



SOUTHPORT YACHT CLUB  
Gold Coast



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2016

Wednesday 13 - Sunday 17 January 2016  
incorporating Coffs to Paradise Yacht Race - 7 January  
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**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**  
**COFFS TO PARADISE 2016**  
Ocean Yacht Race  
Southport Yacht Club

7<sup>th</sup> January 2016  
Conducted by Southport Yacht Club  
[www.sailparadise.com.au](http://www.sailparadise.com.au)

## **IMPORTANT CONTACTS**

Southport Yacht Club  
Ph. (07) 55 913 500  
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Office Hours  
0900 – 1600 hours daily

### **Race Committee contact**

Mobile: Phone +61 400 558 917 (during the race)  
VHF: Channel 74  
Email: [sailing.ops@southportyachtclub.com.au](mailto:sailing.ops@southportyachtclub.com.au)  
Website: [www.southportyachtclub.com.au](http://www.southportyachtclub.com.au)  
Event Website: [www.sailparadise.com.au](http://www.sailparadise.com.au)

### **Coffs Harbour Yacht Club**

Ph. (02) 6652 4390  
Fax. (02) 6652 5844  
Website: [www.chyc.com.au](http://www.chyc.com.au)

0800 - 1900 hours daily

### **Shuttle Bus service available for competitors**

Contact CHYC reception or bar for service

### **Coffs Harbour International Marina**

Ph. (02) 6651 4222

### **First Aid & Emergency Services**

Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA)		1800 641 792
VMR Coffs Harbour VMR223,	CH16,67	02 66 523 155
VMR Woolli (VRA) VMR273,	CH16,67	02 66 497 497
VMR Iluka/Yamba (Coast Guard) VMR257,	CH16,67,21	02 66 466 311
VMR Ballina (Coast Guard) VMR250,	CH16,67,21,22	02 66 814 700
Coastal Patrol Byron Bay VMR224,	CH16,73,22	02 66 808 417
VMR Kingscliff (Coast Guard) VMR251,	CH16,67,22	02 66 742 451
VMR Point Danger VMR460,	CH16,67,73,22,81,82	07 55 323 417
Seaway Tower VMR403,	CH16,22,67,73,82	07 55 912 948
Coast Guard Southport VMR440,	CH16,21,22,67,72,73,74,80,81,82	07 55 311 421
VMR Southport VMR400,	CH16,67,73,22,81,82	07 55 323 417
RACQ Care Flight	CH16, 73	0755 068 400
Queensland (Gold Coast) Water Police	CH16, 73	0755 095 700

### **Southport Yacht Club (OA)**

#### **Race Committee**

Commodore	Phil Short
Vice Commodore Sail	Kerry Noyes
Race Director	Ray McMahon
Sailing Manager	Simon Turpin

#### **Organising Committee**

Commodore	Phil Short
Vice Commodore Sail	Kerry Noyes
Race Director	Ray McMahon
Media Representative	Rob Mundle
General Manager	Brett James
Marketing Manager	Bronwen Hemmings
Sailing Manager	Simon Turpin

#### **Support Staff**

General Manager	Brett James
Communications & Marketing	Bronwen Hemmings
Sailing Manager	Simon Turpin
Administration	Annie Watson
Administration	Karen Holdway

### **Coffs Harbour Yacht Club**

Commodore	John Waite
General Manager	Bob St John

**1. THE ORGANISING AUTHORITY**

1.1 The Organising Authority (OA) is Southport Yacht Club (SYC) in conjunction with the Coffs Harbour Yacht Club (CHYC).

**2. RULES AND REGULATIONS**

2.1 As per Notice of Race (NoR) item 2.

**3. CHANGES TO CLASS RULES, Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) AND YACHTING AUSTRALIA SPECIAL REGULATIONS (YA SR)**

3.1 As per Notice of Race item 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5.

**4. ADVERTISING**

Bow decals and backstay flags if required will be supplied by the Organising Authority and shall be affixed as published in a Notice to Competitors.

**5. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

5.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice boards at

- COFFS HARBOUR: Race Office, CHYC.
- SOUTHPORT: Ground Floor Focsls Room SYC.

**5.2 Information Broadcasts**

The Race Committee (RC) may broadcast race information before, during and after the race on VHF CH 74 and or via text (SMS) messaging. Any such communication will not be deemed as outside assistance. (Amends RRS 41).

**6. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Changes to the Sailing Instructions (SI) will be posted on the Official Notice Boards before 0930 hrs on the day it will take effect.

**7. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

7.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed at;

- COFFS HARBOUR: from the flagstaff of the CHYC;
- SOUTHPORT: from the eastern lawn flagstaff of SYC.

**8. SCHEDULE OF RACE AND CLASS FLAGS**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Class Flag</b>	<b>Warning Signal</b>
Monohulls	W	Not Before 1255hrs

Schedule of events as per NoR Appendix A.

**9. RACING AREA**

9.1 The race area will be bounded by Coffs Harbour, NSW and Southport QLD

**10. COURSE**

10.1 Starting Line (as described SI 13), Cook Island to port – Approx 28° 11.75' S, 153° 34.78' E, Finishing Line (as described SI 16).

10.2 The approximate course distance is 138 nautical miles.

**WARNING** - Where boats choose to navigate close to the coast and particularly in the vicinity of surf zones, headlands, reefs, islands and isolated rocks it is the responsibility of the person-in-charge of the vessel to ensure they understand the limitations of the Hydrographic Charts either electronic or paper (SI 25 Charts), position fixing equipment (in the case of electronic equipment relying on satellites, the limitations regarding overall accuracy and the specific accuracy at the time due to satellite availability/position accuracy) and weather conditions at the time including wave, wind and coastal currents and that the yacht is navigated accordingly in the primary interest of the safety of the crew and vessel.

10.3 A condition of NSW Marine Parks Authority is that Competitors must not be within 200m of the Julian Rocks trigonometric station, situated on Julian Rocks (approx. 28.6114° S, 153.6289° E).

## 11. MARKS AND DESCRIPTIONS

**Start Line Pin Mark** - An orange inflatable cylindrical mark.

## 12. REPORTING AT THE START

- 12.1 Boats intending to start shall report to Race Control (RC) on the Committee Signal Vessel to confirm its intention to compete. The boat shall have its trysail and storm jib set until acknowledged by the race officials.
- 12.2 The boat shall hail its sail number and the number of persons on board until acknowledged by race officials aboard the Committee Signal Vessel.

## 13. THE START

- 13.1 The Starting area will be in the vicinity to the north of Coffs Harbour (approx. S 30° 17.98', E 153° 08.88').
- 13.2 The Starting Line will be between an **orange** flag on the Committee Signal Vessel at the starboard end and an **orange** inflatable cylindrical mark at the port end.
- 13.3 At the starboard end of the starting line an inner distance mark (a **pink** inflatable mark) may be moored in the vicinity of, but not necessarily on, the starting line. When starting, boats shall leave the inner distance mark to starboard and shall not pass between this mark and the Committee Signal Vessel.

## 14. RECALLS

- 14.1 A boat subject to recall (OCS) **may** be identified by the Committee Signal Vessel by radio on VHF CH 74.
- 14.2 Competitors are reminded that radio recall information is provided as an aid and the provision or failure of the aid shall not form the basis of any protest or redress.
- 14.3 Any boat in breach of RRS 29.1 that fails to return and start correctly will receive a 30-minute elapsed time penalty. This amends RRS Appendix A 4.2.

## 15. BOATS STARTING LATE

- 15.1 Boats that start more than thirty (30) minutes after their starting signal may be scored "Did Not Start" (DNS) unless the Race Committee deems otherwise. This amends RRS A 4.2.

## 16. FINISHING LINE

- 16.1 The Finishing Line will be the transit of a laser beam from Southport Surf Life Saving Club (Approximate position 27° 58.31' S - 153° 25.41' E directly west at an approximate bearing of 065° magnetic
- 16.2 Inner and outer limits of the finish line shall be laid marks at these approximate positions: Seamark [outer limit] 27° 58.31' S - 153° 26.56'E, Inshore Mark [inner limit] 27° 58.30' S - 153° 26.40'E. Both marks may be fitted with low power strobe lights at night. Yachts shall pass between these marks from South to North when finishing.
- 16.3 Upon immediately crossing the Finishing Line, all boats must contact Race Control on VHF 74 whereby their finish time will be confirmed by Race Control.
- 16.4 Boats finishing at night are required to illuminate their sail number on the port side.

## 17. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

- 17.1 Any boat in breach of RRS 29.1 that fails to return and start correctly will receive a 30-minute elapsed time penalty. This amends RRS Appendix A 4.2.
- 17.2 RRS 44.1 (two turn penalty) will apply until one hour after the start.
- 17.3 After one hour from the start, RRS 44.3 will apply. A boat that concedes a penalty shall complete and submit a Declaration Form to the RC.

## 18. TIME LIMIT

- 18.1 The time limit will be 48 hours. Boats not finishing within the time limit will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF)

## 19. PROTESTS

19.1 The following protest time limits will apply. This amends RRS 61.3 and 62.2

Eligibility Protests	
Entry Documentation and Rating Protests	1500hrs on 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2016
All other Protests and Request for Redress	Received within 2 hours of finish time of protesting boat or if SYC Reception is closed, by 0930 hours the next day.

19.2 Notification of the details of protest hearings will be placed on the Official Notice Board to inform competitors where and when there is a protest hearing in which they are involved or named as a witness. These notices are deemed to fulfil the requirements of RRS 63.2.

19.3 In accordance with RRS 64.1(a) in determining penalties, the Jury may:

- Disqualify the boat;
- Impose a scoring penalty as per RRS 44.3(c).

## 20. HANDICAPS & SCORING

As per NoR item 9 and 10.

## 21. DECLARATION FORM

- a) Declarations on the prescribed form are required to be lodged when a breach of the rules, however minor, occurs during the race or as per required in A10 where specifically required by the RC.
- b) In electing not to lodge a Declaration, the skipper of each boat acknowledges that the boat complied fully with the rules throughout the race.
- c) Owners and or person in charge are advised that failure to provide a position report as requested by the RC will require a Declaration Form to be lodged stating the reasons for failing to report and details of efforts made to relay her position. Owners and or Person in Charge failing to report will be subject to protest by the RC.
- d) Declaration Forms shall be lodged at the SYC Reception within two (2) hours of the boat finishing, or should the office be closed at night, by 0930 hours the next day.

A Declaration Form is attached to these SIs and available on the event website.

## 22. COMMUNICATIONS

Refer to Appendix C of the NoR and Appendix A of these SIs.

## 23. TRACKING DEVICES

23.1 Boats competing in the race will be required to carry a tracking device supplied by the OA.

23.2 Crew that interfere with the normal operation of a tracking device or fails to comply with an OA request in regard to tracking devices will be subject to protest by the RC.

23.3 The person in charge will be solely responsible for any tracking device supplied by the OA.

23.4 The owner or person in charge retiring from the race are responsible for the return of their tracking device to the Sailing Office SYC at their expense. The owner or person in charge must contact the RC once safe at port for authorisation to remove and de-activate their tracker.

23.5 A boat on which such a unit fails or ceases to operate will be required to provide additional position reports by mobile or satellite telephone to the RC, details will be outlined in Appendix A of these SIs.

## 24. PRIZES

24.1 As per NoR 13.

## 25. CHARTS

25.1 As per NoR 18.

25.2 It is the responsibility of the person in charge to ensure the boat carries suitably updated copies of all charts necessary for the safe navigation of the yacht at all times. The charts listed above are the minimum charts required to be carried on board, in at least paper form. It is recommended that additional charts/information that would provide details of potential ports of refuge to the north of the Gold Coast be also available on board. Where electronic charts are being used in addition to paper charts it is the responsibility of the owner and or person in charge of the vessel to ensure the electronic charts have been suitably updated.

**WARNING** - Hydrographic Charts are intended for larger Naval and Commercial Vessels, not for recreational craft. It should therefore be noted that the detail and accuracy of hydrographic charts in the near vicinity of the coast may not be suitable to be relied on for safe navigation of yachts in the race. The Charts do not reflect detailed bathymetry but rather "clearance depths" for large vessels and do not take into account the shifting nature of sand bars off beaches and around headlands. Neither do they detail, or necessarily accurately represent, headland rock shelves, isolated rocks, reefs and islands and/or their associated underwater features.

The person-in-charge of the vessel should at all times ensure the safe navigation of the yacht when in the vicinity of these potential hazards. The person-in-charge of the vessel should also ensure that the accuracy of the navigational equipment used to navigate the vessel is well understood and take into account matters, including, but not limited to, confirming that any electronic navigation equipment is set to the same datum as the chart.

## 26. **DISCLAIMER**

26.1 The Organising Authority, the Race Committee, the sponsors and their respective representatives, officers, members and volunteers accept no liability whatsoever for any loss of life, property, personal injury or damage caused by or arising out of the Bartercard Coffs to Paradise Yacht Race.

26.2 **Owner and or the Person in Charge and all crew are aware and acknowledge by entering the race that they compete entirely at their own risk. Attention is drawn to the ISAF Fundamental Rule 4 "Decision to Race" which states "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".**

## 27. **CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**

By submitting an entry, the owner and or person in charge agrees to be bound by all the rules and conditions of the race and acknowledges and accepts:

- a. That for the Bartercard Coffs to Paradise Yacht Race the Organising Authority and or Race Committee reserve the right to alter or vary any part of the race, including its course should conditions prevent the safe conduct of a race. They and the crew are familiar with and understand the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013-2016 and the boat complies (where applicable) with all the Yachting Australia Special Regulations 2013-2017;
- b. **They and the crew are familiar with and understand Rule 4 "Decision to Race," Addendum A (Safety Equipment) and Rule 1.02 "Owners Responsibility" of the Yachting Australia Special Regulations;**
- c. They and the crew are familiar with and understand the Declaration of Compliance and Disclaimer and Acknowledgement of Rights Form in NoR Appendix D.

The owner and or person in charge acknowledge that all their crew are satisfied as to the experience of the skipper and the adequacy of the boat, all safety equipment aboard the boat and insurance arrangements.

The entry of the boat is acknowledgment that the owner and or person in charge and all crew are individually aware of and conversant with the risks involved in the sport of ocean racing and that the participation in this event is entirely at the risk of the owner and or person in charge and crew;

### **The owner and or person in charge warrant the suitability of the boat for the race;**

The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner and or person in charge who must ensure that the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy, and managed by a crew of sufficient number and experience who are physically fit.

The owner and or person in charge must be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. They must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and that the crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used;

Neither the existence of these conditions, and their use by the race organisers, or the inspection of the boat pursuant to these conditions in any way limits the absolute responsibility of the owner and or person in charge and crew;

Neither The Southport Yacht Club nor its officers, employees nor agents shall be responsible or liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury however caused to the owner/charterer, his or her skipper or crew or their property as a result of their taking part in the Coffs to Paradise Yacht Race and their related activities, including pre-start and post- finish operations and related shore activities;

Neither The Southport Yacht Club nor its officers, employees or agents will be liable for any costs or expenses that may be incurred as a result of special assistance at sea being arranged for any reason whatsoever;

## 28. **INSURANCE**

- All boats must hold a current marine legal liability insurance policy for the duration of races scheduled and entered, with a sum insured of **not less than AUD\$10 million** (or its equivalent in another currency).
- The policy must state that either the boat is covered for **race(s)** in which it is participating or, that it is covered for races of a length greater than the length (a minimum of **155 nautical miles** for ocean racing) of the race(s) in which it is participating).

## APPENDIX A - COMMUNICATIONS

### A1. COMMUNICATIONS INSTRUCTIONS

(refer also to NoR Appendix C)

#### Distress Traffic

##### A1.1 Satellite & Mobile telephone Communications

All boats shall carry a satellite phone that has telephone and message receiving and sending capability has coverage for the duration of the race and will either be connected to the boats mains power or have a spare battery. All boats are also required to carry a fully charged mobile phone (3G or 4G). Both phones shall have their numbers registered with the Organising Authority, as per the boats entry form and submitted Communication Declaration Form.

The Owner and or Person in Charge shall check the units whilst on deck for messages every two (2) hours as a minimum and confirm that they understand the requirements of the Race Committee being able to contact the vessel at any time.

##### A1.2 Emergency Contacts

###### AMSA Maritime Search and Rescue

24-Hour emergency helpline

Within Australia: **1800 641 792**

Use this number to report an emergency

###### NSW Police Marine Area Command ('MAC')

4 Jubilee Place

Balmain NSW 2041

**000 / 1800 658 784 /02 9320 7499**

###### Race Committee contact

Mobile: Phone +61 400 558 917

VHF: Channel 74

###### First Aid & Emergency Services

Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA)		1800 641 792
VMR Coffs Harbour VMR223,	CH16,67	02 66 523 155
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##### A1.3 Radio Distress Calling - HF or VHF Radio

A boat in distress must follow the Radio Telephone distress procedure laid down in the *Marine Radio Operators Handbook*.

- Charleville Radio (Call sign: CHARLEVILLE RADIO) maintains a 24 hour listening watch on **HF 4125, 6215, 8291 kHz and 12290 kHz** (during daylight hours) distress and calling frequencies. Charleville Radio also broadcasts relevant navigation warnings and marine safety information (MSI) on 8176 kHz at 1025 and 2325 hours as such warnings are received from AMSA.
- Marine Rescue Coffs Harbour & Point Danger maintains a 24 hour listening watch on **HF 2182 kHz** and **VHF CH 16**.
- NSW & QLD Water Police and Maritime Services **VHF CH 16**

**All boats must maintain a 24 hour listening watch VHF Channel 16 for the duration of the race and record all radio communications heard in their log book.**

#### **A1.4 Race Committee Communications**

VHF CH 74 will be used by the Race Committee. The Race Committee may also be contacted on mobile phone (+61 400 558 917).

##### **A1.4.1 Point Danger Finish Report text.**

Boats shall text the Race Committee on +61 400 558 917 when due east of Point Danger (S 23° 27') their Boat Name, their confirmed PoB (Persons On Board) and their ETA (Estimated Time of Arrival) at the finish (approx.. 12.5 nautical miles).

A trophy will be presented to the Navigator who makes the closest prediction of their finish time.

##### **A1.4.2 Boats Withdrawing**

Boats must make contact with the Race Committee at the time of withdrawal and on its safe arrival at port.

It is the responsibility of the vessel owner to ensure the tracking device is returned to the OA once the OA have authorised its removal.

#### **A1.5 Tracker failure Position reporting**

If a Tracker ceases to operate/transmit for a period longer than 60 minutes a boat must provide position reports in accordance with the direction of the Race Committee as per A1.5.1.

The Race Committee will manually update the online electronic tracker system.

##### **A1.5.1 Boats Reporting Via Satellite Phone Text or via Mobile Phone Text SMS**

- Each boat at the top of the hour shall take and record its position.
- Not later than 30 minutes thereafter that position shall be forwarded by text to mobile phone +61 400 558 917 noting in this order:

**Boat name**

**Sail number**

**Position** - Latitude and Longitude in **Degrees** and **Whole Minutes**, **NOT DECIMALS** and whether proceeding North or South.

The Race Committee will acknowledge that report by text SMS as 'Received'.

**Boats that fail to comply with the requirements of A1 must explain the circumstances on the Declaration Form (refer to SI 21). Boats failing to report may be subject to protest by the Race Committee.**

#### **A1.6 All radio (and phone messages) received, transmitted, or attempted to be transmitted must be entered in the boat's log, or in a separate communications log.**

#### **A1.7 Battery Charging**

It is essential that boats maintain their batteries fully charged.

Boats should be aware that some battery charging may interfere with radio signals and radio signal strength and therefore battery charging should be conducted prior to the start of the scheduled races and before any position and safety schedule.

#### **A1.8 Radio Restrictions**

Competing boats are not permitted to request, and boats working private schedules with other stations, are prohibited from passing information in relation to weather conditions, the positions of other boats, or other race information, except where requested by Race Committee / safety broadcast or during declared emergencies. No restriction is placed on the reception of weather information broadcasts.

#### **A1.9 Termination of Control**

SYC Race Committee will terminate control when the last boat finishes, or when all boats are accounted for.

#### **A1.10 Protests and Request For Redress**

Infringements of any part of Sailing Instruction A1 will not be subject to protest or requests for redress by boats. This alters RRS 60.





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**DECLARATION FORM**

To: The Race Committee  
 Bartercard Coffs to Paradise Yacht Race

I hereby declare that I .....  
 Owner/ Owners Representative/ Charterer

was a crew member on the Boat ..... Sail No.....

Representing the .....Yacht Club

I declare the following infringements were made;

1. ....  
 Reason.....

Action Taken.....

2. ....  
 Reason.....

Action Taken.....

3. ....  
 Reason.....

Action Taken.....

The Boat crossed the finishing line (Please insert details):

Date of Finish .....

Watch Time .....

Watch Error .....

Corrected Finishing Time.....

Name and or Sail Number of the boat immediately ahead...../.....

Name and or Sail Number of the boat immediately astern...../.....

Recorded By .....

I declare that the above information is true and accurate.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**(Signature)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**(Date)**