



**NOOSA  
YACHT & ROWING  
CLUB**

**NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING  
INSTRUCTIONS**

**2025-2026 Sailing Season**

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Organised and conducted by  
Noosa Yacht & Rowing Club Inc.  
Chaplin Park, Gympie Terrace, NOOSAVILLE QLD 4566

## 1. ORGANISATION

- 1.1. The organising authority is the Noosa Yacht & Rowing Club.

## 2. RULES

- 2.1. Races will be governed by the **Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 (RRS)**, the prescriptions of **Australian Sailing (AS)** and the measurement rules of the classes competing except as any of these are altered by these sailing instructions.
- 2.2. It is the responsibility of all Owners and Skippers to ensure that their yacht fully complies with the requirements of **Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994**, the **Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 1 and 2 - Category 7**, their class and as specified by these sailing instructions.
- 2.3. Responsibility: All competitors taking part do so at their own risk.
- 2.4. Decision to Race: Attention is drawn to **RRS Rule 3**, which states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".
- 2.5. Fair Sailing: Attention is drawn to **RRS 2**.
- 2.6. Abandonment: Any race shall be abandoned or postponed if a gale warning or stronger is current at the proposed start time.
- 2.7. Safety: Attention is drawn to Transport Operations (Maritime Safety) Act 1994 and the operation of a craft in and around anchored vessels. Specifically, a speed limit of 6 knots within 30m of a boat anchored or moored, jetty, wharf, pontoon or a boat ramp and people in the water, and within 60m off the southern shore. Attention is also drawn to the fundamental rule of proper look-out; Every vessel shall at all times maintain a proper look-out by sight adhering as well as by all available means appropriate in the prevailing conditions as to make a full appraisal of the situation and of risk of collision.
- 2.8. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 2.9. Trailer yachts must comply with **Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1 – Category 7 with the addition** of a propulsion engine to provide a minimum speed in knots of 1.6 times the square root of the vessel LOA, in meters.
- 2.10. Outboard motors must be mounted at all times in their normal operating position but may be raised and/or tilted for racing. Boats returning to the beach without using motor must wait until beach is clear.
- 2.11. It is the responsibility of the Owner/Skipper to ensure that their vessel has sufficient crew to ensure the safety of that vessel and all other vessels, given due consideration to prevailing weather conditions. One handed is deemed to be unsafe.
- 2.12. All competing Skippers and Crews acknowledge that the waters of the Noosa River can be at times very busy with recreational marine traffic and anchored vessels. Extra care and attention shall be exhibited by all competing Skippers and Crews.

## 3. ELEGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. All Owners/Skippers and Crew members may participate in up to **3 races** with a sail pass within a sailing season without joining the club but if they continue to race, they must become full sailing members of NYRC. **Attention is drawn to RRS 46: "From 1st January 2022, all persons on board a boat while racing shall be members of a Club affiliated to Australian Sailing and have an Australian Sailing number, or hold a valid Sail Pass, or if an international competitor, be a member of a club affiliated to a World Sailing recognised Member National Authority."**
- 3.2. Eligible Yachts must enter by completing registration on the NYRC Entry Form and paying the relevant fee prior to commencement of racing.
- 3.3. All competing yachts must have a current Public Liability and Third Party Insurance Policy of not

less than \$10 million. Proof of this cover in the form of a current certificate of insurance must be included with the entry form. Insurance must be maintained throughout the season.

3.4. **All Owners/Skippers must sign on and include and print all crew names prior to racing.**

3.5. Long term full Members in financial difficulties should approach the club for relief.

#### **4. EQUIPMENT, MEASUREMENT AND HANDICAPPING**

4.1. Handicaps for Division 1 (Trailer Sailors) will be based on both the Australian Sailing Class Based Handicap (CBH) system and the **Performance Handicapping System (PHS)** system administered by the Club Handicapper and Sailing Committee. Handicaps for other divisions will be based on the **PHS** system.

4.2. The yacht Owners/and or Skipper shall be responsible for maintaining the yacht in accordance with its class rules, her CBH certificate (where applicable) and the details on the entry form.

4.3. Boats shall not be modified part way through a Series (damage excluded) without approval from the Sailing Committee. A Boat Declaration and Sail Measurement Form must be submitted for each modified yacht and a declaration of any other changes to the boat hull, rig, sails and appendages or any other changes that may affect performance, to the Sailing Committee or it's delegate.

4.4. Any yacht proposing to use a substitute Skipper as Principal Helmsman must notify the race committee prior to the race. **Attention is drawn to RRS 46.**

4.5. Boats with approved modifications or not holding a valid CBH certificate shall be given a temporary handicap at the discretion of the Club Handicapper and the Sailing Committee. Typically, this will be made up of the CBH rating of a similar boat (or, where there are several similar boats, the highest rating) plus an additional penalty of 2.5%. Once a boat receives a valid CBH certificate, her handicap and results will be adjusted retrospectively.

4.6. Owners or Skippers must advise the PRO of the day of any changes to boat, rig, sails or crew, or any factor which may affect a boat's performance handicap (**PHS**) rating.

4.7. The Club Handicapper and the Race Committee reserves the right to alter **PHS** handicaps at any time as the need arises.

4.8. The Race Committee reserves the right to inspect a boat at any time and/or impose penalties for infringement of the above requirements.

#### **5. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

5.1. Notices to Competitors shall be posted on the Race Notice Board.

5.2. On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 74. Competing yachts shall monitor VHF channel 74 whilst on water.

#### **6. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

6.1. Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1100hrs on the day it will take effect.

#### **7. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

7.1. Signals shall be displayed from Clubhouse Flag Pole.

#### **8. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

8.1. Refer to NYRC Sailing Calendar. Changes to the calendar will be posted on the Sailing Notice Board and/or the NYRC website or Facebook page ([facebook.com/noosasailing](https://facebook.com/noosasailing)).

8.2. The warning signal for the first race shall be made 5 minutes before the nominated start time. When more than one race is to be sailed, the warning signal for the following race will be made

as soon as possible after the last boat has finished.

- 8.3. Depending on conditions, up to three (3) races may be held per day. The warning signal for the last race of the day will not be made after 1545.

## 9. DIVISIONS

- 9.1. A minimum of three (3) boats constitutes a division.
- 9.2. The Race Committee reserves the right to add or alter divisions subject to entries received
- 9.3. Divisions and division flags are as follows:
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| Division 1: Trailer Sailers                            | Code Flag A |
| Division 2: Non-spinnaker Trailer Sailers and dinghies | Code Flag E |
| Division 3: Cats & Miscellaneous                       | Code Flag Q |

## 10. THE COURSES AND MARKS

- 10.1. Refer to Appendix A for course and mark descriptions.
- 10.2. Inflatable buoys and tear drop buoys will be used.
- 10.3. The course to be sailed will be signaled by the appropriate numeral pennant flown from the Club flagpole. Course descriptions are located on the Race Notice Board and SI Attachment "A".
- 10.4. The "Jet Ski" area is out of bounds and shall be treated as a **continuous obstruction**. No exoneration is allowed. **Vessels entering this area should retire unless they have been wrongly compelled to do so.**

## 11. MINIMUM NUMBER OF COMPETITORS

- 11.1. If the number of competitors at the starting area (afloat and mainsail hoisted) at the time of the scheduled first warning signal is (or is reasonably likely to be) less than five (5), all races for the day will be abandoned.
- 11.2. If the number of competitors within a division at the starting area (afloat and mainsail hoisted) at the time of the warning signal is (or is reasonably likely to be) less than five (5), the PRO may decide to start two or more divisions together or to abandon a race.

## 12. THE START

- 12.1. Races will be started using **RRS 26** with the warning signal given FIVE minutes before the starting signal.
- 12.2. Starting sequence is: Division 1, Division 2, Division 3.
- 12.3. Unless stated otherwise in Appendix A, the starting line will be a line between the Club Flagpole and an orange spherical buoy laid in a direction approximately north of the Clubhouse.
- 12.4. An inner distance mark may be laid near the Club Jetty. This mark shall be deemed to be part of the course for the start only. If Code Flag I (Yellow flag with Black Dot) has been displayed this inner distance mark shall be taken as an end of the start line for the purpose of **RRS 30.1** only.
- 12.5. For on water starts the starting line will be a line between the mast of the race committee boat at the starboard end and a laid orange spherical buoy. The NYRC pennant shall be displayed from the mast of the race committee boat.
- 12.6. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 12.7. A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start.

## 13. RECALLS

- 13.1. Individual and General Recalls will be signaled in accordance with **RRS 29.1 and 29.2**.
- 13.2. When a general recall has been signaled the start for the next succeeding class will be as scheduled, then the recalled division will start. The start of the following divisions will be

postponed accordingly.

13.3. Signal and Radio call to Skipper as soon as practical.

#### **14. THE FINISH**

14.1. Unless stated otherwise in Appendix A the finish line will be a line between the flagpole of the Noosa Yacht & Rowing Club and an orange spherical buoy laid to the north of the Clubhouse. In the event of a shortened course this line shall include its extensions.

14.2. For on water finishes the finish line shall be a line between the mast of the race committee vessel and a laid orange spherical buoy.

#### **15. SHORTENED COURSE**

15.1. A shortened course will be signaled by Code Flag S accompanied by the Division flag for which the shortened course applies, displayed on the Club Flagpole.

15.2. Competitors may receive a sound signal as they cross the finish line correctly.

#### **16. PENALTY SYSTEM**

16.1. **RRS 44.1** is changed so that only **ONE** Penalty Turn is required. Attention is drawn to **RRS 44.1(b)** in the case of serious damage or injury.

#### **17. BOATS WITH A SPINNAKER AND/OR GENNAKER**

17.1. Spinnakers or gennakers must not be flown between a windward mark and its offset mark ie Marks 1 and 1a.

17.2. Boats with extendable spinnaker and/or gennaker poles or swing poles shall fully retract the pole at the earliest opportunity once the spinnaker/gennaker has been dropped.

#### **18. TIME LIMIT**

18.1. When one race per day is held the time limit is 90 minutes.

18.2. When more than one race per day is held the time limit is 60 minutes for the first race, 60 minutes for subsequent races or at PRO discretion.

18.3. For a time limit of 60 minutes, a boat failing to finish within 15 minutes of the first boat in her division will be scored 'Did Not Finish'.

18.4. For the last scheduled race of the day with a time limit of 60 minutes, a boat failing to finish within 30 minutes of the first boat in her division will be scored 'Did Not Finish'.

18.5. For a time limit of 90 minutes, a boat failing to finish within 20 minutes of the first boat in her division will be scored 'Did Not Finish'.

#### **19. PROTESTS**

19.1. Protests shall be written on forms available at the Clubhouse.

19.2. RRS 60.3(b)(1) is modified such that protests about an incident observed in the racing area must be lodged within 30 minutes of the last yacht finishing the last race of the day.

19.3. Protest notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of a hearing in which they are parties or named as witnesses, and where and when the hearing will be held.

19.4. All parties to the protest shall make themselves available to the protest committee until the protest is resolved.

19.5. Protests shall be accompanied by a fee of \$50.00. If the protest committee decides to disqualify a boat, the owner of that boat shall be required to pay the fee. If the unsuccessful party to a protest is the race committee, the fee shall be refunded.

## **20. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

20.1. **Sign On:** All boats must “sign on” before leaving the shore. “Sign on” sheets will be provided outside the Noosa Yacht & Rowing Club.

20.2. The skipper of a boat that retires or does not intend to continue racing is required to notify the race committee as soon as practicable **and** immediately on return to shore. Failure to comply with this instruction may result in action by the race committee.

20.3. It is recommended that footwear be worn at all times, but particularly when launching and recovering boats on ramps and beaches.

## **21. SCORING**

21.1. The Low scoring system of **RRS Appendix A4** will apply. RRS A5.3 applies, however it is modified such that a boat which Does Not Compete (DNC) in a race shall be scored the number of competitors within the Division at the starting area, plus an additional three (3) points.

21.2. For each series, **including** the Club Championship, there will be 1 discard score per 5 completed races.

21.3. At least half of the races in a series are required to be completed to constitute a series.

21.4. In the event of a boat missing a series race whilst representing the NYRC at a major regatta, the Sailing Committee may, at its discretion, award points for the race missed on the basis of the average result achieved by that boat, after any applicable discards, in the remaining races of that series. Applications for such an award must be lodged on the appropriate form, at the Club Office, prior to the race for which points are claimed.

21.5. The Club Championship shall be decided from races specified in the Sailing Calendar. CBH will be used for calculating the Club Championship results. Additional performance handicap prizes may be awarded.

21.6. Races not completed within a series (including Club Championship races), shall not be rescheduled.

## **22. LIABILITY**

22.1. All those taking part in these races do so at their own risk and responsibility. Noosa Yacht & Rowing Club Inc officers and officials or committees shall not be liable for any loss of life or property, personal injury or damage caused by or arising from participation in this event.

**ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO RRS FUNDAMENTAL RULE 4.**

## **23. PRIZES**

23.1. Race prizes will be presented in the Clubhouse after the completion of sailing and calculation of results. Major series trophies will be presented on Presentation Night.

23.2. Prizes will be awarded for each completed series for both CBH results and performance handicap results.

23.3. In addition, a prize may be awarded where 3 or more level rating boats within a Division are competing.



## **ADDITIONAL SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR WEDNESDAY (“WAGS”) RACES**

### **1. RULES**

- 1.1 These Instructions shall be read in conjunction with the current NYRC Sailing Instructions and the following special conditions.
- 1.2 Boats from Divisions 1 & 3 are eligible. All boats sail as one division.
- 1.3 Spinnakers or Gennakers (Free flying Luff Sails) are NOT permitted.

### **2. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 3.1 The Summer Series commences on the first Wednesday in September and concludes on the last Wednesday in March. The Winter Series commences on the first Wednesday in April and concludes on the last Wednesday in August as per Calendar.

### **3. START TIME**

- 4.1 From September to March the start time is 1500. From April to August the start time is 1500.

### **4. MARKS**

- 5.1 Start-Finish line is the extension of a line from the western end of the NYRC Clubhouse to a laid orange spherical mark laid in a direction approximately to the north of the clubhouse.
- 5.2 Mark 1 is a laid mark approximately 100m to the north of “Jetty 17”. Mark 3 is a laid mark approximately 100m to the North West of the Clubhouse.

### **5. THE COURSE**

- 6.1 The course for all Wednesday races is Course 7.
- 6.2 All marks must be left to port.
- 6.3 Refer also to Appendix A.

### **7 SHORTENED COURSE**

- 7.1 The course may be shortened at the start - finish line on any lap, in any direction.

### **8 HANDICAPS**

- 8.1 Boats are given a performance based time handicap (PHS) applicable to these series only.
- 8.2 Handicaps are listed as starting time in minutes after the nominated race start time.
- 8.3 The handicaps for each race shall be available at least 1 hour before the commencement of each race.
- 8.4 Handicaps are reviewed and adjusted at the handicapper's discretion after each race in accordance with the recommendations of the ‘SailSys’ Performance Handicapping System.

### **9 THE START**

- 9.1 A Pursuit start system shall be used. A warning signal shall be made 5 minutes before the scheduled start time. A sound signal shall be made at the scheduled start time and thereafter for each competing yacht starting after the starting signal.

### **10 RECALLS**

- 10.1 There shall be no recalls. **OCS competitors shall be penalised at the discretion of the race committee.**

### **11 TIME LIMIT**

- 11.1 The time limit shall be 120 minutes.
- 11.2 A boat failing to finish within 30 minutes of the first boat may be scored ‘Did Not Finish’

### **12 SCORING**

- 12.1 The best 80% of races held are scored toward the series result.

12.2 A minimum of 5 boats constitutes a race.

### **13 TROPHIES & PRIZES**

13.1 Prizes for each race will be awarded immediately after each race.

13.2 Series trophies will be awarded on Presentation Night.

13.3 Trophies for the best performing boat for both Summer & Winter Series may be awarded.

13.4 Trophies for best performing boats over both series may also be awarded.

### **14 PENALTIES**

14.1 **RRS 44.1** is changed so that only **ONE** Penalty Turn is required. Attention is drawn to **RRS 44.1(b)** in the case of serious damage or injury.

14.2 No official protests will be heard. **RRS Rule 2 – FAIR SAILING** is enforced by NYRC for all racing.

14.3 If a boat infringes and does not retire or complete all necessary penalties, she may be disqualified from that race.