



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Winter Series 2018

Organised and conducted by:

HERVEY BAY BOAT CLUB YACHT SQUADRON

Races covered by these sailing instructions will be only those races designated as club events in the HBBCYS Winter Series 2018 calendar of events.

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority for all events will be the Hervey Bay Boat Club Yacht Squadron (HBBCYS).

1. RULES

The championship will be governed by:

- 1.1 The rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* 2017 – 2020 (RRS).
- 1.2 Attention is brought to RRS Fundamental Rule 2 Fair Sailing. A boat and her owner shall compete in compliance with recognised principles of sportsmanship and fair play.
- 1.3 Attention is brought to RRS Fundamental Rule 4 Decision to Race. The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.
- 1.4 The Prescriptions and Special Regulations (SR) of Australian Sailing (AS).
- 1.5 All boats shall comply with AS SR – Part 1, Category 6.
- 1.6 The Offshore Multihull Rule Ver. 1.3 (OMR).
- 1.7 These Sailing Instructions.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The series is open to trailerable and keeled boats of the monohull and multihull classes that:
 - Have a minimum length of 4.8m
 - Comply to ISAF Special Regulations Category 6
- 2.2 Individual events are open to all boats with the person in charge who is a current member of a club affiliated with AS and to boats with the person in charge who is not a current member of a club affiliated with AS (non-member).
- 2.3 After three (3) races non-member persons who are in charge of a boat and who are not already a member of an AS affiliated club, must join the HBBCYS to continue sailing with the club as per RRS rule 56.
- 2.4 Only current members the HBBCYS or any other organisation affiliated with AS are eligible to receive a series score for entry in the PBH series.
- 2.5 HBBCYS has introduced a Crew Register to allow those who are not already a member of an AS affiliated club to race with the HBBCYS. After three (3) races crew who are not already a member of an AS affiliated club must join the HBBCYS to continue sailing with the club as per rule RRS 56.
- 2.6 It shall be the responsibility of the person in charge of a boat to ensure that all crew on board for each race comply with the rules set out in these Sailing Instructions.
- 2.7 Eligible boats may be entered for races by signing-on with the OOD (Officer Of the Day) on the day of the race.
- 2.8 Persons in charge of a boat shall supply a copy of the valid current boat insurance (Certificate of Currency) with a minimum cover of \$10 million to the HBBCYS Race Committee prior to competing in the series.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to Competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the Yacht Squadron Club House in the to the Boat Club delivery area.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be communicated at race briefing prior to the first race each day. If necessary, any oral change may be given on the water by radio communication.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

The schedule of races will be as per the HBBCYS Winter Series 2018 calendar of events. The calendar may be updated on an as needs basis and will be published on the website www.herveybay.yachting.org.au.

6. FEES

HBBCYS members may enter an individual race by paying the published entry fee of \$10 per race. Fees for each race must be paid at sign-on prior to the race briefing. Any alterations to fees will be published to HBBCYS financial members.

7. RACE BRIEFING

7.1 A briefing for skippers on each race day will be held at the Yacht Squadron Club House located in The Boat Club delivery area.

7.2 The time of the briefing for each race is specified in the Winter Series Calendar.

8. RACE CANCELLATION

8.1 Racing will not occur if there is a current Gale Wind Warning issued by BOM for Hervey Bay Waters.

8.2 Races will only be cancelled after careful consideration of all weather conditions and their likely impact on the course area.

8.3 Racing may occur if there is a Strong Wind Warning issued by BOM current for Hervey Bay Waters, depending on the final decision of the Officer of the Day in conjunction with the Race Committee.

8.4 The decision to race, postpone or abandon will not be made before Sign-On on the day of the race unless circumstances indicate that an earlier decision would be appropriate. This decision is not subject to protest.

8.5 RRS rule 36 will apply to races restarted or re-sailed. Abandoned races will not be re-sailed unless it does not prohibit a competitor in the original race from competing or cause a competitor to be penalised.

9. THE COURSES

Courses will be decided by the Race Committee on the day and announced at the race briefing.

10. MARKS

10.1 Rounding marks will be navigation markers and/or laid buoys.

10.2 Details of marks will be given at the briefing.

11. FLAGS

see APPENDIX A.

12. THE START

12.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26 and not before times stated in the Schedule.

12.2 The Start Line will be between a staff displaying a Hervey Bay Boat Club Yacht Squadron Burgee on the Yacht Squadron Starter Vessel and an orange round inflatable buoy.

12.3 A Start Limit Mark may be laid on or near the Start Line (or floated from the Yacht Squadron Starter vessel) and for the purpose of the application of the rules, shall be deemed to be part of the vessel which it protects.

12.4 In the case where the start boat is not on station, the start line shall be an extension along the lights of the Urangan Jetty from NU1 to a point 152°54.548'E, 25°16.4912'S which is 1.3 cables (240m) from NU1.

12.5 Alternatives to the above can be decided by the Race Committee and will be announced at race briefing.

12.6 A boat starting later than fifteen minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS (Did not start).

12.7 Before the starting signal, the race committee may for any reason postpone or abandon the race as per RRS 27.3.

13. THE FINISH

13.1 The Finish Line will be between a staff displaying a Hervey Bay Boat Club Yacht Squadron Burgee on the Yacht Squadron Starter vessel and a laid inflatable buoy.

- 13.2 In the case where the start boat is not on station, the finish line shall be an extension along the lights of the Urangan Jetty from NU1 to a point 152°54.548'E, 25°16.4912'S which is 1.3 cables (240m) from NU1.
- 13.3 When a finish boat is not on station, boats are to record and report their own finish time to the Race Committee on VHF Channel 74 or in person at the Yacht Squadron Club House by no later than one hour after they finish. Any boat that does not report their finish time will score a DNF.
- 13.4 Alternatives to the above can be decided by the Race Committee and will be announced at race briefing.
- 13.5 Attention is brought to RRS 32 Shortening or abandoning after the start and in particular 32.1 (c) and (e).

14. TIME LIMIT

- 14.1 The time limit for race/s will be announced at race briefing.
- 14.2 Notwithstanding the above time limits if any one boat (in a particular division or a combined division) finishes within the time limit, all other boats in that division will be allowed a further 30 minutes after the time limit expires.

15. PROTESTS

- 15.1 Protest Forms will be available from Race HQ and a refundable fee (subject to the protest being upheld) of \$50 must be paid before the protest is heard.
- 15.2 Protests shall be lodged with Race HQ within 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 15.3 Protests will be heard as soon as possible and in the approximate order of receipt.
- 15.4 For the purpose of rule 64.3(b) the authority is the HBBCYS Race Committee.

16. HANDICAPPING

- 16.1 A Performance Based Handicap will be issued for each boat by the HBBCYS handicapper. The HBBCYS at its absolute discretion, reserves the right to alter or adjust any handicap prior to the scheduled starting time of the race concerned.
- 16.2 HBBCYS reserves the right to alter or adjust, any handicap found to be incorrectly published or incorrectly calculated.
- 16.3 The Race Committee or its nominee may at its absolute discretion review any boat's handicap where it's of the opinion that due to anomaly, error or change of racing trim or equipment, the handicap is considered unfair or unreasonable.
- 16.4 Allocated handicaps will not be the subject of protest or dispute.
- 16.5 Handicaps for yachts that have started, but did not finish (DNF), yachts that did not race (DNC) or yachts that are disqualified (DSQ), but are part of the series, will not change after that race.
- 16.6 Any modification to the boat, i.e. increase in sail area, must be declared to the HBBCYS handicapper prior to entering a race.

17. SCORING

- 17.1 The Low Point System, RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 17.2 Each boats series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. The number of scored races and the number of allowed discards will be in accordance with RRS A2.
- 17.3 Competitors who join a Series after one or more races have been run will be awarded a DNC for each previous race. Any competitor entered in the series will be awarded a DNC race score for each race not competed as per RRS A9.
- 17.4 Race scores will be as per RRS Rule A9.
- 17.5 Boats that fail to finish within the time limit will be scored a did not finish (DNF). (Amends RRS Rule 35).

18. SUPPORT BOATS

The Yacht Squadron Starter is not a rescue vessel. The HBBCYS rescue authority is Hervey Bay VMR466 on VHF73.

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

All boats shall comply with AS Special Regulations – Part 1, Category 6; and the requirements of Queensland Transport.

20. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 20.1 The Yacht Squadron Starter will request confirmation from all yachts intending to start races on that day to record their intentions to start and POB on VHF Channel 74 not less than 5 minutes prior to the warning signal.
- 20.2 The Yacht Squadron Starter will log on all competitors with Hervey Bay VMR466 on their behalf. Any competitor retiring from a race before finishing must notify the starter as well as log off with Hervey Bay VMR466 on VHF Channel 73 when entering the marina.
- 20.3 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. The Race Committee is exempt from these restrictions with respect to race organisation.

21. PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES AND PRIZES

Race results will be announced one hour after the last boat finishes the last race of the day at the Yacht Squadron Club House.

Prizes will be awarded for:

- 1st, 2nd & 3rd PBH for the race/s held that day to any eligible boat will be accumulated and awarded at the end of the series.
- 1st, 2nd & 3rd PBH overall for the series to any eligible current member of a club affiliated with AS.

Overall series provisional results will be announced at the end of the series and other prizes will be awarded at the annual presentation event.

22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk. Attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority, Hervey Bay Boat Club, their officers, members, servants and sponsors will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the series.

23. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid current third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10 million for every participated event or the equivalent. Owners of participating boats must supply a copy of boat insurance (Certificate of Currency) to the HBBCYS Race Committee prior to competing in the series.

24. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

- 24.1 Minimum crew in any boat shall be two persons unless special exemption is given by the Principle Race Officer (PRO).
- 24.2 A boat may use prohibited propulsion after the Preparatory Signal to arrive at the start line provided it carries out a 360 degree penalty turn keeping clear of all other boats and before starting. The boat must cease to use such propulsion prior to performing the one turn (changes RRS Rule 42.1).
- 24.3 Rule 50.2 will be altered by adding: "Fixed and retractable spinnaker poles may be used to set asymmetrical spinnakers".
- 24.4 Rule 44.1 and 44.2 will be altered so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty (includes one tack and one gybe).
- 24.5 Rule 42.3 (g) is altered to allow engine propulsion to be used until such time as the vessel is clear of grounding provided that when the vessel resumes sailing it is no nearer the next mark than at the position when it commenced to use engine propulsion.

25. AQUATIC EVENT PERMIT

- 25.1 It is a boat owner's responsibility to remain informed about the conditions of and changes to the HBBCYS's Aquatic Event Permit.

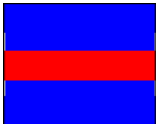








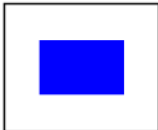
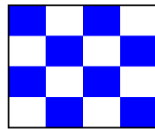

26. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

The HBBCYS Race Committee

hbbcys.racecommittee@gmail.com

Appendix A

SIGNAL		FLAG			SOUND	MINUTES BEFORE STARTING SIGNAL
WARNING	CLASS FLAG		UP		1	5
PREPARATORY	BLUE PETER		UP		1	4
ONE- MINUTE	BLUE PETER		DOWN		1 LONG	1
START	CLASS FLAG		DOWN		1	0
COURSE FLAG		POSTPONED RACE	SHORTENED COURSE	ABANDON RACE	COME WITHIN HAILING DISTANCE / FOLLOW START BOAT	
PORT	STARBOARD	 2 sounds		 3 sounds		
Any yacht not started prior to 15 minutes after the start signal will receive a DNS. It may still sail the course but with no result.						