



2024 Central Queensland Yachting Championships

Thursday 25th, Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th April

Sponsored by CQ Sailmakers

***Organized and conducted by* CAPRICORNIA CRUISING YACHT CLUB INC**
JOHN HOWES DRIVE, ROSSLYN, QLD 4702

Sailing Instructions

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1. Rules

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by 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, and
- 1.3 Class rules as applicable.

2. Notice to Competitors

Notice 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

- 6.1 The course to be sailed on island races and buoy races will be described at the briefing prior to the commencement of the races that day
- 6.2 Possible shortened courses will be discussed at the briefing. The decision to shorten a course for a division will be that of the PRO and will be made prior to the first boat in each division commencing what is to be the final leg.

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 will 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).

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

11 Time Limit

- 11.1 Rule 35 will apply.
- 11.2 For buoy races the time limit will be 2 hours or at the discretion of the race PRO.
- 11.3 For Island races the time limit will be 5 hours or at the discretion of the race PRO.
- 11.4 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

12. Protests

- 12.1 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.
- 12.2 The protest time limit will be 2 hours after the last yacht has finished the final race for that day
- 12.3 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.

13. Safety Regulations

- 13.1 All yachts shall comply with Qld Government Transport Operations (maritime Safety) Regulations 2016
- 13.2 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).

- 13.3 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}).
- 13.4 Participants under the age of 12 years of age, whilst on deck, shall wear a lifejacket compliant with AS4758 Level 100.
- 13.5 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.
- 13.6 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 Central Queensland Championship Sailing Instructions.
- 13.7 Yachts shall additionally carry a permanently installed VHF transceiver (this amends SR 3.25.1 (b) {i}) compliant with SR 3.25.4 (a). This transceiver must have a maximum rated output of not less than 25 W and be capable of transmitting and receiving on the designated race channel.

14. Race Communications

- 14.1 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.
- 14.2 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

15. Prizes

- 15.1. Prizes will be presented at the CCYC Annual Dinner and Presentation Night in November 2024
- 15.2. First, second and third overall will be awarded for each Division, dependent upon the number of entries.

16. Disclaimer

The Organising Authority (CCYC), the Sailing Committee, the Championship sponsors and their 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 2023 CQ Championships. Participants compete entirely at their own risk.

17. Insurance

Each participating yacht shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10 million

18. Further Information

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