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1. INVITATION

Southport Yacht Club extends a warm invitation to owners, skippers and crews of all eligible boats to enter and compete in Australia's favourite regatta, The Yacht Sales Co Sail Paradise 2025.

To be sailed with Windward / Leeward, Triangle and Passage type courses on the ocean waters off the Main Beach & Surfers Paradise coastline from Saturday 4th October to Monday 6th October 2025. The Yacht Sales Co Sail Paradise 2025 will also incorporate the Australian Sailing Queensland Yachting Championships.

2. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority (OA) shall be Southport Yacht Club Inc. (SYC) located at 1 Macarthur Parade, Main Beach QLD 4217. Phone (07) 5591 3500.

3. RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 3.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules, unless modified by the Sailing Instructions (SI), as defined in:
 - 3.1.1 The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing (WS)
 - 3.1.2 Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) Part 1 – Category 6
 - 3.1.3 IRC rules Parts A, B, C (including the AS prescriptions) where applicable.
 - 3.1.4 OMR Rating Rules where applicable.
 - 3.1.5 ORC Rating Rules where applicable (ORC).
- 3.2 RRS 52 MANUAL POWER does not apply.
- 3.3 Boats not racing in an IRC Class (that allows variable and/or movable ballast) shall request permission from the Race Committee to use movable and/or variable ballast for the purpose of increasing stability. Any such request must be accompanied by full details of the system involved, and any such system will be taken into account in establishing the boat's handicap. Stored power may be used for the operation of movable ballast systems. RRS 51 is modified to the extent required by this paragraph.
- 3.4 Boats entered in the Non-Spinnaker Class shall not carry spinnakers or Code Zero sails but may use a spinnaker pole to pole out one headsail. Headsails shall be fully hanked or attached to the main forestay by the means of a luff groove device.
- 3.5 Nothing in the Notice of Race (NOR) or Sailing Instructions (SI) relieves a boat of her responsibility under civil law to comply with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea or local regulations.
- 3.6 The owner and skipper of all boats shall ensure that no entities from unauthorised associations between themselves (and their products or services) and the event (otherwise known as "ambush marketing") or any "hijack signage" is carried out by or on behalf of themselves or their sponsors with reference to the event and that nothing else is done which might undermine the event, the rights of the event sponsor, or any other sponsor or participant in the event.
- 3.7 Before the first scheduled race of the Regatta, all boats in Rating Division shall submit to the Sailing Office a declaration of all the sails carried on board for the Regatta (IRC Rule 21.1.5(d)). This regatta is on consecutive days, however the sails carried on board may not remain the same for the duration of the event sails shall remain the same for each day and a boat shall not carry more sail than permitted by her IRC Certificate.
- 3.8 Boats shall not use boat tracking, photography, or video for commercial purposes without prior written approval of the OA.

- 3.9 When conflict occurs between the NOR and the SI's, the rules of the SI's shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 3.10 RRS Appendix T Arbitration will apply.

4. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available online at www.sailparadise.com.au on 26th September at 1800hrs and at Registration.

5. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 5.1 The Official Notice Board will be the online Notice Board located on the event website <https://www.sailparadise.com.au/notice-board/> Additionally, a physical display shall be located at Southport Yacht Club, Main Beach, adjacent to Reception.

6. ELIGIBILITY OF BOATS

The Regatta is open to boats that meet the following entry requirements.

All boats shall:

- 6.1 Comply with the AS Special Regulations Part 1 for Category 6 events. Spot check audits may be conducted at random by the OA at any time throughout the Regatta.
- 6.2 Be registered with a Yacht Club affiliated with its National Authority.
- 6.3 Shall hold a current Public Liability and Third-Party Insurance Policy to the value of not less than AUD\$10 Million, which includes coverage for racing in the Regatta. Proof of insurance will be required at registration.
- 6.4 Competitors may enter one of the following Divisions:
- 6.4.1 Monohull Rating Division (International Rating Certificate) Division for *Racing Monohulls* which have a current valid endorsed IRC & or ORCi Certificate/s which is required to be submitted with their entry. Scoring & Handicaps for IRC, ORCi & PHS, this division incorporates the Queensland Yachting Championships.
- 6.4.2 Monohull Performance Racing Division for *Racing Monohulls* which may be divisionalised to have like boats sailing together. Scoring & Handicaps for ORC & PHS. If intending to be scored for ORC boats shall submit a current valid ORC Club or ORCi certificate with their entry.
- 6.4.3 Monohull Cruising Division for *Cruising Monohulls* which will be fitted out to cruising standards and will typically not have working sails of custom-built exotic construction and boats shall not be stripped or lightened. Scoring & Handicaps for PHS
- 6.4.4 Monohull 2 Handed Division for *Racing Monohulls* which have a current valid endorsed IRC & or ORCi Certificate/s which is required to be submitted with their entry. Scoring & Handicaps for IRC, ORCi & PHS.
- 6.4.5 Multihull Division for Offshore Multihull Rule (OMR) for *Multihulls* which have a current valid endorsed OMR certificate which is required to be submitted with their entry & or Performance Handicap System (PHS) *Cruising Multihulls* which will be fitted out to cruising standards and will typically not have working sails of custom-built exotic construction and boats shall not be stripped or lightened. Scoring & Handicaps for OMR & PHS.

- 6.5 The Race Committee may create additional divisions within a Division and allocate boats at its sole discretion.
- 6.6 The OA may cancel any Division if fewer than five entries have been received by the closing date. In this event, boats that have entered will have the option of transferring to another Division (if eligible) or having their entry fee refunded.

7. ENTRY, FEES AND DOCUMENTATION TO BE LODGED

- 7.1 Eligible boats shall enter via The Yacht Sales Co Sail Paradise 2025 online website located at www.sailparadise.com.au and submitted online via the Topyacht Entry System accompanied by the required Entry Fee/s and supplementary documentation, as applicable.
- 7.2 An "Early Bird" Race Entry Fee for the The Yacht Sales Co Sail Paradise 2025 Regatta shall be \$400.00 for all Divisions entered and paid prior to midnight on 30th July 2025.
- 7.3 The Race Entry Fee for the The Yacht Sales Co Sail Paradise 2025 Regatta for entries received and paid after 30st July 2025, up to and including 21st September 2025 shall be \$450.00 for all Divisions.
- 7.4 Entries received and paid after the 21st September 2025 will incur an \$200.00 late fee.
- 7.5 Entries shall be lodged with the OA no later than 1600 hours on the 28th September 2025.
- 7.6 An entry is not valid (Refer RRS 76.1) until all of the appropriate documentation and fees have been received and approved by the OA.
- 7.7 The OA is not responsible for any failure of, or errors, in the information provided by the sailors when entering using the TopYacht Entry System.
- 7.8 Where the person-in-charge of a boat is under the age of eighteen (18) years, their Parent or Guardian shall complete & submit the Parent/Guardian Declaration Form at time of on-line entry.
- 7.9 Class Measurement and Rating Certificates, as required.
- 7.10 A list of entries will be available online <https://sailparadise.com.au>

Personal Information about crew members may be obtained by the OA. The information may be provided to Search and Rescue (SAR) authorities and organisations, the Water Police and Volunteer Marine Rescue personnel. A condition of entry is that the Person in Charge must inform all crew members that their personal information may be shared and used for SAR purposes and advise that they may obtain access to their personal information.

8. EVENT ADVERTISING

- 8.1 Boats shall display event advertising supplied by the OA which may consist of Boom Stickers and / or Pennant Flags.

9. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Friday 3 rd October	Registration Welcome Beach Party	1200hrs – 1600hrs 1800hrs
Saturday 4 th October	Grab and Go Breakfast (Purchase) Registration Skippers Briefing PARADE IN PARADISE Warning Signal not before Competitors Sausage Sizzle Presentation Daily Results	0700hrs 0700hrs-0800hrs 0800hrs 0900hrs 1055hrs ASAP after racing Not before 1600hrs
Sunday 5 th October	Grab and Go Breakfast (Purchase) Skippers Briefing Warning Signal not before Competitors Sausage Sizzle Presentation Daily Results	0700hrs 0800hrs 0955hrs ASAP after racing Not before 1600hrs
Monday 6 th October	Grab and Go Breakfast (Purchase) Skippers Briefing Warning Signal not before Competitors Sausage Sizzle Presentation of Trophies	0700hrs 0800hrs 0955hrs ASAP after racing Not before 1600hrs

The Race Committee may make changes to this schedule at any time.

10. VENUE

10.1 The Regatta will be conducted from Southport Yacht Club located at 1 Macarthur Parade, Main Beach, Qld 4217. Phone: (+61) 7 5591 3500

11. COURSES

11.1 The courses shall be Triangle, Windward/Leeward, Ocean Marks and Passage Course configurations, as described in the Sailing Instructions. Cruising Divisions will sail predominantly Passage Courses.

12. PENALTIES

12.1 Alternative Penalties - For Windward/Leeward courses the two-turns penalty (RRS 44.1) is changed to a one turn penalty, except for infringements that occur within the zone.

12.2 Event Nominated Penalties shall be a 20% scoring penalty. This will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). The scoring abbreviation for an Event Nominated Penalty under this instruction will be ENP. The penalty shall be applied to the race sailed nearest, in time to that of the breach. This changes RRS Rule 60, A4 and A5.

12.3 A Protest Committee may award a Disqualification or a Scoring Penalty which may include no penalty. This changes RRS 64.2.

13. SCORING AND HANDICAPS

- 13.1 The scoring system shall be the Low Point System, RRS Appendix A will apply. Discards and scoring modifications, if any, will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.
- 13.2 Two races must be completed to constitute a series.
- 13.3 When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of all her race scores.
- 13.4 When 4 to 6 races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 13.5 The following Divisions will be scored by the listed Handicap Systems:

Division	Handicap Scoring System	Up to No. of Races
Monohull Rating Division	IRC, ORCi & PHS	6
Monohull Performance Racing Division	PHS & ORCi or ORC Club	6
Monohull Cruising Division	PHS	4
Monohull 2 Handed Division	IRC, ORCi & PHS	4
Multihull Division	OMR & PHS	4

- 13.6 The Performance Handicap System starting handicap (AHC) for each boat will be determined by the Southport Yacht Club Handicap Committee. The decision of the Handicap Committee or the representative on any handicap matter will be final and will not be grounds for requests for redress. This alters RRS 60.1 (b).

14. BOAT IDENTIFICATION

Boats may be issued Divisional flags by the OA. Flags shall be flown astern.

15. BERTHING

SYC offers limited FREE berthing and rafting space to competing yachts from 2pm Thursday 2nd October 2025 through to 10am Tuesday 7th October 2025. However, **MARINA BERTHING AT SYC IS LIMITED.**

If required, please arrange berthing with the SYC Marina Office: Ph: (07) 5591 8577.

16. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

All boats shall not be hauled out during the Regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 17.1 The OA, the Race Committee, the event 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 from The Yacht Sales Co Sail Paradise 2025 Regatta.

- 17.2 By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes. Attention is drawn to RRS 3 "Decision to Race" which states "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."**

18. INSURANCE

Each participating yacht shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000.00 per incident or the equivalent, which also includes coverage for racing in the Regatta. Proof of Insurance may be required, clearly indicating the person, the amount and the period of coverage, at registration. All owners/competitors who complete an Entry are deemed to have made this declaration that they hold such coverage.

19. PRIZES

- 19.1 Prizes are subject to a minimum of 5 entrants per Division/ Scoring System and may be changed at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 19.2 At the conclusion of the Regatta, trophies will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd for each Division's Handicap Scoring System based on their overall points score.
- 19.3 The Australian Sailing Queensland Yachting Champion perpetual trophy will be awarded to the overall series winner of the AS Queensland Yachting Champion IRC scoring results for the Monohull Rating Division.
- 19.4 The Australian Sailing Queensland PHS Champion perpetual trophy will be awarded to the overall series winner of the AS Queensland Yachting Champion PHS scoring results for the Monohull Rating Division.
- 19.5 The Michael Daly Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the overall PHS winner in the Monohull Performance Racing Division (1).
- 19.6 The Sail Paradise Series perpetual trophy will be awarded to the overall IRC series winner for the Monohull Rating Division (1).
- 19.7 The Sail Paradise Series Winning Club Champion perpetual trophy will be awarded to the best overall performance of an SYC boat in any division. This is determined on PHS Scoring with the Yacht with the largest winning margin.
- 19.8 The Sail Paradise Overall Champion perpetual trophy shall be awarded to the best performing overall boat, 1st place boat with the largest winning margin in Monohull Rating Division or Monohull Performance Racing Division in any scoring category. If a tie between two boats in different divisions the boat in Monohull Rating Division will win.
- 19.9 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

20. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participation in an event, a competitor automatically grants to the OA and the sponsors of the event, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of them or themselves during the period of the competition for said event in which the competitor participated and in all material related to the said event without compensation.

21. FURTHER INFORMATION

Contact the SYC Sailing Office

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22. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION – THE YACHT SALES CO SAIL PARADISE 2025

B.1 LAUNCHING

There are launching facilities at Main Beach as well as Hollywell. The Main Beach facility has a boat ramp and marina while the facility located at 1 Marina Crescent, Hollywell has a crane, boat ramp and boatyard for rigging. Hollywell is approximately 4 Nautical Miles to the North of the Southport Yacht Club Main Beach clubhouse and easily accessible by the channels of the Broadwater. Trailer Sailors are encouraged to leave their boats in the water overnight at Main Beach. No overnight berthing will be permitted on the marina at the Hollywell Sailing Squadron. There is no Mast Stepping Gantry available. Competitors are advised to bring their own A-frame or Gin Pole for stepping of masts, although equipment may be available to be borrowed from Gold Coast Etchells Fleet Members.

B.2 TRAILERS

Trailers may be kept on the grounds immediately adjacent to the SYC Hollywell Sailing Squadron by arrangement with the Sailing Office on Telephone (07) 5537 7030. Trailers may also be kept at the Eastern side of the Southport Yacht Club Main Beach car park by arrangement with the Marina Manager, on Telephone (07) 5591 3500. While all care is taken, no responsibility is assumed by Southport Yacht Club Inc for any property left on or around Club premises.

B.3 FACILITIES

Changing rooms, showers and toilets are located at the western side of the Main Beach Clubhouse. Entry to the shower block requires an access card that also gives access to the Marina security doors. Access cards are available from the Marina Office and require a security deposit, refundable upon return.

The Bosun's Locker Chandlery is located at the western side of the compound and stocks most common boat parts. There are several sailmakers located in close proximity to the Club.

B.4 HOSPITALITY

The Clubhouse has a licensed bar, a restaurant offering a quality range of food at affordable prices, and patio seating overlooking the Broadwater. In accordance with SYC sign in procedures for entry, all visitors will need to produce identification and sign in. This is only required once for each day you visit the Clubhouse.

B.5 ACCOMMODATION

For those requiring accommodation during the regatta, please visit The Yacht Sales Co Sail Paradise 2025 website www.sailparadise.com.au

