



BRISBANE TO BUNDABERG OFFSHORE YACHT RACE

NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)



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Owners and charterers of eligible Monohull and Multihull boats are invited to enter the inaugural 2026 Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, Brisbane to Bundaberg Yacht Race.

This race is organised and conducted by the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron (RQYS) with the assistance of Bundaberg Port Marina.

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1 The Organising Authority (OA) is the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron (RQYS).

2. RACE GENERAL

- 2.1 The Race is an approximate 220 nautical mile passage race.
- 2.2 The warning signal for the race will be signaled no earlier than 1155 hours (Australian Eastern Standard Time) on Thursday, 18 June 2026.
- 2.3 The Race Committee (RC) may change the start time and/or date due to weather considerations.
- 2.4 At any time before the warning signal, the RC may be required to cancel or modify the event in response to QLD Government directions.
- 2.5 A minimum of 10 entries are required by 30 April 2026, for the 2026 B2B to proceed.

3. RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 3.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 3.2 The International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) will apply when a boat sailing under RRS meets a vessel that is not.
- 3.3 The Current IRC Rules Parts A, B and C,
- 3.4 The current OMR System Rules,
- 3.5 **The prescriptions and special regulations (SR) of Australian Sailing Part 1, Category 3 plus as amended by this Notice of Race, see Appendix A for a summary of additional requirements.**
- 3.6 RRS Appendix RV – Reduced Visibility Racing Rules.
- 3.7 RRS Appendix T - Arbitration.
- 3.8 RRS Appendix WP – Way Point Rules.
- 3.9 A Protest Committee whose decisions are not subject to the right of appeal will be appointed in accordance with RRS 70.3(c).1.
- 3.10 Changes to the IRC Rules
- 3.10.1 IRC Rule 21.1.5(e): A spare mainsail may be carried in the race as a bona fide replacement for a mainsail damaged during the race.
- 3.10.2 IRC Rule 11.2 and 21.6.1: In accordance with a Prescription by Australian Sailing (AS), a boat in the IRC Handicap Category may carry one more spinnaker than shown on her current valid IRC certificate without an increase in rating (Category 2 and 3 races).
- 3.11 Changes to the RRS:
- 3.11.1 RRS 41 (c): Help in the form of information available in a public domain, free or by paid subscription. This shall include navigational, weather, tide or current information from any source available to all boats, whether by payment of a fee or subscription. It shall not include any information gathered by or any advice received

from any direct human input not on board the boat and which is specific to the boat and her situation. By way of an example and interpretation: downloading charts, weather or tidal GRIB files from subscription services, or using a cloud routing service (i.e. Predict Wind) is permitted. (f) A boat may receive assistance in ensuring that satellite or cellular communication systems on board are able to transmit and receive data.

- 3.11.2 RRS 51: A boat with movable ballast or variable ballast (within the meaning of those terms in the special regulations) may move that ballast for the purpose of changing trim or stability.
- 3.11.3 RRS 52: Is amended to permit the adjustment and operation of sails or the adjustment of movable ballast.
- 3.11.4 RRS 52: Is further amended for the Two-handed Division to permit the use of auto-piloting systems.
- 3.11.5 RRS 78.2: A valid rating certificate shall be produced by the close of entries specified in NoR 9.
- 3.11.6 RRS Appendix A5.2 is changed as per NOR 12.1.
- 3.11.7 Special Regulation 3.25.1(a) (i) is changed as per NOR Appendix C.
- 3.11.8 IRC Rule 22.4 is changed by NOR 11.1.1.
- 3.11.9 Special Regulation requirements for Two-person entries are changed as per NOR Appendix E.

4. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available by 12 June 2026 and published at: <https://rqys.com.au/b2b>

5. ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1 The race is open to all sailing boats monohull and multihull whose owners or persons chartering are financial members of a club recognized by the competitor's national authority.
- 5.2 Be registered with a Yacht Club affiliated with its National Authority.
- 5.3 Satisfy the stability criteria of the AS SR Part 1, Section 3.04 and Appendix B and this NoR Appendix B) in accordance with AS Special Regulations Category 3;
- 5.4 Have a waterline length (LWL) not less than 9.00 meters.
- 5.5 A boat and crew shall comply with Appendix A, B, C & D of this NOR.
- 5.6 Crew eligibility shall be as per Appendix E of the NOR

6. ENTRY

- 6.1 Entry shall be made via the online form at <https://www.rqys.com.au/brisbane-to-bundaberg-offshore-yacht-race-entry/> with the following items submitted on SailSys (preferred method) or via email to sailing@rqys.com.au.
- 6.2 Verification of stability (satisfy compliance with Special Regulations Part 1, Appendix B & NOR Appendix B) (not required for Multihull yachts).
- 6.3 A current, audited Special Regulations Form for Category 3 Plus, as amended by this NOR.
- 6.4 A Keel and Rudder Inspection Certificate as required by [Special Regulation 3.02.4 and 3.02.5](#) see Appendix G, (Rudder only for Multihull yachts).
- 6.5 Life Raft Inspection certificate/s.
- 6.6 Radio Installation Inspection report/s.
- 6.7 406 Mhz EPIRB Registration certificate in the boat's name.

- 6.8 Current Measurement and Rating certificate/s, as required for scoring category(s) entered, dated on or before 12 Jun 2026.
- 6.9 Two (2) digital, colour photographs: the first shall be a recent photograph of the boat under sail, suitable for search and rescue purposes. The second is to be a photograph with the trysail and storm jib set which must be taken and time-stamped within the week leading up to the race (12 Jun 2026 onwards). An alternative to sending a photo of the trysail and storm jib set is to display these until acknowledged by the Committee Boat before the start. Further information will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.
- 6.10 Brief history of the boat for publicity purposes.
- 6.11 Crew list to be completed online on the boat's SailSys entry, with PLB HEX numbers and current emergency contact details for all crew.
- 6.12 Crew's Safety at Sea Survival Course certificate/s.
- 6.13 Crew's Senior First Aid certificates.
- 6.14 Crew's Short Range Operator Certificate of Proficiency (SROCP) or higher qualifications.
- 6.15 Copy of the vessel's Insurance Policy proving the insured value and currency at the time of the race.
- 6.16 Owner/Charterer Declaration, Stability and Crew Declaration forms.
- 6.17 Total crew weight for boats entered in the OMR category.
- 6.18 The Race Committee may reject or cancel any entry in accordance with RRS 76.1.
- 6.19 Privacy Note: Personal information about crew members is obtained from crew lists. That information is obtained for use in search and rescue situations. The information will be given to search and rescue authorities and organisations, the water police, volunteer coastal stations and media representatives and may be passed on by them to other organisations. A condition of entry is that crew members are to be informed of this and advised that they may obtain access to the information held about them by contacting the Organising Authority.

7. FEES

- 7.1 Fees shall be as per below: Category and Class Fee
 - Standard Entry, until 31 May 2026
\$650.00 + \$40.00 per crew
 - Late Entry, from 1 June 2026
\$800.00 + \$45.00 per crew
 - Late Document Lodgment Additional fee (after 12 June 2026).
\$50.00 per compliance item to a maximum of \$300
- 7.2 Any Refunds will be as per the RQYS Sailing Refunds Policies (<https://www.rqys.com.au/membership/rules-and-regulations/>)

8. CATEGORIES

- 8.1 There are six (6) scoring categories:
Monohull IRC – crewed and Two-Handed
Monohull PHS – crewed and Two-Handed
Multihull OMR – crewed and Two-Handed
- 8.2 Divisions may be formed in each of the above categories, subject to a minimum of five (5) entries in each scoring category.
- 8.3 The OA may alter, amalgamate, or divide any category and may add categories as required.
- 8.4 Yachts may enter any category for which they qualify.

9. SCHEDULE

Standard entry fee	Available until 31 May 2026
Late entry fee	From 1 June 2026
Pre-race communication check opening (NOR Appendix C.3)	0900hrs EST, 1 June 2026
Finalised entries and documentation deadline	12 June 2026
Handicaps and ratings published	13 June 2026
Protests concerning eligibility received no later than	15 June 2026
Pre-race communication check deadline (NOR Appendix C.3)	1700hrs EST, 15 June 2026
Mandatory race briefing at RQYS	17 June 2026 at 1800hrs
First warning signal	1155hrs EST 18 June 2026

10. COURSES AND CHARTS

10.1 The course to sail will be:

Description	Location (approx)	Comment
Start to West Green Island & Exit Moreton Bay via Northern Channels	As per Sailing Instructions	The use of the North West or North East channel shall be confirmed in the Sailing Instructions.
NW Fairway	26°48.747'S 153°10.613' E	Last Mark exiting Moreton Bay
Breaksea Spit Buoy	24°21.239'S 153°9.116'E	To Port
Finish	24°48.474'S 152°28.580'E	Laid Mark Off Bargara to Startboard

10.2 The race is approximately 220 nautical miles in length.

10.3 A boat shall carry the charts (refer to [AS Special Regulation 4.10](#)) in paper or electronic form covering the course area. Charts covering the course are AUS 814, AUS 815, AUS 816, AUS 236, AUS 818, and AUS 242.

11. SCORING AND HANDICAPS

11.1 IRC Category Results will be decided by the application of the Time Corrector (TCC) as shown on the IRC Certificate as a multiplier of elapsed time. The boat with the lowest corrected time (after the application of scoring penalties, if any) will be scored first.

11.1.1 Boats shall sail with no more than the number of crew stated on their IRC certificate, but there shall be no weight restrictions.

11.2 PHS Categories Results will be decided by the application of the Time Correction Factor (TCF) as a multiplier of elapsed times. The TCF shall be determined by the Race Committee and shall not be subject to protest or request for redress (amends RRS 60.1 and 62).

11.3 OMR Category Results will be decided by the application of the Time Correction Factor (TCF) as a multiplier of elapsed times as shown on the OMR rating. The boat with the lowest corrected time (after the application of scoring penalties, if any) will be scored first.

12. PENALTIES

12.1 A boat that fails to return and start when signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1, shall receive a 30-minute elapsed time penalty. This alters RRS Appendix A5.1.

12.2 RRS 44.1 & 44.3 may be altered by the SI.

13. ADVERTISING

- 13.1 Boats may be required to display the event sponsor's name or logo in accordance with World Sailing (WS) Advertising Regulation 20.4 as directed by the Race Committee.

14. RACE BRIEFINGS

- 14.1 It is mandatory that at least two (2) of either the Owner, Skipper, Sailing Master/Boat Captain, or Navigator attend and sign in to show attendance at the race and weather briefing. Failure to attend may result in a Discretionary Penalty (DP) or protest by the Race Committee.

15. PRIZES AND TROPHIES

- 15.1 The overall winner of the B2B yacht race will be the boat that wins the overall IRC Handicap Category.
- 15.2 Prizes shall be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each Category for the race, subject to a minimum of five (5) entries in the Category.
- 15.3 A Line Honors prize shall be awarded for the first monohull and multihull to finish the race.
- 15.4 Other Prizes and Trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

16. MOORING ARRANGEMENTS

- 16.1 Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron (LAT 2m): Complementary Berthing for competing boats may be available subject to availability at RQYS from 0900 hrs on Monday 15 June 2026 until the start of the race. Boats requiring berthing must book a berth with the Marina Office – 07 3393 3554 / marinaadmin@rqys.com.au. It is a condition of entry that yachts shall moor in accordance with the Directions of the Marina Manager, berthing arrangement is **subject to availability and depth constraints**.
- 16.2 Rivergate Marina: Mooring for deep draft vessels may be available at Rivergate Marina, Brisbane River (+61 739 071 600 or info@rivergate.com.au).
- 16.3 Bundaberg Port Marina: A period of complimentary berthing at Bundaberg Port Marina will be provided, details will be confirmed in SI.
- 16.4 A boat shall not discharge treated or untreated sewerage within a harbour, marina, or marine park.
- 16.5 Equipment and gear transport, at a cost to boats, will be arranged by RQYS to Bundaberg Port Marina & to RQYS after the race.

17. DISCLAIMER

- 17.1 The Organising Authority, the Race Committee, the Regatta sponsors and their respective representatives, officers, members, and volunteers accept no liability whatsoever for any loss of life, property, personal injury, or damage caused by or arising out of the 2026 Brisbane Bundaberg Yacht Race. Participants compete entirely at their own risk.

18. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- 18.1 By submitting an entry, the Owner and/or Person-in-Charge agrees to be bound by all the Rules and Conditions of the Race and acknowledges and accepts:
- 18.2 That for the Brisbane to Bundaberg Yacht Race, the Organising Authority and or Race Committee reserve the right to alter or vary any part of the race, including its course should conditions prevent the safe conduct of a race.
- 18.3 They and the crew are familiar with and understand the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the boat complies (where applicable) with all the current Australian Sailing Special Regulations.
- 18.4 They and the crew are familiar with and understand RRS 3 “Decision to Race” and Special Regulations 1.02 “Responsibility of the Person in Charge”.
- 18.5 The Owner and/or Person-in-Charge acknowledge that all their crew are satisfied as to the experience of the skipper and the adequacy of the boat, all safety equipment aboard the boat and insurance arrangements.
- 18.6 The Entry of the boat is acknowledgment that the Owner and/or Person-in-Charge and all crew are individually aware of and conversant with the risks involved in the sport of ocean racing and that the participation in this event is entirely at the risk of the Owner and/or Person-in-Charge and Crew; The owner/charterer warrants the suitability of their boat for the race.
- 18.7 The safety of a boat and her entire management including Insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the Owner and/or Person-in-Charge who must ensure that the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy, and managed by a crew of sufficient number and experience who are physically fit for the Race.
- 18.8 The Owner and/or Person-in-Charge must be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. They must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and that the crew know where it is stowed on the boat and how it is to be used.
- 18.9 Neither the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, its officers, employees, or agents shall be responsible/liable for any loss, damage death or personal injury however caused to the owner/charterer, their skipper or crew or their property because of their taking part in this event and its related activities, including pre-start and post finish operations and shore activities.
- 18.10 Neither the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, its officers, employees, or agents shall be liable for any costs or expenses that may be incurred as a result of special assistance at sea being arranged for any reason whatsoever.
- 18.11 Neither the existence of these conditions, their use by the race organizers, or the inspection of the boat pursuant to these conditions in any way limits the absolute responsibility of the owner/charter and crew.

19. INSURANCE

- 19.1 The owner or charterer of a boat entered in the race shall hold a marine legal liability insurance policy with respect to the boat current when racing, with a sum insured of not less than A\$10 million (or its equivalent in another currency). The policy must state that the boat is insured for the race (or racing) in which it is participating in and that it is covered for a length greater than the length of the race in which it is participating.

20. DECLARATION FORMS

- 20.1 All boats shall complete a Race Declaration Form at the completion the Race. The Declaration shall be submitted to the Race Committee, in person or by email: sailing@rqys.com.au within 3 hours of completing the race or retiring and returning to port.

21. USE OF IMAGES AND RECORDINGS

- 21.1 By entering the event a boat gives the OA the right to use images and recordings of a boat and its crew for any reasonable purpose including publicity and safety before, during and after the event.

22. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 22.1 For further information contact the RQYS Sailing Office at sailing@rqys.com.au or the Race Director Mark Dingley: Phone +61 424 101 732

APPENDIX A

AUSTRALIAN SAILING SPECIAL REGULATIONS PART 1, CATEGORY 3 ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.

1. [SR 3.18.3 \(Water tanks & water\)](#) shall apply at Category 2 level.
2. [SR 3.20.3 \(Bilge Pumps & Buckets\)](#) in addition to the requirements, a second bilge pump is required.
3. [SR 3.24.3 \(Engines\)](#) is amended to read 'A propulsion engine shall be provided in accordance with [SR 3.24.1](#)' or [SR 3.24.2](#) for Multihulls.
4. [SR 3.24.5 \(Engines & Fuel\)](#) shall apply at Category 2 level.
5. [SR 3.25.1\(a\)\(ii\) \(Marine Radio\)](#) A satellite phone, incorporating voice and SMS capability, retained in a securely fastened mounting, connected to the vessel's electrical supply, equipped with a permanently located external aerial, and continuous coverage for the race area.
6. [SR 3.25.1\(b\)\(i\) \(Marine Radio\)](#) is amended "Boats shall carry a permanently installed VHF transceiver that is DSC capable with its own unique MMSI".
7. [SR 3.25.8\(a\) \(Marine Radio - Training\)](#) shall apply at Category 2 level.
8. [SR 4.07.9 \(Medical Kit & Manual\)](#) the additional items are to be carried:
 - 8.1 Codeine 8mg + Paracetamol 500mg (Prescription) eg Panadeine X 20.
 - 8.2 Crepe bandage 100mm by 1.5m X 1.
 - 8.3 Sterile eye patches X 2.
 - 8.4 Burn cream X 1.
 - 8.5 Anti-diarrhoea treatment X 1 pkt.
 - 8.6 Electrolyte replacement - pack of 10.
 - 8.7 Antihistamine 25mg tablet X 10.
9. [SR 4.08 \(Foghorn\)](#) shall apply at Category 2 level.
10. [SR 3.29.1\(c\)](#) An AIS Transponder shall be operational (transmitting and receiving), at regular intervals (no less than every 5 minutes) for the duration of the race. Not protestable by a boat, this amends RRS 60.1 and 62.1(a) and RRS 63.1 shall not apply.
11. [SR 4.11.2 \(GPS\)](#) A second GPS which is handheld and water resistant with spare battery(s) shall be provided.
12. [SR 4.18.2 \(EPIRBS\)](#) The number of EPIRBS carried on board shall be not less than the number of liferafts carried on the boat.
13. [SR 4.18.4 \(EPIRBS\)](#) Additional EPIRBS required under [SR 4.18.2](#) may be packed in each liferaft or stored in a dry, well-marked location near the companionway.
14. [SR 4.19 \(Liferafts\)](#) shall apply at Category 2 level. [SR 4.19.3 and 4.19.4](#) shall apply at Category 2 level.
15. [SR 4.20 \(Grab Bags to Accompany Liferafts\)](#) shall apply at Category 2 level.
16. [SR 4.21 \(Lifebuoys\)](#) shall apply at Category 2 level.

17. [SR 5.01 \(Lifejackets\)](#): A boat shall carry at least one spare lifejacket as required in [SR5.01.1](#).
18. [SR 5.02 Safety Harnesses and Safety Lines \(Tethers\): SR 5.02.2](#) In addition to the requirement of [SR 5.02.1\(a\)](#), at least 30% of the crew shall each be provided with either:
 - (i) A safety line not more than 1 m long or
 - (ii) A mid-point manufacturer fitted snap hook attachment on a 2 m safety line or
 - (iii) Twin lines, one not more than 1 m long and the other not more than 2 m long.
19. [SR 5.05 \(PLB & AIS Personal Crew Overboard Beacons\)](#) shall apply at Category 2 level.
20. [SR 6.01.1 \(Training\)](#) shall apply at Category 2 level.

Amplified in Appendix B - E

APPENDIX B

STABILITY AND HULL CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS FOR MONOHULL YACHTS

A determination by the Organising Authority as to the suitability of the supplied documentation in demonstrating a boat's compliance with the Stability and Hull construction requirements is final.

1. STABILITY OF BOATS WITH MOVABLE OR VARIABLE BALLAST

Refer to the Special Regulations Appendix B.

2. ALL BOATS – RESISTANCE TO CAPSIZE

A boat shall provide evidence as follows to demonstrate that it achieves not less than:

- An ORCi Stability Index of no less than 110 for the configuration in which the boat proposes to race; or
- International Standard ISO 12217-2 Design Category; or
- IRC Category A or B; or
- IRC SSS Base Value of 16 or greater; or
- [SV of 10 or less](#) (subject to [Special Regulations B.5.1](#)); or
- RMI of 1.40 or greater.

3. BOAT HOLDING CURRENT, VALID ORCI RATING CERTIFICATE

A boat with a current, valid ORCi Rating Certificate shall supply that certificate, including the measurement inventory.

4. BOAT PREVIOUSLY HOLDING VALID ORCI RATING CERTIFICATE

A boat without a current, valid ORCi Rating Certificate but with a previously valid (issued within 5 years before race start, but not current) ORCi Rating Certificate shall supply its most recent previously valid (but not current) certificate, including the measurement inventory for the configuration in which the boat proposes to race, accompanied by a completed Stability Declaration (refer to [Special Regulations Appendix B3.3](#) for specific requirements).

5. BOAT ACHIEVING ISO 12217-2 DESIGN CATEGORY A

A boat with a current, valid certificate demonstrating that it achieves International Standard ISO 12217-2 Design Category A shall supply that certificate.

6. HULL CONSTRUCTION SCANTLINGS

All boats shall comply with [SR 3.03](#), for Category 2 events.

7. KEEL AND RUDDER INSPECTION

Keel and Rudder Inspection Certification as required by Special Regulation [3.02.4](#) and [3.02.5](#), see Appendix G.

APPENDIX C

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

1. GENERAL

The following requirements add to the requirements of Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1 for Category 3 Races. International entrants will be provided with a copy of the Australian Sailing prescriptions and regulations on request. These regulations vary in some minor respects from the ORC special regulations.

2. COMMUNICATIONS

All position schedules during the 2026 Brisbane to Bundaberg Yacht race will be conducted by Satellite Telephone (satphone).

Boats shall carry a satphone installed in accordance with [Special Regulation 3.25.1\(a\)\(ii\)](#). The satphone *“incorporating voice and SMS capability, shall be retained in a securely fastened mounting, connected to the vessel’s electrical supply, equipped with a permanently located external aerial, and continuous coverage for the race area”*.

Boats shall carry a permanently installed VHF transceiver that is DSC capable with its own unique MMSI. **This amends [Special Regulations Part 1, 3.25.1\(b\)\(i\)](#)**. The VHF radio shall be capable of transmitting/receiving, as a minimum, on the following frequencies: VHF Channels 12, 14, 16, 21, 22, 67, 70, 72, 73, 77, 80, 81, 82.

Boats are not required to carry an HF Radio.

Boats shall maintain a 24-hour listening watch for the duration of their race on VHF Channel 16 and regularly monitor their satphone for missed calls and out-of-schedule messaging.

3. PRE-RACE COMMUNICATION CHECK

Reference NoR section 9 for earliest & latest dates Pre-Race Communications Check can be completed.

Boats shall carry out a mandatory satphone communication check with the RC by voice and text to **+61404900546**.

Yachts are also required to carry out a mandatory radio check on VHF Channel 16 with Coastguard Redcliffe or VMR Southport. Radio checks shall be carried out in open water well away from the confines of any marina. Boats must specify in the radio check:

- a. the boat name;
- b. the boat registration; and
- c. that the purpose of it is to comply with the Brisbane to Bundaberg Yacht race requirements.

4. RADIO AND SATELLITE PHONE INSTALLATION INSPECTION REPORT

Boats shall provide a radio and satellite phone inspection report to verify the adequacy of the installation and operation of a boat's radios and satellite phones. The inspection report is to be provided on the form in Appendix F. The report can be completed by a marine electrician, radio technician, or business specializing in installing marine electronics.

For radio communications, a boat's name may be limited to not more than two words. The RC may alter names where appropriate.

5. AIS

Boats must be fitted with AIS with the ability to send and receive, which shall be always active in both modes. This instruction may only be protested by the race committee. This alters RRS 60.1 and 60.2.

APPENDIX D

BOAT REQUIREMENTS

1. REQUIREMENTS

- Be single hulled and self-righting (not required for Multihull yachts).
- Be built in accordance with the Special Regulations Part 1, section [3.03](#), and [3.05](#) for Category 2.
- Have a waterline length not less 9 metres.
- Comply with the Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1 for Category 3 events, as amended by this NOR.
- Comply with Appendix A, B, C and D of this Notice of Race.
- Be on the register of a Yacht Club affiliated with its National Authority.
- Multihulls shall comply with the variations for multihulls.

2. INSURANCE

The owner or charterer of a boat entered in the race or series shall hold a marine legal liability insurance policy with respect to the boat, current when racing and not racing, with an sum insured of not less than AUD\$10 million (or its equivalent in another currency). The policy shall state that the boat is covered for the race in which it is participating or that it is covered for races of a length greater than the length of the race in which it is participating. The policy shall be in effect throughout the race of the 2026 Brisbane Bundaberg Yacht Race.

3. IRC BOATS

Boats may enter in the IRC Category if the boat has a current and valid Endorsed IRC certificate, issued by RORC or UNCL based on information provided by an RORC/UNCL approved measurer. Certificates dated on or after 13 June 2026 will not be accepted.

4. PHS BOATS

Boats entering the PHS category only, shall satisfy the requirements of Appendix A.

5. OFFSHORE MULTIHULL RULE BOATS

A boat may enter in the OMR Category if the boat has a current, valid OMR rating and complies with all the current OMR Rating System Rules. Boats must declare the total crew weight.

APPENDIX E

CREW REQUIREMENTS

- The minimum number of crew, except for Two-handed, on any yacht shall be four (4).
- The number of crew on any boat in Two-handed Category is two (2);
 - Both crew shall comply with Special Regulation [2.04.1\(Crew Experience\)](#),
 - [3.25.8\(a\) Radio](#), [4.07.6 \(First Aid\)](#) and, [6.01.1\(a\) \(Training\)](#).
- The minimum age of any crew member is sixteen (16) years of age. Minimum ages are taken from the start date of the race.
- At least 50% of the crew, including the skipper & or sailing master shall have completed a Category 1, 2 or 3 race or an equivalent passage of a minimum of 80 nautical miles including one night at sea.
- At least two (2) crew members on the boat shall have and provide a copy of their HLTAID011 (Provide First Aid) Certificate or equivalent or higher qualification (HLTAID011 requires both HLTAID009 (CPR) & HLTAID010 (Provide basic emergency life support) to be in date).
- At least two (2) members of the crew on the boat shall have and provide a copy of their Short-Range Operator Certificate of Proficiency (SROCP) issued by a relevant authority, or equivalent or higher qualification, as per SR Part 1, [Section 3.25](#).
- At least 30% of each Fully Crewed boat's total crew (rounded up) shall have a current and valid Safety and Sea Survival Certificate as per SR Part 1, [Section 6](#), OR an equivalent course recognized by the RC.
- It is recommended that the skipper or sailing master have a recognized Australian Sailing certificate (or equivalent) of at least an Offshore Skipper certification.
- A minimum of three crew trained in the operation of a boats satphone.
- A boat's crew list may be changed to correct errors, to amend for late crew changes or after protest, but shall not be changed later than two hours prior to the starting signal. After any change to a crew list, the boat shall continue to satisfy the requirements of NoR 6. Changes to the crew or details of any crew member shall be notified & updated via emailing to OA sailing@rqys.com.au.

APPENDIX F

MARINE COMMUNICATIONS INSPECTION

See Attached Form Titled "AUSTRALIAN SAILING MARINE COMMUNICATIONS INSPECTION FORM"

APPENDIX G

KEEL AND RUDDER INSPECTION FORM

See Attached Form Titled "AUSTRALIAN SAILING (AS) KEEL AND RUDDER INSPECTION FORM"

Attention is drawn to [Special Regulations Part 1 3.02.5](#) "Effective 1 January 2022: Evidence of a structural inspection in accordance with [3.02.4](#) within 24 months before the start of the race or after a grounding whichever is the later."

APPENDIX H

CATEGORY 3 PLUS FORM

See attached category three plus form with "Brisbane to Bundaberg Category 3 additional requirements form".

MARINE COMMUNICATIONS INSPECTIONS	MONOHULLS & MULTIHULLS	This Form is <i>Recommended</i> to demonstrate compliance with SR 3.25, 3.26, 3.29 AND 3.30 (Specifications and Testing) and includes SR 3.23 Navigation Lights
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DATE OF INSPECTION ____/____/____	SAIL NO: _____	BOAT NAME: _____
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Inspection form valid until ____/____/____ (one year from date of inspection).	RACE CATEGORY _____
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OWNER DETAILS

OWNER(S) NAME(S): _____	OWNER(S) CLUB(S): _____
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REGISTRATION DETAILS

HF CALLSIGN: _____	MMSI _____
SATELLITE PHONE NUMBER: _____	SECONDARY SATELLITE PHONE NO (if carried) _____

MARINE ELECTRONICS SURVEYOR / INSPECTOR DECLARATION

I have surveyed the marine communications equipment on the above-mentioned yacht in accordance with Special Regulations 3.23, 3.25, 3.26, 3.29 and 3.30 as outlined below. The equipment was found to be compliant with the Special Regulations and in good working order at the time and date of this Inspection/Survey.

Inspected by (print name) _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Surveyor /Inspector's Qualifications _____

Surveyor /Inspector's Company/Busines & contact details _____

OUTSTANDING ITEMS – To be re-tested. When complete, item to be ticked or initialled below

AS Special Regulations Radio Specifications and Testing

This Section to be completed **ticked** or **initialled** or marked not applicable '**n/a**' by Radio Inspector (RI)

REG	ITEMS FOR INSPECTION	RI
3.23	Navigation lights as per IRPCAS	
3.25.1	(a)(i) HF transceiver (if fitted) Permanently installed (Cat 1, 2)	
3.25.2	If HF DSC	
	MMSI programmed	
	Connected to GPS receiver	
3.25.3	(a) HF distress frequencies 4125, 6215, 8291 kHz	
	(b) HF race frequencies (NoR), specify when defined e.g. 4483, 6516,	
	(b) HF transmission satisfactory on all frequencies Name of Station:	
3.25.5	(a) HF emergency antenna (Cat 1 - 3)	
3.25.1	(a)(ii) Satellite (sat) phone (if fitted) Securely fastened mounting	
	Connected to vessel's electrical supply	
	Permanent external aerial	
3.25.5	Continuous coverage for race area	
	(a) Satellite phone emergency antenna or alternative means to maintain sat phone capability (Cat 1 - 3)	
3.25.1	(b)(i) VHF transceiver permanently installed (Cat 1 - 4)	
	(b)(iii) VHF transceiver permanently installed, or waterproof handheld transceiver (Cat 5, 6) – circle	
3.25.2	If VHF DSC	
	MMSI programmed	
	Connected to GPS receiver	
3.25.4	Able to send alerts	
	(a) VHF rated with output 25W	
	(b) VHF mast head antenna (Cat 1 - 3)	
	(c) VHF transmission and reception with a base station of at least 8 nautical miles distant (Cat 1 - 3) Name of Station,	
3.25.5	(d) VHF race frequencies (NoR), specify when defined	
	(a) VHF emergency antenna (Cat 1 - 3)	
	(a) AIS emergency antenna if different than VHF	
3.25.1	(b) VHF emergency antenna if antenna on mast (Cat 4)	
	(b)(ii) Handheld VHF radio (Cat 1 - 3)	
	(b)(v) If DSC, unique MMSI should be programmed	

AREA	TESTS / INSPECTIONS	RI
3.25.6	(a) Handheld VHF rated output 5W	
3.25.7	At least two means of receiving weather bulletins (Cat 1 – 4)	
3.26	Sealed type batteries from which liquid electrolyte cannot escape (Cat 1 - 3)	
3.29	AIS Transponder (Cat 1, 2 plus Cat 3 from 01/07/22)	
3.30	GPS permanently installed (Cat 1 - 3)	
Power	Power supply – battery banks, terminals, cabling, charging arrangements, alternator in good condition Battery terminal on load voltage; Volts Acceptable minimum 11.4 V Yes No	
HF	HF ATU effective on all required frequencies	
	HF ATU effective on all required frequencies on emergency antenna	
	HF main antenna, coaxial cable and connections in sound condition	
	HF earth system effective	
Sat Phone	HF emergency antenna and connections in sound condition	
	HF insulators of good quality and sound condition	
	Sat phone function for voice, Text (& email if NoR)	
VHF	Sat phone antenna & alternative in sound condition	
	Sat phone power in sound condition	
	VHF main antenna, connections in sound condition	
Handheld VHF	VHF coaxial cable feeder low loss quality, good connections	
	VHF emergency antenna and connections in sound condition	
AIS	Handheld VHF provision for charge or replacement of batteries adequate Programmed with yacht name and MMSI Functioning	
Lights	Navigation lights working - If LED, tested with VHF Radio	
Signs	Distress Procedures, Callsign (HF), and satellite phone number visible	
GPS	Able to record MOB position in 10 sec and monitor	
NoR	Marine Radio Operators Handbook on board	

NoR - Notice of Race

**AUSTRALIAN SAILING (AS)
KEEL AND RUDDER INSPECTION FORM**

CAT 1/2/3		
DATE OF INSPECTION _/_/___	SAIL NO:	BOAT NAME:

OWNER DETAILS		
OWNER(S) NAME(S):		
OWNER(S) AS NO(S):	OWNER(S) CLUB(S):	

BOAT DETAILS		
DESIGNER:	PRIMARY LAUNCH DATE:	
BUILDER:	WORLD SAILING PLAN REVIEW NUMBER:	

THE FOLLOWING CHECKS MAY BE COMPLETED WITH BOAT IN THE WATER		
ITEM:	ACTION:	INSPECTOR'S NOTES:
Keel Bolts	Check for excessive corrosion. Torque to manufacturer's specifications.	
Internal Hull Structure	Check for signs of structural failure and/or laminate separation especially in the area around the keel structure, keel floor and other stress points.	

THE FOLLOWING CHECKS TO BE CONDUCTED EXTERNALLY WITH THE BOAT OUT OF THE WATER:		
ITEM:	ACTION:	INSPECTOR'S NOTES:
External Hull Condition	Check for hull stress cracks around leading and trailing edge attachment point to structure, hull appendages and keel sumps. Inspect keel/hull interface for signs for damage by tip deflection test.	
Rudder	Check for cracking of the rudder bearing/hull assembly Inspect rudder for integrity by tip deflection test.	

DECLARATION OF COMPLETED INSPECTION		
LOCATION:	DATE: _/_/___	

This visual inspection has been conducted to observe and report on visually noticeable indications that may compromise the structural integrity of the vessel's keel and rudder. It does not ensure that the vessel is seaworthy or that the Owner has repaired the identified problems.

PRINT NAME:	
ADDRESS:	

SIGNATURE:	
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BRISBANE TO BUNDABERG 2026

CATEGORY 3 ADDITIONAL

REQUIREMENTS FORM

THIS FORM SHALL BE USED IN ADDITION TO AN AUSTRALIAN SAILING CATEGORY 3 AUDIT FORM TO SHOW COMPLAINEE WITH B2B 2026 NOTICE OF RACE

This section is to be completed and ticked or initialed by person in charge (P) and auditor(A). If item not applicable, mark 'n/a' or dash '-'.

Item	P	A
SR 3.18.3 (Water tanks & water) At least 2.5 litres of fresh water or a watermaker capable of producing 2.5 litres per crew member per 100 nautical miles of the course to be sailed shall be carried at the start of the race.		
SR 3.20.3 (Bilge Pumps & Buckets) in addition to the requirements, a second bilge pump is required.		
SR 3.24.3 (Engines) is amended to read 'A propulsion engine shall be provided in accordance with SR 3.24.1 ' or SR 3.24.2 for Multihulls.		
SR 3.24.5 (Engines & Fuel) shall apply at Category 2 level.		
SR 3.25.1(a)(ii) (Marine Radio) A satellite phone, incorporating voice and SMS capability, retained in a securely fastened mounting, connected to the vessel's electrical supply, equipped with a permanently located external aerial, and continuous coverage for the race area.		
SR 3.25.1(b)(i) (Marine Radio) is amended "Boats shall carry a permanently installed VHF transceiver that is DSC capable with its own unique MMSI".		
SR 3.25.8(a) (Marine Radio - Training) shall apply at Category 2 level		

<p>SR 4.07.9 (Medical Kit & Manual) the additional items are to be carried:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Codeine 8mg + Paracetamol 500mg (Prescription) eg Panadeine X 20. ○ Crepe bandage 100mm by 1.5m X 1. ○ Sterile eye patches X 2. ○ Burn cream X 1. ○ Anti-diarrhoea treatment X 1 pkt. ○ Electrolyte replacement - pack of 10. ○ Antihistamine 25mg tablet X 10. 		
<p>SR 4.08 (Foghorn) shall apply at Category 2 level</p>		
<p>SR 3.29.1(c) An AIS Transponder shall be operational (transmitting and receiving), at regular intervals (no less than every 5 minutes) for the duration of the race. Not protestable by a boat, this amends RRS 60.1 and 62.1(a) and RRS 63.1 shall not apply.</p>		
<p>SR 4.11.2 (GPS) A second GPS which is handheld and water resistant with spare battery(s) shall be provided.</p>		
<p>SR 4.18.2 (EPIRBs) The number of EPIRBs carried on board shall be not less than the number of liferafts carried on the boat.</p>		
<p>SR 4.18.4 (EPIRBs) Additional EPIRBs required under SR 4.18.2 may be packed in each liferaft or stored in a dry, well-marked location near the companionway.</p>		
<p>SR 4.19 (Liferafts) shall apply at Category 2 level. SR 4.19.3 and 4.19.4 shall apply at Category 2 level.</p>		
<p>SR 4.20 (Grab Bags to Accompany Liferafts) shall apply at Category 2 level.</p>		
<p>SR 4.21 (Lifebuoys) shall apply at Category 2 level.</p>		
<p>SR 5.01 (Lifejackets): A boat shall carry at least one spare lifejacket as required in SR5.01.1.</p>		

<p>SR 5.02 Safety Harnesses and Safety Lines (Tethers): SR 5.02.2 In addition to the requirement of SR 5.02.1(a), at least 30% of the crew shall each be provided with either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) A safety line not more than 1 m long or (ii) A mid-point manufacturer fitted snap hook attachment on a 2 m safety line or (iii) Twin lines, one not more than 1 m long and the other not more than 2 m long. 		
<p>SR 5.05 (PLB & AIS Personal Crew Overboard Beacons) shall apply at Category 2 level.</p>		
<p>SR 6.01.1 (Training) shall apply at Category 2 level.</p>		

PERSON IN CHARGE

Name:

Signature:

Date:

AUDITOR

Name:

Signature:

Date: