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# Moreton Bay Multihull Regatta

12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)

Including **Amendment 1**

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 in accordance with the RRS and World Sailing guidelines ((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. SCHEDULE

### 1.1.

| DATE                                 | EVENT  | FIRST WARNING SIGNAL or TIME |
|--------------------------------------|--|------------------------------|
| Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2026 | Compulsory Competitors Briefing (2 crew from each yacht) | 0930 hrs                     |
|                                      | Day 1 Racing   | Not Before 1100 Hours        |
|                                      | Daily Presentation in RQYS Bar                           | 90 minutes after racing      |
| Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2026   | Day 2 Racing   | 1100 hrs                     |
|                                      | Daily Presentation in RQYS Bar                           | 90 Minutes After Racing      |
| Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2026 | Day 3 Racing   | 1100 hrs                     |
|                                      | Daily Presentation in RQYS Bar                           | 90 Minutes After Racing      |
| Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2026   | Day 4 Racing   | 1000 hrs                     |
|                                      | Closing Presentation                                     | 90 Minutes After Racing      |

1.2. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1300 hrs.

## 2. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 2.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the official flagpole located at the top of the Eastern Gangway of the Bill Kirby Jetty.
- 2.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

## 3. CLASS FLAGS

3.1. The class flags are:

| Division  | Flag              |
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| Division 1 – Performance (High OMR, minimal or no accommodation, Trailerable trimarans & catamarans)            | Numeral Pennant 1 |
| Division 2 - Sports (Up to 10.0m LOA, Low OMR, minimal or no accommodation, Trailerable trimarans & catamarans) | Numeral Pennant 2 |
| Division 3 - (Bridge deck catamarans & trimarans)   | Numeral Pennant 3 |

## 4. MARKS

4.1. Marks are as described in the "[RQYS Yacht Racing Course Book 2025/26 Version 2](#)".

## 5. THE START

- 5.1. The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 5.2. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 5.3. 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.

## 6. THE FINISH

- 6.1. The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port end finishing mark.

## 7. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 7.1. The time limit for the first boat to finish shall be five (5) hours after the starting signal of the race, or by 1700hrs, whichever is earlier.
- 7.2. Boats failing to finish within six (6) hours of the starting signal, or by 1800hrs, whichever is earlier, shall be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, RRS A4 and RRS A5.
- 7.3. 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.

## 8. HEARING REQUESTS

- 8.1. 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.
- 8.2. Hearing request are to be submitted online via the following link  
<https://www.rqys.com.au/event/mbmh26/>.
- 8.3. 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.
- 8.4. Request to reopen a hearing on the last day shall be lodged within 30 minutes after the protests decisions have been posted or the end of protest time, whichever is the later this changes RRS 63.7(b).

## 9. [NP][DP]SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 9.1. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 9.2. [SP] All skippers shall sign-on with the start boat by radio prior to the first warning signal each day via VHF 72 unless code flag L is displayed per NoR 5.6. Skippers shall nominate their boat, sail number and number of crew. Failure to sign-on shall result in that boat being penalised three (3) points for the first race of that session (but not worse than DNF). Penalties shall be applied without a hearing, this changes RRS 63.1, RRS A4 and RRS A5.
- 9.3. A boat shall be considered to have sign-off when they cross the finish line. No declaration is needed.
- 9.4. All Maritime Queensland Aquatic Event conditions must be followed including:
  - 9.4.1. All Participating ships are not to impede power driven vessels traversing Manly Boat Harbour and associated channels.
  - 9.4.2. All Participating ships are to obey the gazetted speed limit in Manly Boat Harbour (6 knots).
- 9.5. No Spinnakers are to be flown in the Manly Harbour 6-knot area.
- 9.6. No sailing vessel shall berth on or impede traffic to/from the RQYS fuel dock without permission from the RQYS Sailing or Marina Office.

## 10. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 10.1. [DP] Boats intending to race with a sail number other than that stipulated on their entry and not updated during the nominated Registration times, shall complete a [Change of Details Form](#) prior to racing. Failure to comply shall result in the boat being scored DNC for all races on that day. This changes RRS 63.1, RRS A4 and RRS A5.
- 10.2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment shall not be allowed unless authorised by the Race Committee. Requests for Equipment Substitution shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity and no later than 1700 hrs on evening prior to the next day's racing.
- 10.3. Subject to 10.4 replacement, change or addition of crew shall be permitted with prior approval of the Race Committee. Replacement crew shall be nominated, along with their name, AS Number and weight for the particular day. Changes of crew shall be presented to the Race Committee for authorisation as soon as possible and no later than 0900hrs on the nominated day of racing.
- 10.4. Boats entered under OMR must comply with Section 6.5 - Crew Weight of the MYCQ OMR Specifications at all times during the regatta.

## 11. OFFICIAL VESSELS

- 11.1. Official vessels will be identified by flying a white flag displaying the letters "RC" or White flag with red letters "MEDIA".

## 12. [DP] SUPPORT TEAMS

- 12.1. Team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

## 13. TRASH DISPOSAL

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

#### 14. RISK STATEMENT

- 14.1. 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.**
- 14.2. All participants are required to comply with any safety provisions as mandated under the Racing Rules of Sailing, the Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1 for Racing Boats, 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 14.1 of the Sailing Instructions.

#### 15. INSURANCE

- 15.1. 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.