



NOTICE OF RACE

An invitation to skippers of eligible yachts to enter.

WMSC SAGS Series 2024



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Most SUNDAYS

4th February to 10 November

The SAGS is a weekly pursuit race on Moreton Bay starting and finishing at the end of the Manly Harbour leads. Start times are announced before each race.

This year we will have two divisions:

- Division 1 longer course (spinnakers and loose luff sails optional but must be selected at entry for the entire season as handicaps are adjusted for = or – spinnaker)
- Division 2 Shorter course (spinnakers and loose luff sails optional but must be selected at entry for the entire season as handicaps are adjusted for = or – spinnaker)



Organising Authority: [Wynnum Manly Sailing Club](#)
Venue: Wynnum Manly Yacht Club, 510-542 Royal Esplanade, Manly
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1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024.
- 1.2 The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.3 The prescriptions of Australian Sailing (AS) will apply.
- 1.4 AS Special Safety Regulations Part 1, Category 5 applies, and entrants will need to provide an audited safety certificate.
- 1.5 Skippers need to be a member of Australian Sailing through an associated club.
- 1.6 Crew need to be a member of Australian Sailing through an associated club or apply for a SailPass online before the race for each day that they are racing which gives them temporary AS membership status for these days.
SailPass fees are:
Non-member: 1 – 4 times: \$10 per day; 5 – 12 times: \$15 per day; over 12 times: \$20 per day.
Guest of a member: 1 – 4 times: free; 5 – 12 times: \$15 per day; over 12 times: \$20 per day.
- 1.7 Yachts may use sails set on stays or masts.
- 1.8 Yachts that registered for a non-spinnaker handicap, may not use spinnakers or loose luff sails. (See paragraphs 4.2 and 7.4 for details).

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions are available online at [here](#)

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/wmsc/home/>.
- 3.2 [NP] [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on at least channels 16 and 72.
- 3.3 [NP] [DP] While racing, except in an emergency or as detailed in the SI, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all other boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 SAGS is open to all yachts wishing to race in SAGS, whether a member of Wynnum Manly Sailing Club (WMSC) or not.
- 4.2 Classes are defined as follows:

PHS for Div 2	Boat must have a known PHS handicap, as determined by the race committee.	Handicap 0.6 and above Use of Spinnakers and other loose luff sails to be specified on season entry. This choice may not be altered during the series as handicaps are set with + or – spinnakers in mind.
PHF for Div 1	Boat must have a known PHS handicap, as determined by the race committee	Handicap 0.76 and above Use of Spinnakers and other loose luff sails to be specified on season entry This choice may



		not be altered during the series as handicaps are set with + or – spinnakers in mind.
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4.3 Boats may enter the event by registering online [here](#)

Skippers need to sign in for each race on the Wynnum Manly Yacht Club's patio on race day.

4.4 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

5. FEES

5.1 Entry fees are as follows:

Casual Race Fee	There are two series: Series 1 runs from Jan. – Jun, Series 2 runs from Jul. – Dec.
\$10	\$100 per series

5.2 Yachts that are registered for a whole series cannot change division once they have completed one race. The option chosen re use of spinnakers must be applied to a whole series.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

6.1 Each boat shall be crewed by at least one person, where at least one person must be over the age of 18 years.

7. SCHEDULE

7.1 Sign On at WMYC Clubhouse

Event	Time / Earliest Start
Sign On	11:30
Briefing	11:45
Earliest start time	12:30

7.2 Start times for yachts are based on each yacht's handicap as this is a pursuit race, there is no warning signal.

7.3 There is no SAGS on the following Sundays: 18/03 (Founder's Trophy), 31/03 (Easter), 04/05 (Hart Cup) 02/06 Lady Skippers' Race) and 13/10 (The St Helena Cup)

8. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION AND MEASUREMENTS

8.1 Each boat shall produce or verify the existence of audited safety certificate for Cat 5 or higher category.

8.2 Boats may be inspected at any time.

9. VENUE

9.1 WMYC: 510 – 542 Royal Esplanade, Manly, Qld 4179.

10. LOCATION

10.1 The location of the races is Moreton Bay: South of Mud Island, North of Cleveland Point and West of Rous Channel.

11. COURSES

Racecourses used will be those in, the WMSC course book, or as varied by the Principal Race Officer (PRO).



12. PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns penalty in rule 44.1 is replaced by a One-Turn penalty.

13. SCORING

13.1 The scoring system is as follows: The low points system shall be used.

13.2 There are two drops for every nine races.

13.3 A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.

13.4 Two boats are required to constitute a race, that means a minimum of two for both divisions.

13.5 One race is required to complete a series.

13.6 Rule A5.3 applies.

14. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

14.1 The PRO manages the race through VHF channel 72. A radio backup for the PRO is available on another boat.

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

15.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

15.2 The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.

15.3 All those taking part in the event do so at their own risk and responsibility. The organising authority is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat, whose entry is accepted, or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.

16. [ND] [DP] SAFETY

16.1 A decision to postpone, cancel or abandon any race can be made by the Race Committee.

16.2 Races will not be started when winds stronger than 25 knots are expected in the racing area between the hours of 10:30 and 18:00 on race days. A news item will be published on the WMSC website confirming whether the race is cancelled.

16.3 All crew members shall wear personal flotation devices and use ASSR category 4 compliant tethers when sustained wind strength is above 25 knots.

16.4 When a boat is crewed by fewer than three people, all crew members shall always wear personal flotation devices when on deck.

16.5 Boats are not to impede commercial shipping.

16.6 All marine incidents must be reported to the Race Officer, in addition to regulatory requirements to report marine incidents to Maritime Safety Queensland.

17. INSURANCE

17.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid comprehensive or third-party liability insurance with a minimum Legal Liability cover of \$10,000,000 per event or the equivalent. All entrants will be required to provide a copy of their current insurance certificate.

18. PRIZES

18.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

Series 1 Div 1	first	second	third
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Series 1 Div 2	first	second	third
Series 2 Div 1	first	second	third
Series 2 Div 2	first	second	third
Full Season Div 1 and 2	first	second	third

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

19.1 For further information please contact wmsc@wynnummanlysailingclub.com.au

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