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NOTICE OF RACE

Brisbane to Gladstone Multihull Yacht Race 2016



Morticia – the Seacart 30 from Sydney that is becoming a regular in the Brisbane to Gladstone race and who were able to take the rare triple in 2015 – Line Honours, OMR Win and PHS Win. (Photo Courtesy: Julie Geldard VidPicPro)

The Multihull Yacht Club of Queensland (MYCQ)
with the assistance of the *Port Curtis Sailing Club*,
and with thanks to the major sponsor *APC Logistics*,
present the Notice of Race for the

**2016 BRISBANE TO GLADSTONE
MULTIHULL YACHT RACE
25th MARCH 2016**

1 Invitation

The Multihull Yacht Club of Queensland invites owners/masters of Multihulls to enter the **2016 Brisbane to Gladstone Multihull Yacht Race**

2 Organising Authority

The Organising Authority is Multihull Yacht Club, Queensland Inc. ABN 1834 9283 1249

3 Eligibility

This race is open to multihull yachts that are seaworthy, adequately crewed and comply with current **YA Special Regulations (Blue Book 2013-2016) Category 2 including the variations listed below** and the rules of the **MYCQ Sailors Handbook 2016**.

4 Rules

The race shall be conducted pursuant to:-

- a) The 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS of the International Sailing Federation)
- b) The Yachting Australia Special Regulations (Blue Book 2013-2016) Category 2
- c) The prescriptions of Yachting Australia
- d) The MYCQ Sailors Handbook 2016
- e) OMR Rating rule where applicable
- f) This Notice of Race (NOR) and
- g) The Sailing Instructions (SI)

- h) The International Rules for Prevention of Collisions at Sea shall replace the ISAF rules Part 2, between the official hours of Sunset and Sunrise. A breach of these regulations will result in the offending vessel having a penalty applied.

5 Changes to RRS

- a) RRS 50.2 – Fixed and retractable spinnaker poles will be permitted for the purpose of setting asymmetrical spinnakers.
- b) RRS 50.3 - Bowsprits may be used to secure the tack of a spinnaker.

6 Safety Requirements

Yachts must comply with current YA Special Regulations (Blue Book 2013-2016) **Category 2 including the following YQ approved variations** and sections 14 & 15 from the MYCQ's Sailors Handbook 2016 all of which form part of this Notice of Race.

3.01.1 (a) add For Multihulls "The scantlings of the boat shall be strong enough to bear the stresses induced by the sea and wind in severe conditions that could be met for the duration of the race whether upright or inverted. Hulls shall be watertight and sufficiently buoyant such that the craft will remain afloat with one hull flooded"

3.20.2 Multihulls shall have provision to pump out all watertight compartments with a volume exceeding 0.3cu m except those filled with impermeable buoyancy.

3.25.1(a)(iv) Permanently installed VHF transceiver is required for race communications.

Add a clause 3.25.4 (e) All boats shall be fitted with a speaker facing towards the cockpit crew when in normal sailing position

3.25.6 & elsewhere as a general catch all requirement "For multihulls only all Safety equipment shall be accessible without requiring full immersion of a crew member from a normal or inverted position.

Revise clause 4.18.3 with "For multihulls only, stowage location should be accessible from a normal or inverted position without requiring full immersion of a crew member e.g. near transom or re-entry hatch.

4.21.1(a-b) & 4.21.2 Add "for multihulls shall be able to be quickly & easily deployed"

4.27 Add "for multihulls shall be accessible without requiring full immersion of a crew member from a normal or inverted position"

Competitors are reminded that **Safety is the sole responsibility of the Skipper and Crew** and all entrants must complete the **Safety Inspection Checklist**.

ALL BOATS WILL BE INSPECTED PRIOR TO THE RACE.

The Safety Inspections of all entrants will be carried out between the 9th and 23rd March, entrants shall contact the race director to book a time.

Yachts which have not been inspected will not be registered as starters.

7 Divisions

Two divisions will be incorporated in the race - OMR & Performance Rating
(Note: it requires a minimum of 3 boats in each division to constitute a race)

Yachts entering the OMR Division must have a current OMR rating listed on the MYCQ on-line OMR register at www.mycq.org.au > Racing > OMR ratings > download OMR ratings.

If your vessel requires an OMR rating certificate or an amendment because of changes to the vessel the skipper must arrange for weighing and measuring prior to **Friday 18th March 2016**, unless special arrangements are made with the Race Director. Charges may apply.

8 Documentation

Skippers & crews shall complete, sign and submit the following documents:

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| Entry Form with Entry Fees: | Friday 11th March 2016 |
| (Note that the early bird discount is available for entries received prior to Friday 26 th February 2016) | |
| Safety Inspection Sheet: | Friday 11th March 2016 |
| Crew Details Form: | Friday 11th March 2016 |
| Insurance Certificate of Currency: | Friday 11th March 2016 |
| Gladstone Marina Credit Card Authorization: | Friday 11th March 2016 |
| Gladstone Marina Mooring Permit: | Friday 11th March 2016 |
| Indemnity Form: | Friday 11th March 2016 |
| Changes to Crew Details: | at least 2 hours before the start of race |
| Declaration: | within two hours of completion of race |

9 The Venue

The Venue shall be the coastal waters between Moreton Bay and Gladstone, commencing in the sheltered waters of Moreton Bay. Free moorings for competitors will be available at Gladstone until Tuesday morning 29th March. The Marina operators have requested that each entrant sign the Credit Card Authorization included with the race documentation.

10 Sailing Instructions

These will be available on the MYCQ website – www.mycq.org.au and will be issued to competitors at the Race Briefing.

The hard copy of the Sailing Instructions issued at the Race Briefing will supersede all electronic copies.

11 Race Briefing and Presentation

The compulsory Skippers briefing will be held at MYCQ Clubhouse in Trafalgar St. on the Northern Arm of Manly Boat Harbour at **1900 hrs. on Wednesday 23rd March 2016**. Food will be available, also a Calcutta or variation thereof – (bets laid on vessels expected results) - will be run.

The Trophy Presentation will be held at The Port Curtis Sailing Club, Gladstone at 1300hrs on Sunday 27th March. Any change to this venue or time will be communicated to all skippers at the briefing. MYCQ will provide free drinks to competitors to a limit of \$1,000 for an hour before the presentation.

12 Handicaps

- a) OMR Division. Yachts entering the OMR Division must have a current OMR rating ratified by MYCQ and listed on the MYCQ on-line OMR register at www.mycq.org.au > Racing > OMR ratings.
- b) Performance Rating Handicaps will be determined at the sole discretion of the Race Committee.

13 Responsibility

All those taking part in the races do so entirely at their own risk and their own responsibility. The MYCQ, its members & race organizers are not responsible for the seaworthiness of any yacht whose entry is accepted, or for the adequacy of its equipment or crew. By paying the required fee an entrant acknowledges that they release the MYCQ, associated Yacht Clubs, their members & Race Organizers from all liability whatsoever. The race organizers reserve the right to reject or rescind any yacht's entry for any reason.

Competitors are referred to fundamental rules part 1 AYF 2014–2016.

1.02 Responsibility of Person in Charge

1.02.1 The safety of a yacht and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the person in charge who must do his best to ensure that the yacht is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew who have undergone appropriate training and are physically fit to face bad weather. He must be satisfied as to the soundness of hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. He must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that the crew knows where it is kept and how it is to be used.

1.02.2 Neither the establishment of these Special Regulations, their use by race organizers, nor the inspection of a yacht under these Special Regulations in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the person in charge.

1.02.3 Decision to race -The responsibility for a yacht's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone - RRS Fundamental Rule 4.

14 Entry Fees

Early Bird: \$ 500 Entries received before Friday 26th February 2016
Late entry: \$ 550 Entries close Friday 11th March 2016

15 Promotion

Yachts shall display, in the specified location, any logos, pennants or promotional material as may be supplied by the Race Committee for that purpose.

16 Trophies

Trophies will be awarded for the following categories:

Line Honours and Race record if applicable

1st, 2nd & 3rd. corrected time OMR Division

1st, 2nd & 3rd. corrected time Performance Rating.

First Over Start Line, Wooden Spoon, most Valuable Crew Member, nearest ETA

Note: Major prizes are awarded to OMR Division

Entry Forms and all other documentation will be available at the Club's Website: www.mycq.org.au

Address all correspondence to:

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