2019 /20 BAY WANDERER SERIES

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Saturday 27th July 2019 – Sunday 28th July 2019

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Humpybong Bay Wanderer Series 2019/20

Sailing Instructions

1 RULES

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
1.2. The Prescriptions and Safety Regulations, Part 2 of Yachting Australia will apply.
1.3. The rules and regulations of Maritime Safety Queensland will apply.
1.4. Racing rules 35, 44.1, 60.1(a), 66, 62.2, A4 and A5 will be changed as per these Sailing Instructions.
1.5. The rules of the respective class associations will apply.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1. Notices to competitors will be given on the day at the pre-race briefing and via flags flown on the committee boat (start only).
2.2. Notices to competitors may also be given during the event particularly on matters relating to safety and shipping movements. These notices will be via VHF73.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1. Any changes to the sailing instructions will be advised in the pre-start briefing held before the start of each day’s racing.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole located at Humpybong Yacht Club.
4.2. When flag “AP” is displayed ashore ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 30 minutes’ in Race Signals AP.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1. Race dates

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5.2. **Briefings**

5.2.1. Briefings to be attended by all competitors will be held upstairs in the Clubhouse no later than 10:30am

5.3. **Change of Schedule**

5.3.1. The Organizing Authority may decide as late as 5pm on the day prior to each race, to swap the event days with other Club sailing programs

5.3.2. If the dates are changed, all timings for the sailing day shall remain the same as for the original date.

6. **CLASS FLAGS**

   The “class” flag for Division 1 will be numeral pennant “1”
   The “class” flag for Division 2 will be numeral pennant “2”
   The “class” flag for Division 3 will be numeral pennant “3”
   The “class” flag for Division 4 will be numeral pennant “4”

7. **RACE AREA**

    The race area is the Moreton Bay area taking in Bramble Bay as far south as Cabbage Tree Creek and the area to north as far as the North Rocks light off Scarborough. (shown below).
8. THE COURSES

8.1. The course will be set before the Race briefing on the day and communicated to all competitors in the race briefing.

9. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

9.1. The following areas are designated as obstructions:

- The reef area to the east of Woody Point Jetty delineated by the yellow Marine National Park yellow markers.
- The spit and reef area due west of North Reef Beacon.

9.2. Any Junior Fleet course set to the west of the boat ramp is defined as an obstruction and all Division 1 – 4 boats are to stay clear.

9.2.1. Division 1 – 4 boats entering the junior fleet course will be recorded as DSQ.

10. MARKS OF THE COURSE

The fixed navigation features that may be used as marks of the course may include:

10.1. Woody Point jetty (an inflatable buoy may be set off the jetty)
10.2. Pine River outer channel markers – green and red
10.3. Shorncliffe pier enclosure – enter and round a pile
10.4. Cabbage Tree Creek Outer Leads – green and red marks
10.5. Fisheries marker - Yellow
10.6. MNP Marker – yellow buoy
10.7. Otter Rock, green buoy
10.8. South Reef – yellow buoy
10.9. Scott’s Point -yellow buoy
10.10. Garnet Rock - green buoy
10.11. Redcliffe Point – green buoy
10.12. Redcliffe Pier Leads (2 green buoys)
10.13. Rocky Point – green buoy

See Appendix 2 for aerial photo guide
11. THE START

11.1. A yellow pin buoy will mark the port end of the line and a staff displaying an orange flag on the HYC Committee Boat at the starboard end of the line. The event start will be governed by RRS 26.

11.2. An "anti-barging" buoy may be streamed from the Race Committee boat for the start sequence of all or any races. The buoy is taken to be a permanent part of the committee boat and any competitor boat touching the buoy, or passing between it and the Race Committee boat, is taken to have touched the Committee boat.

11.3. A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes Rules A5 and 63.1.

12. THE FINISH

12.1. The finish mark will be an imaginary line extending between the staff flying the blue pennant on the Committee Boat located off the end of Woody Point Jetty and a yellow barrel buoy located approximately 300m SSW of the Jetty.

12.2. Yacht finish times will be taken by the race committee from the Committee Boat.

13. CHANGES TO THE COURSE

13.1. In the event of extra light weather on the day, the courses for all divisions may be shortened by the removal of one or more rounding points. This will be notified to boats on the water in accordance with RRS

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1. One or two turns penalties or retirement/disqualification to RRS 44. Scoring or time penalties will not apply.

15. TIME LIMIT

15.1. 30 minutes after the first boat of that division across the line

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1. Protest forms are available at the Humpybong Yacht Club race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening must be delivered to the Principal Race Officer or his delegate within the appropriate time limit.

16.2. The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat has finished the race day.
16.3. Notices will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Protest Room located at the Humpybong Yacht Club.

16.4. Notices of protests by the Race Committee will be posted to inform boats under Rule 61.1(b).

16.5. A request for reopening a hearing must be delivered within the protest time limit. This changes Rule 66.

16.6. A request for redress based on a protest committee decision must be delivered no later than 15 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes Rule 62.2.

16.7. A competitor may not protest on a question of measurement or equipment control later than the normal protest time except on the grounds that there has been a subsequent alteration to the boat or its equipment.

17. HANDICAP DIVISIONS

17.1. It is intended that races will be sailed and scored in four divisions:

17.1.1. Division 1 - Multi hulls VYC<73

17.1.2. Division 2 - Off the beach multi hulls with VYC >73 and windsurfers

17.1.3. Division 3 - Off the beach monohulls VYC< 100

17.1.4. Division 4 - Off the beach monohulls VYC> 100

17.2. The handicap system for Divisions 3 and 4 will be based on the most recently published VYC rating unless a VYC for a boat is not available in which case the Race Committee shall determine an appropriate yardstick.

17.3. If the number of entries in any division is less than 3, that Division will be abandoned, and any entrants will start with another Division advised by the Committee at the on-shore briefing before the start of the day’s racing.
18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1. Obstructions and Shallow Banks

18.1.1. The Redcliffe Peninsula foreshore has occasional rocky outcrops. The extent of those outcrops is marked by green lateral beacons and buoys. Participants are advised to keep to the east of direct lines between those navigation marks.

18.1.2. Participants without local knowledge or with a draft exceeding 1.0m are advised not to sail in the area defined by yellow boys as MNP offshore of Scotts Point around to Woody Point. Rock protrusions exist in that area.

18.1.3. All commercial ships shall be avoided. All yachts must give way and keep well clear.

18.2. Sign-in and Sign-out. All competitors intending to start shall complete a Race Entry Sheet provided in the ‘Sign-on’ area at the club before the warning signal for each race. All competitors shall ‘Sign-off’ on the Race Entry Sheet within 45 minutes of the last boat racing finishing for the day. Failure to sign on or off may result in protest by the Race Committee.

18.3. Retirement: A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

18.4. Attention is drawn to Appendix A to these sailing instructions outlining those prescriptions of the aquatic event authority (issued by Maritime Safety Queensland) which apply to participating yachts. Those prescriptions do not form part of these sailing instructions. They are overriding statutory requirements.

18.5. The Race Committee reserves the right to inspect any competing yacht for compliance with the Notice of Race regarding eligibility and safety prescriptions. Any non-compliance not resulting from an incident reported during the event may result in disqualification (at the discretion of the Race Committee).

19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT:

19.1. Not applicable to this regatta

20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

20.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

21. OFFICIAL BOATS

21.1. Official boats may be identified by Humpybong Yacht Club burgees flown.
22. SUPPORT BOATS

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

23. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

23.1. A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

23.2. GPS tracking devices are allowed to be carried by competitors provided they are mounted or stored in such a way as to prevent any readout or screen from being viewed by the competitor while racing. Mobile devices such as mobile phones may be used as a GPS tracking device provided it is not used for making or receiving other radio transmissions while racing.

24. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

24.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

24.2. The yacht’s decision to participate will be deemed to be testament that:-

24.2.1. the yacht complies with the event entry eligibility requirements within the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions;

24.2.2. the skipper and crew fully understand the meaning and intent of the RRS PART 1 – FUNDAMENTAL RULES;

24.2.3. the skipper and crew have the necessary knowledge and skills to safely participate in and complete the event;

24.2.4. the participant indemnifies the organising authority, its agents and volunteers from any responsibility for any matter relating to the yacht’s participation in the event.

25. INSURANCE

Each participating yacht must be insured with a valid third party and public liability policy to a minimum cover of $5,000,000. Proof of insurance is a prerequisite to participation.
Appendix One

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

The following are specific prescriptions for participants mandated by the Aquatic Event Authority issued by Maritime Safety Queensland and the MBBC emergency plan for this event. These prescriptions apply to participating vessels and their owners (or owner’s representative) and skippers.

Having been formally issued by Maritime Safety Queensland under the auspices of the Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994 and the associated regulation, these prescriptions are mandatory and override the sailing instructions. Any incident, being a breach of these prescriptions and resulting in action being taken by Queensland Water Police, Boating and Fisheries patrols, Maritime Safety or Port Control, may be deemed by the race committee to be grounds for disqualification (refer SI 16.3).

• All participating ships and operators of such ships must comply with the Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994 and the subordinate Regulation including the Marine Safety (Domestic Commercial Vessel) National Law Act 2012 and subordinate Regulation.

• Participating vessels must stay well clear of commercial traffic and not impede their passage. Skippers and navigators must listen to and respond to ‘VHF channel 12’ in or near the shipping channels in the Brisbane Pilotage area.

• The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea 1972 (COLREGS) apply to all yachts.

• The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) will apply only between those yachts that are participating in the event, for the duration of the event. Should interaction occur with non-participating ships, the COLREGS shall apply. In particular, attention is drawn to “Rule 9 - ‘Narrow Channels’:- a sailing vessel shall not impede the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway”.

[Please note: - Avoidance of shipping must be pre-planned and take cognizance of the limited maneuverability of ships and ‘cross channel’ tidal influences.]

• Participating vessels must display registration labels and identification numbers.

• Participants are required to have a bone fide representative attend the pre-race briefing reinforcing the prescriptions within the Aquatic Event Authority.
RACING AREAS AND COURSES

COURSE DIAGRAM

The course diagrams within these Sailing Instruction are not to be used for navigational purposes. Navigation must be via officially recognized charts (e.g. MSQ chart MB1 MORETON BAY Manly to Mooloolaba).

The specific course to be sail will be advised at the daily pre-race briefing. The course detailed may include some or all of the marks shown in the diagram below.