

CAPRICORNIA CRUISING YACHT CLUB INC.

2024 BAY SERIES OF RACES

Organized and conducted by

CAPRICORNIA CRUISING YACHT CLUB

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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Inspiration Paints Yeppoon Summer Series 5 races

Bendigo Bank Emu Park Brass Monkey Series 5 races

International Paints Spring Series 5 races

and incorporating

The Commodore's Cup

Race Dates	As advertised in the club sailing calendar
Race Briefing Saturday's	8:30
Race Briefing Sunday's	as per PRO's Instruction
Race Start	No earlier than 10:00 Saturdays and 09:00 Sundays
Race Safety Category	5
Race Communication Channel	VHF 73

1. Rules

Racing will be governed by:

- 1.1 The rules as defined in the 2021 – 2024 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing and the Prescriptions of Australian Sailing
- 1.2 All yachts will comply with Category 5 of Australian Sailing Special Regulations (SR) Part 1 for Racing Boats with the addition of a Permanent VHF and Depth sounder (see NOR 3.5, 3.6)
- 1.3 Class rules as applicable.

2. Notice to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the CCYC website.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 90 minutes before the scheduled start time for the race and will be detailed at the pre-race briefing.
- 3.2 The Race Committee reserves the right to issue verbal instructions or amendments to each yacht at any time before or during a race. Such changes during a race will be advised on the race channel.

4. Signals Made Ashore

No signals will be made ashore – this is due to lack of visibility between the race area and the club flag staff

5. Racing Area

Racing will be conducted within Keppel Bay as defined by the limits of Partially Smooth Waters. Refer to <https://www.msq.qld.gov.au/safety/smooth-and-partially-smooth-water-limits/swl-keppel-bay>

6. Courses

The course to be sailed on island races and buoy races will be described at the briefing prior to the commencement of the race.

7. Marks

- 7.1 For buoy races, marks of the course shall be inflatable buoys or as indicated at the race briefing
- 7.2 The start mark and finish mark may be an inflatable buoy or as indicated at the race briefing.

8. The Start

- 8.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- 8.2 The start line will be between a staff displaying signal flags on the race committee vessel and the starting mark.
- 8.3 The starting area will be as described at the race briefing.
- 8.4 When a race committee vessel is not available, an alternative start procedure will be utilised.
- 8.5 A yacht starting later than fifteen (15) minutes after the starting signal may be scored Did Not Start (DNS).
- 8.6 In the event of a start boat not be available, a rabbit start may be used. The nominated yacht, the “rabbit”, will announce the Warning Signal (5 minutes), the Preparatory Signal (4 minutes), Preparatory signal removed (1 minute) and the Start on the designated radio channel. The rabbit may motor-sail in light conditions (Rule 42.3 i) .
One minute before the start, the rabbit will be on starboard tack and remain on that tack until the start. At Start, the rabbit will tack close-hauled on port and will have right of way (this amends RRS 10). To start, all yachts must pass astern of the rabbit on starboard tack. The rabbit maintains port tack until all yachts have started or for a maximum of 5 minutes. Once all yachts have started or 5 minutes have elapsed since the start, RRS 10 will apply to the start boat. Incorrect or the absence of radio calls by the start boat shall not be grounds for redress. This alters rule 62.1 a.

9. The Finish

- 9.1 The finish line for both buoy and island races will be described at the pre-race briefing.

- 9.2 If a race is shortened, the finish line will be described by the PRO during the race.

10. Penalty System

- 10.1 The Two-Turns Penalty will apply if a yacht breaks a rule of RRS Part 2 “When boats meet” while racing. The One-Turn Penalty will apply if a yacht breaks RRS Rule 31 “Touching a mark” (Rule 44.1 and Rule 44.2)

- 10.2 Rule 44.3 “Scoring Penalty” will not apply

10.3 Time Limit

Rule 35 will apply.

For buoy races the time limit will be 5 hours or at the discretion of the PRO.

For Island races the time limit will be 6 hours or at the discretion of the PRO.

Where yachts are sailing in the same race but with different courses, they will be considered to be sailing different races for the purpose of Rule 35

11. Protests

- 11.1 Protests shall be written on forms available at the CCYC clubhouse. Protests shall be completed and returned before the end of the protest time limit.
- 11.2 The protest time limit will be 2 hours after the last yacht has finished the race.
- 11.3 Protest notices to inform competitors of hearings, will be posted on the official notice board within 30 minutes of the end of the protest time. Protests will be heard as soon as possible and in the approximate order of receipt.

12. Safety Regulations

- 12.1 All yachts shall comply with Qld Government Transport Operations (maritime Safety) Regulations 2016
- 12.2 A yacht shall carry adequate life-saving equipment for all persons on board, including one item for immediate use. Each competitor is individually responsible for wearing a personal flotation device adequate for the conditions (RRS Rule 1.2).
- 12.3 On yachts without lifelines, a lifejacket complying with AS4758-2015 minimum level 50) or AS1512-1996 Type 1 or Type 2 shall be worn by each member of the crew while on deck (see SR 5.01.1.{j}).
- 12.4 Participants under the age of 12 years of age, whilst on deck, shall wear a lifejacket compliant with AS4758 Level 100.
- 12.5 All skippers must “sign-on” on the race sheet provided inside the CCYC clubhouse prior to commencement of the race and “sign off” within 2 hours of finishing.
- 12.6 Signing off will be considered as a declaration that the yacht concerned has completed the race in accordance with 2021-2024 RRS and CCYC’s 2024 Bay Series Sailing Instructions.

- 12.7 A yacht which retires from a race shall advise the race committee as soon as practicable via the race Channel or any other means possible (e.g., mobile phone) giving their current location and status.

13. Radio Communications

- 13.1 All competing yachts shall carry radio communication equipment capable of transmitting and receiving on the designated race channel
- 13.2 Yachts intending to start shall contact the race committee vessel at least 10 minutes prior to the warning signal, advising name of yacht and number of POB.

14. Alterations to the Rules

- 14.1** Rule 52 is amended to permit powered equipment for the purpose of deploying and retrieving a vessel's primary anchor. Repetitive use of the anchor to gain advantage is not permitted.
- 14.2** Rule 52 is further amended to allow self-steering equipment to be used in two handed boats. Self-Steering equipment is limited to the rotation only of the boats stern rudder(s).
- 14.3** Rule 51 and 52 are amended to permit the use of movable ballast or canting keels on any boat, and the use of stored power to do so.
- 14.4** Rule 55.2 is amended to allow the use of fixed or retractable spinnaker poles and bowsprits for the purpose of setting Asymmetrical spinnakers
- 14.5** After starting, a boat in accordance with RRS 42.3(i), may use her engine whilst racing:
- (a) to avoid interfering with commercial traffic
 - (b) if she has run aground.
 - (c) to avoid running aground.
 - (d) to avoid a collision.

This alters RRS 42.3 (h)

The engine use must be logged (location, time, speed, direction, duration), and a declaration made to the PRO or Race Committee as soon as possible after finishing.

The race committee will decide what action or scoring penalty (if any) will be taken.
Breaches of this rule may only be protested by the race committee

15. Disclaimer

All those taking part in the race do so at their own risk and responsibility. Capricornia Cruising Yacht Club and all parties involved in the conduct and management of this race shall not be liable for any loss of life or injury, or for the loss of property or damage whatsoever or howsoever arising as a consequence of participation in this event. **ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO RRS 3.**

16. Insurance

It is a condition of entry that each boat is covered by third party liability insurance in accordance with the Notice of Race.