



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

FOR

WMSC SAGS Series 2024



Incorporating:

A weekly pursuit race on Moreton Bay

There are two divisions:

1. Div 1: Longer courses
2. Div 2: Shorter courses

Race days: Most Sunday Afternoons (see NoR for details)

Organising Authority: [Wynnum Manly Sailing Club](http://wynnummanlysailingclub.com.au)
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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)

1. RULES

- 1.1 The notation [NP] in a rule of Sailing Instructions (SI) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.2 The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.
- 1.3 The series is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024.
- 1.4 The Notice of Race, as modified by these Sailing Instructions (SI) form part of the rules.
- 1.5 AS Special Safety Regulations Part 1, Category 5 applies, entrants will need to provide an audited safety certificate.

2. COVIDSAFE PLAN (when mandated by Qld Health)

- 2.1 COVID-19 compliance to government requirements in relation to COVID-19 is mandatory. Please refer to the Queensland government website and the WMSC website at <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/wmsc/home/> to ensure that you comply.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 8:00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 18:00 on the day before it will take effect.

4. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted as a news item at <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/wmsc>. Notices may be emailed to competitors as a courtesy.
- 4.2 The Race Officer will perform the race briefing for both divisions on racing days at 11:45 in the Wynnum Manly Yacht Club's clubhouse. See the NoR for further details about times.
- 4.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 72.
- 4.4 Any emergency radio communication (MAYDAY, PAN PAN or SECURITE) should take place on VHF Channel 16.
- 4.5 During racing events, the PRO, or another designated official, will carry a mobile that can be called for urgent matters only. Skippers and crew can contact this number when the PRO cannot be contacted through other means like radio contact.
The contact number will be available at the briefing each Sunday. An example situation would be when a yacht retires from a race and can't make radio contact with the start boat.

5. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 5.1 [DP] [NP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 See NoR

7. RACING AREA



7.1 Refer to NOR.

8. COURSES

8.1 Refer to NOR.

9. MARKS

9.1 For all races, navigational marks must be observed, except where indicated by the course instructions.

10. OBSTRUCTIONS

10.1 No objects as yet identified.

11. THE START

11.1 Competitors will be given a start time during the briefing.

11.2 The starting line is an extension of the line between the green and red beacons at the end of the Manly Harbour entrance channel extending for 100 metres past the red beacon.

11.3 When starting, the red beacon is to be left on port.

11.4 There is no start boat, yachts should monitor GPS time and start when it is their time to do so.

11.5 For yachts using spinnakers, spinnakers may be raised after crossing the start line.

12. THE FINISH

12.1 The location of the finish is the same as the start unless a shortening of the course is announced on VHF channel 72.

12.2 The finishing line is an extension of the line between the green and red beacons at the end of the Manly Harbour entrance channel extending for 100 metres past the red beacon.

12.3 When finishing, the red beacon is to be left on starboard.

12.4 Each yacht takes their finish time when passing the red beacon when the green and red beacons are in line.

12.5 Spinnakers should be taken down when 300 m from the finish line.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 Refer to NOR.

14. TIME LIMITS

14.1 The time limit for finishing each race is as follows: 1630 for all races. Boats not finished by this time will be scored TLE without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5. It is still in your interest to finish the course and report a time.

15. HEARING REQUESTS

15.1 All SAGS races are intended to be fun and enjoyable and there should be no reason to Protest. Competitors are encouraged to resolve their differences in a respectable manner.

15.2 Should an incident occur, that cannot be resolved, competitors are required to lodge a protest with the Sailing Office by 1800 hrs on the day of the race. Hearing request forms are available from the club website at <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/wmsc>

15.3 Notices will be posted no later than 24 hours after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at a time and place as advised in the relevant notice.

16. SCORING



16.1 Refer to NOR.

17. [NP][DP] ADDITIONAL SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 A complete and accurate crew list shall be submitted by all boats before their start time. Crew must be submitted electronically on SailSys, in the "Crew Lists" section under "Your Account" (<https://app.sailsys.com.au/crew>). The crew list shall contain the following information for each crew: Full Name; AS No; Telephone No; Email address; Emergency Contact Details. Failure to provide a complete and accurate crew list before a boat's start time may result in a score of DSQ without a hearing, or warning. Changes RRS63.1 & A5
- 17.2 By signing on for a race, the skipper agrees to comply with the rules as detailed in the NoR and SI.
- 17.3 All boats will comply with the Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994 and subordinate Regulations.
- 17.4 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

18. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 18.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.
- 18.2 [DP] [NP] When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

19. OFFICIAL VESSELS

- 19.1 Unless notified otherwise, there will be no official vessels on the water. The Officer of the Day (OOD) will manage the race via VHF channel 72 from his/her yacht.

20. RUBBISH DISPOSAL

- 20.1 Rubbish must be kept on board competing boats and disposed of when ashore.

21. COMMERCIAL FISHING APPARATUS

- 21.1 No commercial fishing apparatus to be removed from the water or moved without the consent of the owner. Any issues arising, contact the district manager Queensland Boating and Fisheries Patrol.

22. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 22.1 Competitors are expected to have a dual watch VHF radio and be monitoring both channel 16 and channel 72.
- 22.2 [NP] [DP] Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

23. SIGN ON

- 23.1 All yachts will sign on for the race at the WMSC patio. See NoR for details.

24. SIGN OFF

- 24.1 At least one member of the crew needs to return to the clubhouse to signoff and advise the race management of the yacht's finish time.
- 24.2 Entrants who do not advise the RO of their finish time within 45 minutes of finishing will be scored DNF



24.3 If a yacht needs to continue on to another destination than Manly Harbour, the skipper can ask permission to radio their finish time and in doing so sign off from the race. This must be arranged before the race and is subject to the OOD's approval.

25. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

25.1 Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

26. SAFETY

26.1 All competitors are reminded of their General Safety Obligation and their obligation to abide by it both on and off the racecourse. Your General Safety Obligation can be summed up thus: You must ensure your boat is safe, properly equipped and crewed and operated in a safe manner.

26.2 By signing on, the skippers agree to comply with AS SR Part 1, Category 5.

26.3 All vessels are reminded that *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)* apply only between those yachts that are participating in the event, for the duration of the event. Should interaction occur with non-participating ships, the *International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea 1972 (COLREGS)* apply.

26.4 Vessels must observe a 20-metre exclusion zone around each of the following Aids to Navigation being Jay's Reef Boy, Hope Banks Beacon, Norman J Wright Beacon, Crawford James Pattison Beacon, Red Beacon NE Green Island, South Cardinal Beacon St Helena Island.

27. INSURANCE

27.1 All skippers of any vessel participating in a race, must maintain on board and produce upon demand by the Race Committee, a copy of a current, valid Certificate of Currency with respect to the third-party property and third-party personal injury insurance with a minimum legal liability of \$10,000,000 per event or the equivalent for the vessel.

28. PRIZES

28.1 See NOR.

29. USE OF SPINNAKERS AND LOOSE LUFF SAILS

29.1 When the course to the finish passes to the South of Green Island spinnakers may be carried to the finish line. When the course to the finish passes to the North of Green Island spinnakers shall not be flown beyond the Green Island West Cardinal navigation marker.



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