



141st Sailing Season

RQYS Yacht Racing

14th September 2025
Thru to
22nd March 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

(SI)

Including **Amendment 1, 2 & 3**

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

ROYAL QUEENSLAND YACHT SQUADRON LTD
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The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

The notation '[DP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SI's) means that a protest committee can award a penalty less than disqualification (including no penalty) at their discretion. This changes RRS 60.5 and RRS 64.

The notation '[SP]' in a rule of the NoR and/or SIs means that a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing per RRS 60.5(b)(3).

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. RRS Appendix A5.3 will Apply.
- 1.3. RRS Appendix T – Arbitration will apply.
- 1.4. The Australian Sailing prescriptions and special regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) Part 1 Category 5 will apply.
 - 1.4.1. All entries shall supply the Sailing Office with a valid SR Category 5 Safety Equipment Audit which has been endorsed by a certified auditor. See SI Attachment B.
- 1.5. The [OMR rules](#) will apply.
- 1.6. The current [IRC Rules](#) shall apply.
- 1.7. The IRC rule 22.4.2 shall not apply. There shall be no limitation on Crew Number or weight except as required for boats rated as One-Designs which shall comply with IRC rule 22.4.1
- 1.8. The Supplementary Sailing Instructions of the [RQYS Yacht Racing Course Book \(page 5\)](#) shall apply for courses conducted from that Course Book. These apply in relation to Course Reversals, use of X Marks, and moving of the Starting Area.
- 1.9. The Skipper from each boat must fill in the SailSys “Crew List” of all sailors onboard competing in each race, prior to the start of the race.
 - 1.9.1. See how to create your crew list [HERE](#)
- 1.10. When Sailing the Goodwill Cup event:
 - 1.10.1. Where there is a difference between the 141st Sailing Season RQYS Yacht Racing Sailing Instructions and the Goodwill Cup 2025 Sailing Instructions the Goodwill Cup Sailing Instructions take precedence.

2. SCHEDULE

- 2.1. Racing will be in accordance with the [Sailing Program](#) published online.
- 2.2. Seasons Points races will be every race of the Season.
- 2.3. Squadron Championships races will be as per the [Sailing Program](#).
- 2.4.

RACE	FIRST WARNING SIGNAL
All Passage Races	
Division 1	Not Before 1045 hours
Division 2	Not Before 1035 hours
Division 3 - Multihulls	Not Before 1055 hours
All Around the Cans Races	First race 1100 hours
Goodwill Cup Races (15th & 16th November 2025)	Per Goodwill Cup Sailing Instructions

- 2.5. No warning signal will be made after 1400 hrs.
- 2.6. When starts are pursuit format SI 2.4 “Not Before” shall be replaced with “From”.

3. CHANGES TO RACE DOCUMENTS & SCHEDULE

- 3.1. Any change to the race documents will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4. COMMUNICATION

- 4.1. The online official notice board is located at <https://www.rqys.com.au/141th-sailing-season-club-rq-yacht-racing>
- 4.2. Secondary to the Official noticeboard “instant messaging” system WhatsApp may be used to notify skippers of timely information, confirmation of days course, Protest Time limit etc. if in use a link to join the group can be found [HERE](#).
- 4.3. The race office is located at The RQYS Sailing Office located adjacent to the Main Rigging Lawn, telephone 3396 8666, email sailing@rqys.com.au .
- 4.4. [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on the [VHF maritime mobile band](#).
- 4.5. On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 72.
- 4.6. If the race committee displays code flag L alternate VHF channel 77 will be used. This changes SI 4.5.
- 4.7. [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the official flagpole located at the top of the Eastern Gangway of the Bill Kirby Docks.
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 60 minutes’ in Race Signals AP.

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1. The class flags are:

FLEET	FLAG
Division 1 – PHS 0.950 and above	Numeral Pennant 1
Division 2 – PHS 0.949 and below	Numeral Pennant 2
Division 5 – Multihulls	Numeral Pennant 5
All Divisions	Code Flag K

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1. SI Attachment A shows the location of the start areas.
- 7.2. Division Yachts Passage Races shall be started in Waterloo Bay, inside of Green Island.
- 7.3. Division Yachts Round the Cans races shall be conducted outside (East) of Green Island.

8. COURSES

- 8.1. The passage race diagrams in the [RQYS Yacht Racing Course Book – Version 2](#) shows the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
 - 8.1.1. RQYS Yacht Racing Course Book: <https://www.rqys.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/RQYS-Yacht-Racing-Course-Book-2025-26-V2.0.pdf>
- 8.2. The Round the Cans race diagrams are detailed in SI Attachment B.
- 8.3. No later than the warning signal, the race committee start boat shall display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 8.4. The Goodwill Cup race diagrams shall be detailed in the Goodwill Cup Sailing Instructions.
- 8.5. When Sailing with Manly Combined Clubs (MCC), SI 8.1 shall be amended “The passage race diagrams in the [Manly Combined Clubs Passage Race Series Racing Course Book for Moreton Bay](https://www.manlycombinedclubs.com/race-documentation) (<https://www.manlycombinedclubs.com/race-documentation>) shows the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.”

9. MARKS

- 9.1. Designated fixed marks are described in the [RQYS Yacht Racing Course Book](#).
- 9.2. Laid marks for Passage Races shall be an orange inflatable mark.
- 9.3. Laid Marks are described in Attachment B for Round the Cans.
- 9.4. The Start / Finish marks shall be orange teardrops.
- 9.5. Marks for the Goodwill Cup shall be detailed in the Goodwill Cup Sailing Instructions.
- 9.6. When Sailing with MCC, SI 9.1 shall be amended “Designated fixed marks are described in the [Manly Combined Clubs Passage Race Series Racing Course Book for Moreton Bay](#).”

10. THE START

- 10.1. The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the start vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 10.2. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other yachts or races.
- 10.3. A boat that does not start within ten (10) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and RRS A5.2.
- 10.4. When sailing a pursuit start:
 - 10.4.1. Races will be Started as follows:
 - 10.4.1.1. Boats shall start no earlier than their allocated start time. All times are in Brisbane EST time. Syncing of your clock is recommended at <http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/fullscreen.html?n=47>
 - 10.4.1.2. The Race Officer (starter) will usually raise a start bat 10 seconds prior to the minute and lower the start bat on the minute.
 - 10.4.1.3. A sound signal will be given to any yacht starting early and therefore they are required to restart. This changes RRS 26.
 - 10.4.1.4. A boat re-starting because of OCS shall return and re-enter the course via the rounding of the pin or start boat and keep clear of all starting boats. NO DIPPING.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing boat and the course side of the finishing mark.
- 12.2. When there is no race committee vessel on station at the finish the alternate finish line will be reached when the red outer channel mark (No. 2) of the Manly Harbour entrance leads bears true north and lies within 100 meters. In this case, yachts are required to declare to the Sailing Office their finish time. Finish declarations shall be lodged at the Sailing Office in person or by phone (sailing@rqys.com.au or 07 3396 8666) within 2 hours following the completion of the race and shall include the name of the yacht, skipper and finishing time to Eastern Standard Time.

13. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 13.1. The Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Around the Cans Race Time Limit	Around the Cans Finishing Window	Passage Race Time Limit	Passage Race Finishing Window	Goodwill Cup Time Limit & Finishing Window
90 minutes	20 minutes	1700 hrs	N/A	Per Goodwill Cup Sailing Instructions

- 13.2. The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, RRS A5.1, RRS A5.2 and RRS A10.
- 13.3. Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).

14. HEARING REQUESTS

- 14.1. For each division, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat in that division finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 14.2. Hearing request forms are available from and shall be lodged with the race office at <https://www.rqys.com.au/documents-auditing/> or hard copies can be requested from the RQYS Sailing Office (adjacent to Main Rigging Lawn).
- 14.3. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes 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 advised on the hearing notice.

15. HANDICAPS

- 15.1. PHS: Handicaps shall be allocated by the SailSys system & reviewed by the RQYS Handicap Committee for a vessels first race in the series, Subsequent races will be adjusted by the SailSys PHS system. Changes to a boat's sailing configuration or equipment shall be advised to the RQYS Sailing Office prior to the next race in which it intends to compete.
- 15.1.1. For further information regarding handicaps and scoring at <https://www.sailsys.com.au>
- 15.2. IRC: Yachts racing in the IRC division shall not receive results unless a valid certificate is available on the [online TCC listings](#) OR a copy of the current certificate has been submitted on SailSys, prior to their first race of the season. Backdated results will not be processed. If a new certificate is issued to a boat after a boat's first race of the season, a copy of the certificate must be submitted to the RQYS Sailing Office for the rating to be adjusted.
- 15.3. OMR: Yachts racing in the OMR divisions will not receive results without a valid rating with their relevant organisation. Any changes in rating shall be forwarded to the RQYS Sailing Office for the rating to be adjusted.

- 15.4. [DP][NP] Failing to notify the RQYS Sailing Office of changes to boats configuration or rating, may result in protest by the Race Committee.

16. [NP][DP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1. All skippers shall SIGN ON prior to the first warning signal each day with the start boat on VHF Ch 72. Boats failing to sign on may be scored DNC without a hearing. This changes RRS 60.5(b), A4 and A5.
- 16.2. Boats shall be considered signed off upon crossing the finish line.
- 16.3. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

17. [NP][DP] AQUATIC EVENT CONDITIONS

- 17.1. It is a skippers responsibility to ensure all aquatic event conditions are followed, the Authority consent to hold aquatic event can be viewed [here](#).
- 17.2. Attention is drawn to the following conditions:
- 17.2.1. Participants / safety ships are not to impede commercial shipping.
- 17.2.2. All participating ships and safety ships are not to impede power driven vessels traversing Manly Boat Harbour and associated channels.
- 17.2.3. All participating ships and safety ships are to be briefed on the gazetted speed limit in Manly Boat Harbour.
- 17.2.3.1. Page 10 from the Schedule of Speed Limits In QLD in SI Attachment E.
- 17.2.4. All participating ships and safety ships equipped with VHF are to monitor VHF channel 12 and VHF channel 16.
- 17.2.5. The Authority Holder must ensure that ships participating in the aquatic event observe a 20-metre exclusion zone around all Aids to Navigation.

18. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

- 18.1. Boats intending to race with a sail number other than that stipulated on their entry shall advise the sailing office in writing of the change, prior to racing. Failure to comply shall result in the boat being scored DNC for all races on that day. This changes RRS 60.5(b), RRS A4 and RRS A5.

19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

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

20. OFFICIAL VESSELS

- 20.1. Official vessels will be identified with a white flag with letter 'RC' or 'J' in black or red 'MEDIA'.

21. TRASH DISPOSAL

- 21.1. Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels..

22. RISK STATEMENT

- 22.1. 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.**
- 22.2. All participants are required to comply with any safety provisions as mandated under the Racing Rules of Sailing, and any Class Rules that may apply. The Squadron encourages and supports competitors who believe it is appropriate to exceed the above requirements (such as the wearing of helmets, body armour, impact vests, etc.) if they or their guardian believe that conditions and their personal circumstances warrant. All competitor's attention is drawn to the Risk Statement - Section 22.1 of the Sailing Instructions.

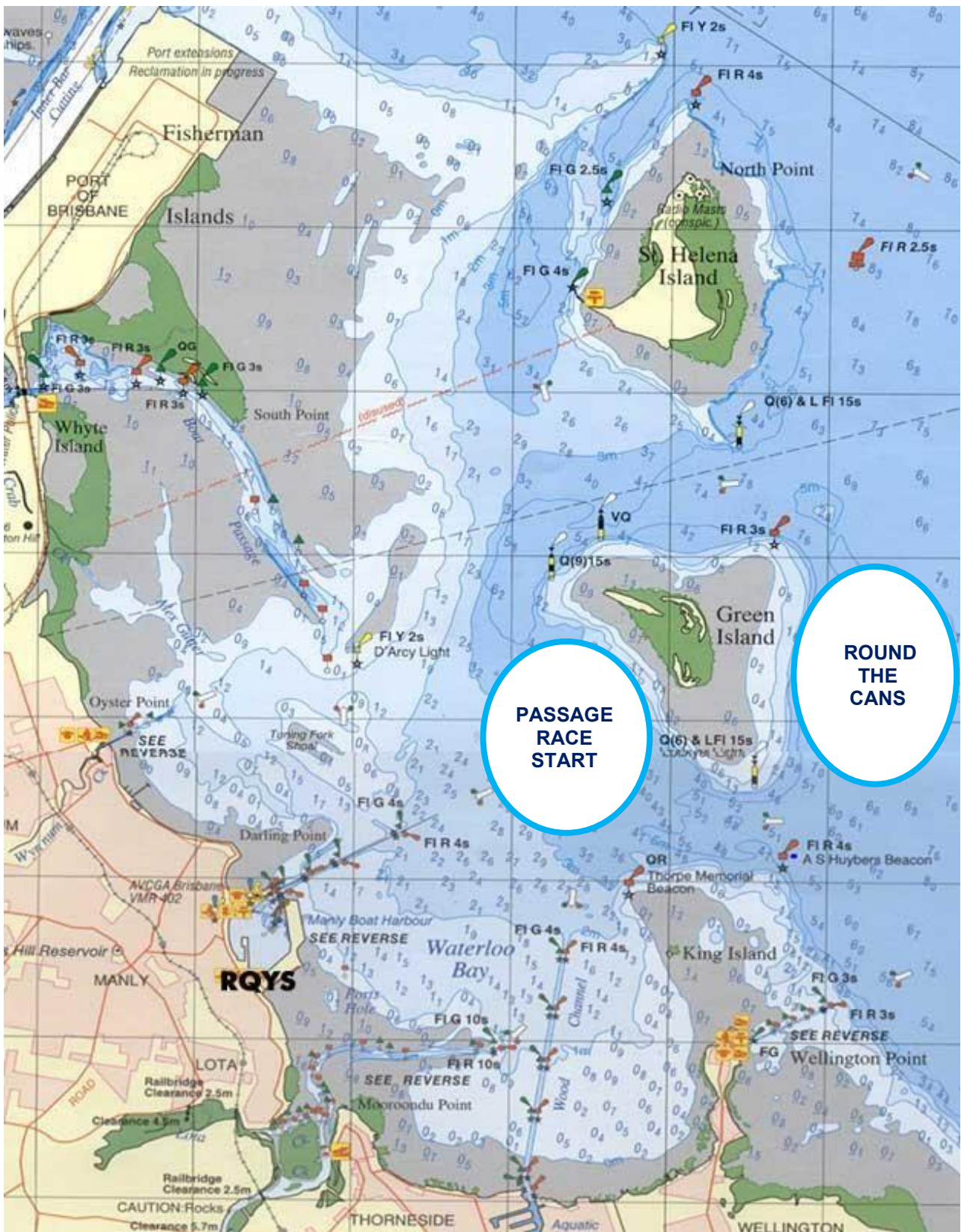
23. INSURANCE

- 23.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000AUD per incident or the equivalent.

24. SCORING

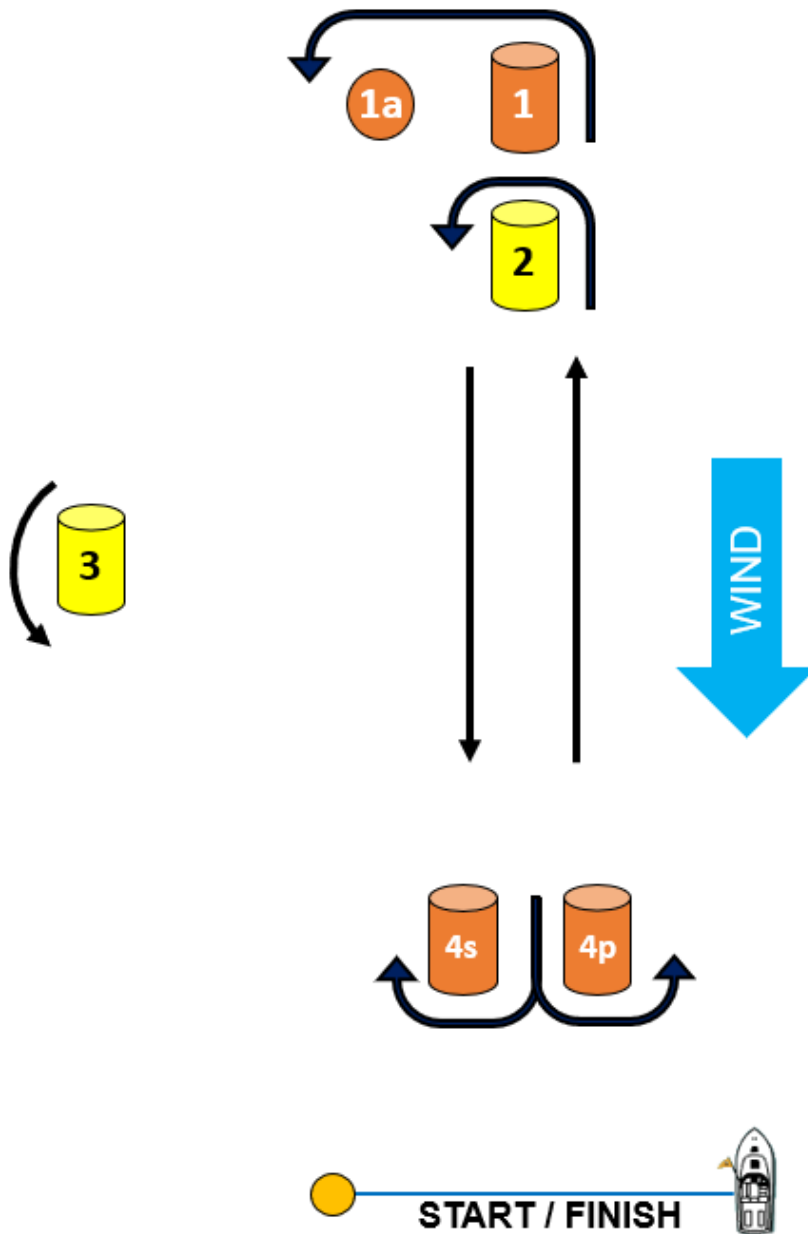
- 24.1. When sailing pursuit format, results shall be based on elapsed time under the applicable handicap type not position across the line.

SI ATTACHMENT A



SI Attachment B

CODE	COURSE	MARKS DESCRIPTION
LA1	Start – 1 – 1a – Finish	Marks 1 & 4s/4p: Orange Inflatable
LA2	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – Finish	Mark 2 & 3: Yellow Inflatables
L1	Start – 2 – Finish	Start Pin, Finish Pin & 1a: Orange Teardrop
L2	Start – 2 – 4s/4p – 2 – Finish	
T1	Start – 1 – 3 – Finish	
T2	Start – 1 – 3 – 4s/4p – 1 – Finish	



SI Attachment C

SAFETY FIRST

As part of a national incentive by Australian Sailing, RQYS has adopted 'Whole of Fleet' Safety Audits appropriate to your race category.

So why extend equipment audits to all of our fleet?

The simple answer is compliance and good safety practice within the club. We have a Duty of Care to those participating in RQYS events and this extends beyond RQYS responsibility to boat owners and skippers.

Nationally, self audits have not, in the majority of cases, been completed to a satisfactory standard and it is our intention to engender into our sailors a culture of safety which benefits us all.

Chris Morgan, a division yacht owner and Queensland's Senior Sailing Australia Equipment Safety Auditor, has agreed to undertake the management of this program alongside the sailing office.

- All yacht owners and off the beach boats will be required to complete the appropriate Sailing Australia category form applicable to the club racing they intend to enter.
[AS SR Safety Equipment Checklists](#)
- Owners will then be required to contact an Australian Sailing approved auditor(s) to arrange an inspection and sign off.

This is a compliance required under RRS 75 "entering an event".

Below is a list of our current RQYS auditors. If you are interested in becoming an auditor please contact Chris Morgan.

RQYS AUDITORS for Division Yachts

Senior National Equipment Auditor		
Chris Morgan	0418 767 591	chrismorgan5@outlook.com
National Equipment Auditor (Cat 1 – 7)		
Genevieve Warlow	0438 159 089	gwarlow@gmail.com
Peter Kruger	0402 295 283	p.kruger1@uq.edu.au
Ian Davis	0419 799 958	hoodsailmakers@gmail.com
Paul King	0409 725 488	paulkingmwa@gmail.com
Dave Richards		davidrichards30.dr@gmail.com
Helen Warneke	0417 074 990	helen.warneke@cofcqld.com.au
Harley Cowlishaw	0437 729 642	hcowlish@bigpond.net.au
Club Equipment Auditor (Cat 3 – 7)		
Anton Prange	0410 696 578	anton@yachtshare.com.au
Hilary Arthure	0419 774 092	hilary.arthure@bigpond.com
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SI Attachment D

Best Result at a National Regatta

~ Vidgen Perpetual Trophy ~

Longest Serving Member of a Season Points Winner

~ The Governor's Trophy ~

Most Consistent Skipper in a Senior Class

~ Callisto Cup – AM Greenfield Trophy ~

Most Consistent Contributor

~ Maurice Tilley Perpetual Trophy ~

Corinthian Yachtsman of the Year

~ Model Elliott ~

Best Performing Female Crew

~ Erica Blumson Trophy ~

Keelboat Crew of the Year

~ E Sparkes Trophy ~

Sailor of the Year

~ Hardy Brothers Jewellers Trophy ~

SI Attachment E

Description of area	Speed	Ships affected	Date gazetted
(e) All creeks and waterways flowing into the Brisbane River (except the Bremer River)	6 knots	All	16 February 2018
(f) The waters described as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> commencing at the waterline of the eastern bank nearest to location 27°35.630'S, 152°51.441'E then south along the waterline of the eastern bank upstream to a location on the waterline nearest to 27°35.739'S, 152°51.431'E then west across the river to a point on the waterline of the western bank nearest to location 27°35.739'S, 152°51.338'E then north along the waterline of the western bank to a point on the waterline nearest to 27°35.630'S, 152°51.344'E then easterly across Brisbane River to the point of commencement. 	6 knots	All, excluding ships operated by Maritime Safety Queensland, Queensland Police Service and Queensland Boating and Fisheries Patrol	
Manly Harbour The waters of the Manly Harbour bounded by an imaginary line: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> from a position on the northern breakwater latitude 27°27.042'S, longitude 153°11.520'E then in a north easterly direction to No. 7 starboard lateral beacon latitude 27°26.9523'S, longitude 153°11.7462'E then across the channel to No. 8 port lateral beacon latitude 27°26.9838'S, longitude 153°11.7637'E then continuing in a south westerly direction to a position on the top of the southern breakwater latitude 27°27.112'S, longitude 153°11.545'E then back in a northerly direction across the channel to the initial position at the northern breakwater. The waters marked in red as shown on Map S8sp-29-1.	6 knots	All	28 October 2022
Moreton Bay The waters of the Tangalooma Wrecks anchorage, Moreton Bay between the wrecks and the western foreshores of Moreton Island.	6 knots	All	21 May 2004
Cabbage Tree Creek Upstream of a line extending approximately south-south-easterly from the jetty known as Baxter's Jetty.	6 knots	All	21 May 2004
Bald Hills Creek	6 knots	8.0m in length & over	21 May 2004
Caboolture River	6 knots	8.0m in length & over	21 May 2004
Pine River North and South Pine Rivers	6 knots	8.0m in length & over	21 May 2004
Tingalpa Creek, Ransome to Capalaba All waters of the Tingalpa Creek extending from Molle Road in position latitude 27° 29.773'S, longitude 153° 11.223'E heading upstream to the Tingalpa Reservoir entrance in position latitude 27° 31.695'S, longitude 153° 10.824'E. The waters marked in red as shown on Map S8sp-26-1.	6 knots	All	28 October 2022
Lake Somerset The waters of Lake Somerset, Brisbane <i>Except</i> The waters of the northern parts of Lake Somerset at approximate latitude 27°00.227's, longitude 152°33.912'e and extending across to the eastern side of Lake Somerset at approximate latitude 27°00.342's, longitude 152°34.356'e.	Unlimited 6 knots	All All	15 February 2008 6 May 2014
Lake Moogerah The waters of Lake Moogerah, Brisbane <i>Except</i> The southern waters indicated in the below two zones:	Unlimited	All	21 May 2004

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