.4 For yachts entered in the IRC Division, the IRC Rules 2015 Parts A, B and C shall apply.
- 1.5 For yachts entered in the IRC Division, IRC Rules 2015 Part C 22.4 (Crew Number/Weight) is deleted.
- 1.6 Except as a result of a rating protest, or to correct a rating office error, no changes to an IRC yacht's TCC will be permitted after 1700 hrs 5th March 2015.
- 1.7 Attention is drawn to the RRS Part 1 and especially drawn to **Fundamental Rule 4** which states “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone”
- 1.8 The Organising Authority may provide sponsors’ logos. These will be adhered to each side of the hull, no more than two metres from the bow, for the duration of the event. Replacement logos may be available at the Sailing Office.
- 1.9 Each yacht shall be crewed by at least two persons over the age of eighteen (Applications may be accepted at the absolute discretion of the Sailing Administrator for crews with an age younger than 16 accompanied with a completed written Parental Consent Form).
- 1.10 A yacht chartered or on loan may carry national letters or sail numbers in contravention of her class rules. A yacht without identification numbers on the mainsail, headsail and spinnaker shall display bow numbers on each side of the hull, placed no more than one metre from the bow, for the duration of the event. This amends RRS 77.
- 1.11 RRS 50.2 is amended by adding an extra sentence to read “Fixed and retractable spinnaker poles not attached to the foremost of the masts will be permitted for the purpose of setting asymmetrical spinnakers”.
RRS 51 is amended by deleting the first sentence.
- 1.12 Yachts shall NOT carry anchors protruding beyond the bow whilst racing.
- 1.13 RRS 44.2 is amended so that only a “One Turns Penalty” is required.

2 SAFETY

- 2.1 Yachts shall comply with Category 5 (YA Special Regulations, Part 1).
- 2.2 Yachts with motors shall carry sufficient fuel at the start of each race day for two hours of motoring.
- 2.3 The Race Committee may inspect any yacht at any time for compliance with safety regulations.
- 2.4 Attention is drawn to YA Special Regulation 1.02 – Owner’s Responsibility.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Boards located outside the Sailing Office, Southport Yacht Club, Hollywell & Main Beach.

4 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0830 hours on the day of the race affected, except that the starting vessel may signal an oral change to sailing instructions on the water by displaying Code Flag "L" and announcing the change on VHF Channel 74.
- 4.2 Any change to the schedule of races will be posted before 1800 the day before it will take effect.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagstaff at the Southport Yacht Club, Main Beach & Hollywell.
- 5.2 A Warning Signal will not be made less than 45 minutes after signal “AP” is removed. This amends RRS Race Signals.

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6 Classes

6.1 Class flags will be:

Monohull - IRC

Monohull Performance Racing

Monohull Cruising

Multihull

Numeral Pennant "1"

Numeral Pennant "2"

Numeral Pennant "3"

Numeral Pennant "4"

6.2 A Class requires at least Five (5) entries. In the event that less than 5 entries are received to form any one division, the Race Committee may determine the disposition of any entries received for that Class, or retain the Class.

6.3 Competitors who enter the Monohull Cruising Class are permitted to only use one (1) Mainsail & one (1) Jib at any one time. No spinnaker, Gennaker, blooper or similar sail shall be used.



PLEASE SEE OVER PAGE FOR FURTHER DETAILS

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7. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

7.1

DATE	CLASS	EVENT	Time of 1st WARNING SIGNAL
Friday 6th	Monohull IRC	Race 1 – Passage Race	Not before 0955hrs
	Monohull Performance Racing	Race 1 – Passage Race	
	Monohull Cruising	Race 1 – Passage Race	
	Multihull	Race 1 – Passage Race	
Saturday 7th	Monohull IRC	Races 2, 3, 4 – W/L Race 5 – Passage	Not before 0955hrs
	Monohull Performance Racing	Races 2, 3, 4 – Triangle Course	
	Monohull Cruising	Races 2, 3, 4 – Triangle Course	
	Multihull	Races 2, 3, 4 – Triangle Course	
Sunday 8th	Monohull IRC	Race 6 – W/L Race 7 – Passage Race	Not before 0955hrs
	Monohull Performance Racing	Race 5 – Passage Race	
	Monohull Cruising	Race 5 – Passage Race	
	Multihull	Race 5 – Passage Race	
	Presentation of Prizes – Southport Yacht Club Main Beach		

7.2 On the last scheduled day of the regatta no Warning Signal will be made after 1430 hrs.

8 RACING AREA

8.1 Racing will be conducted on the waters of the Pacific Ocean off Southport. Chart AUS 256 covers the racing area.

9 COURSES

9.1 The course to sail will be selected from those shown in Appendix “A” and will be indicated by a numeral board from the Starting Vessel.

9.2 The Race Committee Boat will show a board displaying the approximate compass bearing from the starting line to the first Mark.

10 MARKS

10.1 Descriptions of marks are detailed in Appendix “A”.

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11 THE START

- 11.1 In addition to the requirements of RRS 29, the Race Committee MAY call yachts on VHF Channel 74.
- 11.2 The Starting Line will be between the signal mast displaying an orange flag on the Starting Vessel at the Starboard end and a Port end start pin.
- 11.3 The approximate location of the Starting Vessel will be 27°57.000'S, 153°26.300'E

12 TIME LIMITS

- 12.1 The time limits will be as follows:
 - Around the Cans 90 minutes
 - Passage Races 7 hours or sunset (whichever is the earliest)
- 12.2 Boats still racing when the time limit expires will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus a score of 30% of the number of starters rounded to the nearest whole number, but no more points than the number of starters. This changes RRS 35, A4.2 and A5.

13 THE FINISH LINE

- 13.1 The Finishing Line area will be approximately the same area as the Starting Line.
- 13.2 The Finish line will be between the signal mast displaying an orange flag on the Finishing Vessel at the Port end and the Starboard end finish pin.
- 13.3 Finish times will only be allocated to the main sail number or bow number shown as a boat crosses the finish line. If the Sail or bow number is not registered for this event the boat will be scored DNF for this race. This alters RRS A5

14 PROTESTS

- 14.1 Protests will be lodged at the SYC Reception either Main Beach or Hollywell within 1.5 hours of the finish time for the last finishing yacht in the last race for the day for the protesting yacht's division. Protest forms are available from the SYC office.
- 14.2 Protests will be heard at SYC Main Beach as soon as practical after the close of protest time. The schedule of hearings will be posted on the official notice boards. In accordance with RRS 64.1(a) the protest committee may make any determination it decides is equitable for the fleet.
- 14.3 Breaches of Sailing Instructions 1.9 and 1.12 are protestable by the Race Committee only and will not be grounds for protest by another competitor. (This amends RRS 60.1)
- 14.4 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing will be delivered:
 - a. Within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on a previous day.
 - b. no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. (This amends RRS 66).

15 ARBITRATION

- 15.1 The protest committee may offer a short arbitration hearing which may be heard prior to a protest hearing (affecting Rule 63). After the written protest form is properly lodged, one representative from each boat will meet with the arbitrator, no witnesses will be permitted. Protests not resolved by arbitration will be lodged with the Protest Committee.
- 15.2 A boat that accepts fault at an arbitration hearing will be penalised by having her race score increased by 25% of the difference between the boats finishing score and the score for DSQ in her division or class, rounded to the nearest whole number. All other boats scores will remain the same. Once accepted, this decision is not subject to reopening or appeal. This alters RRS 63, 64.1(a), 66 and Appendix A.
- 15.3 The arbitrator may be a member of any subsequent Protest Committee.

16 SCORING & HANDICAPS

- 16.1 The series will be scored as provided in Appendix A of the RRS using the low point scoring system.
- 16.2 One completed race will constitute a series.
- 16.3 When four (4) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

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- 16.4 For Performance Handicaps System (PHS) the handicaps may be adjusted after each race.
16.5 Handicaps will be posted on the official board by 2000 hrs on Thursday 5th of March 2015. Any changes to PHS will be placed on the official notice board before 0930 hrs on the day they take effect.

16.6

DIVISION	HANDICAP SYSTEM	NO. OF RACES
Monohull IRC	IRC	7
Monohull Performance Racing	PHS	5
Monohull Cruising	PHS	5
Multihull	PHS	5

17 RADIO

- 17.1 All yachts shall carry an operational VHF radio at all times during the series.
17.2 The VHF Channel for all Competitors will be Ch. 74.
17.3 The Race Committee may broadcast race information before and during each race. Any such communication will not be deemed as outside help. This Alters RRS 4.

18 TROPHIES AND PRIZES

- 18.1 Trophies and Prizes will be awarded for:
First, Second and Third in each Class, providing there are 5 or more entries.
Any Class with less than 5 entries will have prizes awarded at the discretion of SYC.
This will also include the presentation of the Sail Paradise Perpetual Trophy which shall be awarded to the overall winner for 2015.
Daily Class race winners may be awarded prizes at SYC after racing each race day.

19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 19.1 Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority sponsors and their servants and volunteers 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.

20.0 SPECIAL CONDITIONS FROM MARITIME SAFETY QUEENSLAND

- (i) All participating ships and operators of such ships must comply with the Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994 (the Act) and subordinate Regulation (the Reg).
(ii) The International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea 1972 (COLREGS) apply to all ships at all times.
(iii) The racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) will apply only between those ships that are participating in the event, for the duration of the event. Should interaction occur with non-participating ships, the COLREGS shall apply and shall over-ride all other rules
(iv) In particular, attention is drawn to rule 9 - 'Narrow Channels':- a sailing vessel shall not impede the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only in a narrow channel or fairway.

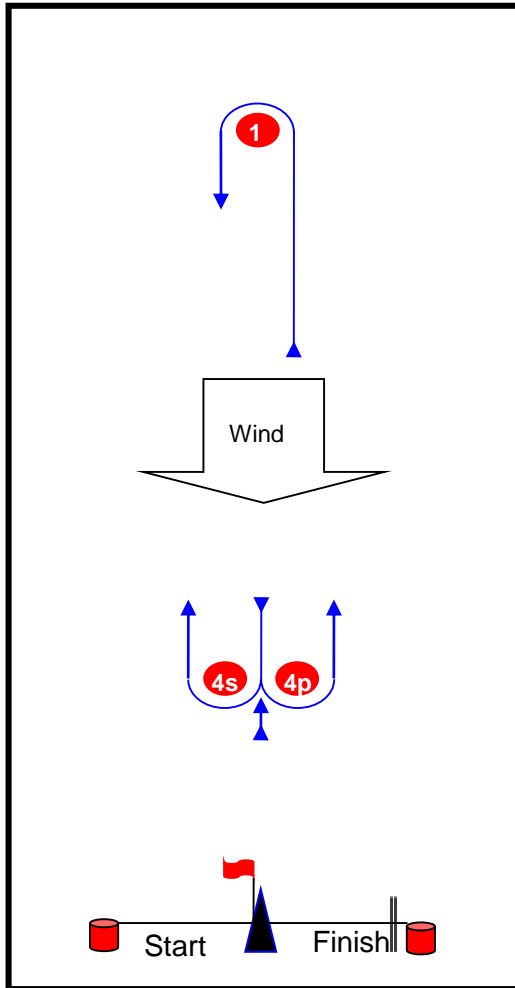
21.0 SKIPPERS BRIEFING

- A Skippers Briefing will be held at Southport Yacht Club Main Beach at 6:30pm on Thursday 5th March 2015.
Please refer to the online 'Events Schedule' at www.sailparadise.com.au for further Event details.

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APPENDIX A – COURSES & MARKS

Windward Leeward Course



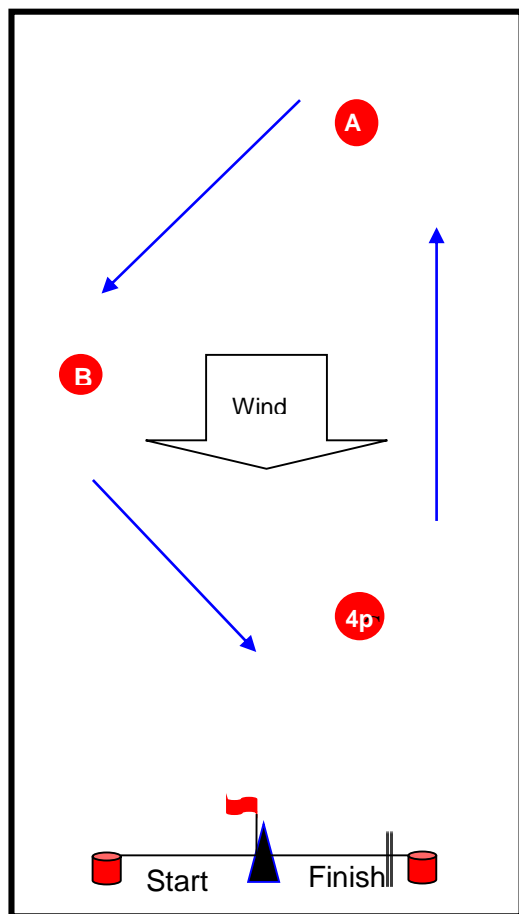
COURSE SIGNAL	COURSE CONFIGURATION
1	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – Finish
2	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – Finish

COURSE MARKS	MARK DESCRIPTION
Start / Finish Pin Marks	Black & White checked cylindrical buoys
Mark 1	Large Yellow Cube inflatable buoy
Mark 4s	Orange cylindrical inflatable buoy
Mark 4p	Orange cylindrical inflatable buoy

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Triangle Course (all Marks to Port)



COURSE SIGNAL	COURSE CONFIGURATION
3	Start – A – B – Finish
4	Start – A – B – 4p – A – Finish
5	Start – A – B – 4p – A – B – 4p – A – Finish

COURSE MARK	MARK DESCRIPTION
Start / Finish Pin Marks	Black & White checked cylindrical buoys
Mark A	Orange cylindrical inflatable buoy
Mark B	Orange cylindrical inflatable buoy
Mark 4p	Orange cylindrical inflatable buoy

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PASSAGE RACE COURSES:

NOTE:

For all passage race courses a Clearing Mark may be laid as part of the course. The Clearing Mark will be approximately 0.8 mile upwind of the start line. The direction for rounding the Clearing Mark will be indicated by a red flag for port rounding or green flag for starboard rounding hoisted at or before the Warning Signal. If no green or red flag is displayed the Clearing Mark is deleted from the course.

Course 6 – Q1 / Currumbin

Course Mark	Mark Description	Required Side
Starting Line	As described in Sailing Instruction 11	
Clearing Mark	Orange/Purple buoy approx 0.8nm upwind of Start Line	As signalled
Q1 Mark	Yellow buoy approx 28°00.850'S, 153° 27.300'E	Port
Currumbin Mark	Yellow buoy approx 28°07.300'S, 153° 29.500'E	Port
Q1 Mark	Yellow buoy approx 28°00.850'S, 153° 27.300'E	Starboard
Finishing Line	As described in Sailing Instruction 13	

Course 7 – Q1-Burleigh

Course Mark	Mark Description	Required Side
Starting Line	As described in Sailing Instruction 11	
Clearing Mark	Orange/Purple buoy approx 0.8nm upwind of Start Line	As signalled
Q1 Mark	Yellow buoy approx 28°00.850'S, 153° 27.300'E	Port
Burleigh Mark	Yellow buoy approx 28° 5.110'S, 153° 27.830'E	Port
Q1 Mark	Yellow buoy approx 28°00.850'S, 153° 27.300'E	Starboard
Finishing Line	As described in Sailing Instruction 13	

Course 8 – Q1-Burleigh Extended

Course Mark	Mark Description	Required Side
Starting Line	As described in Sailing Instruction 11	
Clearing Mark	Orange/Purple buoy approx 0.8nm upwind of Start Line	As signalled
Q1 Mark	Yellow buoy approx 28°00.850'S, 153° 27.300'E	Port
Clearing Mark	Orange/Purple buoy approx 0.8nm upwind of Start Line	Port
Q1 Mark	Yellow buoy approx 28°00.850'S, 153° 27.300'E	Port
Burleigh Mark	Yellow buoy approx 28° 5.110'S, 153° 27.830'E	Port
Q1 Mark	Yellow buoy approx 28°00.850'S, 153° 27.300'E	Starboard
Finishing Line	As described in Sailing Instruction 13	

Course 9 – Q1- Cook Island

Course Mark	Mark Description	Required Side
Starting Line	As described in Sailing Instruction 11	
Clearing Mark	Orange/Purple buoy approx 0.8nm upwind of Start Line	As signalled
Q1 Mark	Yellow buoy approx 28°00.850'S, 153° 27.300'E	Port
Cook Island Mark	Yellow buoy approx 28° 11.227'S, 153° 34.300'E	Port
Q1 Mark	Yellow buoy approx 28°00.850'S, 153° 27.300'E	Starboard
Finishing Line	As described in Sailing Instruction 13	