



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

MAROOCHY SAILING CLUB REGULAR CLUB RACING

2023-2024 SEASON

THE ORGANISING AUTHORITY IS THE MAROOCHY SAILING CLUB INC (MSC)
THE LOCATION IS THE MAROOCHY RIVER IN THE VICINITY OF CHAMBERS
ISLAND

1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by:

- 1.1 The rules as defined in the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The prescriptions and special regulations of Australian Sailing (AS), will apply and Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 (Off the Beach Boats) will apply to all entrants.
- 1.3 The Notice of Race except as where altered by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.4 The rules of the respective classes, subject to the qualification contained in the NOR.
- 1.5 Boats without an ASY rating, or boats not complying with their class rules, with the exceptions listed in the NOR, will **only** be eligible for handicap results.
- 1.6 Where a boat that is allowed to carry a spinnaker and competes without a spinnaker an adjustment to the rating will be made in accordance with the ASY prescription. Where 2 or more changes to the class of boat (for example 1 up without a spinnaker), will be considered to not to have an ASY rating and only eligible for handicap results.
- 1.7 MSC fosters a child safety environment and as such there are some conditions that will apply to children.
 - 1.7.1 If a child wants to retire from racing, they must report to the committee boat who will decide if they can return to shore, or raft up to the committee boat.
 - 1.7.2 For a child to return to shore they must have a custodial adult ashore, or there must be at least 2 non-custodial adults ashore, or an adult approved by the child custodial adult.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board situated at the eastern end of the Club veranda before racing.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to Sailing Instructions will be posted as soon as possible on the day it will take effect and any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 11:00am on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag pole on the northern end of the clubhouse. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced by 'not less than 20 minutes' in race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 These sailing instructions apply to races designated as club events in the current Maroochy Sailing Club sailing program. Other races will be subject to a separate Notice of Race.

5.2 *The Course briefing will be held at 12:45 (effective from 5/11/23)*

5.2 The first warning signal will not be made before 13:25

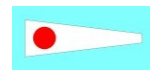
5.3 No warning signals will be made after 15:30

6 FLAGS

- 6.1 The orange flag will be displayed when the Committee Boat is on station and ready to conduct races, and at least 1 minute before the first class warning flag is displayed. It will be lowered after all starts have been completed successfully and any recall times have expired.

6.2 The Division flags will be as follows:

6.2.1 Division 1: - Numeral 1, boats with an ASY rating less than 126, Pennant



6.2.2 Division 2:- Numeral 2, boats with an ASY between 126 and 145, Pennant



6.2.3 Division 3: - Numeral 3, boats with an ASY rating above 145, Pennant



6.2.4 Green Fleet: - Number 4, boats with an ASY above 145,



6.2.5 Introduction to racing: - Number 5, boats with an ASY of less than 146, -



6.2.6 Other Sailing: - Number 6 Pennant





6.2.7 The Sailing Committee may at the briefing for any race advise the substitution of any Division Flag if this is necessary.

6.3 The Blue Flag (Finish Boat on Station) will be raised when the first boat has rounded the mark immediately preceding the finish.

7 THE COURSES

7.1 The exact courses for each day will be described at the pre-race briefing.

8 MARKS

8.1 Course marks will be orange cylindrical buoys. In some cases other mark may be used. These will be described at the prerace briefing.

8.2 The Start/Finish Buoy will be a yellow cylindrical buoy, unless otherwise advised at the prerace briefing

9 EXCLUSION AREA

9.1 (DP) The area bounded by the yellow markers of the commercial jet-ski area to the north of Chambers Island is excluded from the sailing course for all races and sailing in this area is prohibited. Boats failing to comply with this instruction may be subject to protest. (Penalty: disqualification) and may be subject to fines from the Water Police.

11 THE START

10.1 Long Course Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26. The warning signal will be displayed 5 minutes before the start.

10.2 Short Course Races will use a 3 minute sequence. This changes rule RRS26.

10.3 If there are Introduction to Sailing and / or other fleets the start sequence will be 3 minutes, for the long course racing. This changes RRS 26.

10.4 The Start line will be between an Orange flag on the Committee Boat and a Yellow Buoy.

10.5 (DP) Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other starts. Breaches may result in protest and may see a penalty applied, which may be disqualification.



11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 Marks may be moved during a race. Signals will only be given when there has been a major change to the mark location. This changes RRS 33.
- 11.2 Where a major change to the course is required these changes will be made between races and the Committee Boat will display code flag “L” (Yellow and Black)

12 SHORTENING OF COURSE.

- 12.1 The Officer of the Day (OOD) may shorten any course by displaying code flag “S” on a buoy. Depending on resources there may be an absence of sound.
- 12.2 The next leg of the course will be directly to the finish line.

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finish line will be between the Blue Flag on the Committee Boat and a Yellow Buoy.
- 13.2 (DP) Boats which have finished are to remain clear of the Finish Line. Breaches of this rule may result in protest and have a penalty applied, which may be disqualification.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 For the Long Course series RRS 44.1 will apply,
- 14.2 For the Short Course and River Runner series designated races, RRS 44.1 will be changed to a 1 Penalty Turn. This changes rule 44.1

15 RACE TIMES AND TIME LIMITS

- 15.1 The expected time for a mid-fleet competitor in a long course race will be around 40 minutes.
- 15.2 The expected time for a mid-fleet competitor in a short course race will be around 15minutes.
- 15.3 The time and configuration of River Runner races will be at the discretion of the OOD.
- 15.4 Time limits for races shall be as follows:-
- 15.5 The time limit for will be 10 minutes after the finish of the first boat in their division.
- 16.6 Any boat that has not finished within the official time limit will be scored DNF



16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS.

- 16.1 Protest forms are available from the club near the white board, and when completed handed into the OOD or to a committee member if the OOD is unavailable.
- 16.2 The protest time limit is one hour after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 16.3 Notices will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit has expired to inform competitors of hearings in which they may be a parties or witnesses.
- 16.4 Arbitration as prescribed in Appendix T of the RRS will be available and scoring penalties may be applied as prescribed in RRS 41.3.

17 SCORING SYSTEM

- 17.1 The scoring system is described in the Notice of Race for Maroochy Sailing Club regular sailing regattas.

18 SIGN ON, SIGN OFF AND BOAT IDENTIFICATION

- 18.1 Signing on and signing off is essential for your safety. The time limit for signing off is one hour after the last boat finishes. Failure to sign on and/off will be subject to protest. (Penalty: disqualification)
- 18.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 18.3 Accurate boat identification is essential for recording your finish position and finish time. While every effort will be made to apply the correct time to each boat, it is not the Race Recorder's responsibility to correct any identification inaccuracies. Incorrectly identified boats may score a DNF result.
- 18.4 The preferred method of boat identification is by Bow Numbers. The Race Recorder can issue a number for your boat.
- 18.5 Bow Numbers must be at least 200mm high, and in a high contrasting colour to the boat hull.

19 DECISION TO RACE

- 19.1 RRS rule 4 will apply at all times.
- 19.2 Because of the nature of the wind on the Maroochy River when it is above 15 knots, inexperienced skippers and skippers in club boats will be discouraged from competing.



20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 20.1 Replacement of crew is allowed
- 20.2 Replacement of equipment is allowed provided it is in a like for like.

21 SCORING

- 21.1 The scoring system is described in the Notice of Race

22 OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE – (This changes RRS 41)

- 22.1 Division 3, and Introductory to sailing entrants may only receive assistance from the Club Coach or Other person nominated by the Club Coach or an AS certified RO on the day.
- 22.2 Advice shall be only given to those who are in the second half of the fleet, struggling and or in need, solely at the said coaches discretion,
- 22.3 Such advice shall not give an unfair advantage and shall not be grounds for protest or redress.
- 22.4 Assistance may be available to recover after a capsize, if requested, without penalty.

23 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 23.1 Competitors who participate in the regatta do so, entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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 INSURANCE

- 24.1 It is strongly recommended that entrants review their insurance arrangements.
- 24.2.1 The following may help:-
- 24.2.2 Your Sailing Membership of Maroochy Sailing Club provides some Personal Accident Cover under an Australian Sailing policy while you are engaged in a club organised sailing activities.
- 24.2.3 MSC will not cover you for your public liability responsibilities
- 24.2.3 A range of insurance covers are available through Australian Sailing and other insurance brokers for a reasonable price.