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**C.H. Robinson & The Multihull Yacht Club Queensland
Present the Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race 2018**



Champagne sailing with the stunning Glasshouse Mountains in the background and the equally stunning 'Top Gun' Crowther catamaran in the foreground during the Brisbane to Gladstone Multihull Yacht race in 2016. Top Gun won the 2017 race on OMR.

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2018 Brisbane to Gladstone Multihull Yacht Race

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1. Introduction

The Multihull Yacht Club of Queensland (MYCQ) invites all Off-shore Multihulls to compete in the Brisbane to Gladstone Multihull Yacht Race which has become the most prestigious multi-hull event in the country, sailing in the beautiful waters of Moreton Bay, past Maroochydore and Noosa with the back drop of the Glasshouse Mountains, along the shore of Fraser Island, to the southern tip of the Great Barrier Reef, past Lady Musgrave Island to be welcomed at the finish line in Gladstone by the Multihull Yacht Club Queensland (MYCQ), Port Curtis Sailing Club and the City of Gladstone.

The race will start at **11.10 am on Friday 30 March 2018** and the presentation in Gladstone will be on Sunday 1 April 2018.

This is a special event.

The start at the Shorncliffe Pier is integral with the Blue Water Festival, allowing thousands of people packed onto the pier and along the foreshore to experience the start of the multihull race at close quarters, see the boats race south to the Fisheries marker in Bramble Bay and sail past the Pier again around the start buoy and then along the coast to Scarborough before heading out to sea around Bribie Island and beyond. Being part of the Festival allows people to experience the speed and excitement of these boats, hear from experts describe what is happening on the water, adding to the excitement of the on-shore activities celebrating, amongst other things, the Commonwealth Games to be held in early April 2018. This allows the supporters of competitors to be almost on board at the start and meet them at the finish to be involved in the celebrations in Gladstone.

The race has the coordinated support of the Bluewater Festival, the Gladstone Regional Council, Port Curtis Sailing Club and is run in collaboration with the Queensland Cruising Yacht Club that is responsible for the parallel monohull event that starts further off the coast. The Gladstone Regional Council has teamed up with the Brisbane City Council to support and promote the event. They have arranged to live stream the start of the race and to welcome competitors in Gladstone with a diversity of events.

The event is open to all multihulls that comply with the safety requirements defined below.

2. Divisions

There will be two divisions, one for racing and one for cruising yachts racing under the following rating and handicap systems.

-Racing Division yachts may compete under the OMR (i.e. for those boats with a current OMR) and/or a performance handicap system.



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-Cruising Division yachts can compete on a performance handicap basis.

This is the first time a Cruising Division has been promoted as part of the Brisbane to Gladstone and would suit boats such as Seawind Catamarans that want to race together but do not want to compete against the high-powered racing boats.

A division requires a minimum of three yachts. If less than 3 yachts nominate for a particular division they will be amalgamated with another division.

There will also be a separate more leisurely cruise event, timed to arrive in Gladstone before the racing yachts. If you would like to join in the festivities in Gladstone and want to cruise in the company of other boats, then this would be an ideal way to discover the area. Please contact Ray Perry, who is the MYCQ Cruise Captain, phone 0427 576 781 or email per-ry@tpg.com.au before 9 March 2018. There is no charge to take part in this event.

3. Ratings and Handicaps

The ratings will be based on the current OMR ratings on the MYCQ website. If owners/skippers have made any changes to their yachts and need remeasuring and weighing, the owner/skipper must arrange for measuring and weighing by contacting Peter Hackett, who is responsible for the OMR data base, phone 0438 695 943, email pha70516@bigpond.net.au or contacting Geoff Cruse, who is responsible for measurement coordination, phone 0409 986 421, email geoffcruse@optusnet.com.au, by Friday 9 March 2018. Our intention is to undertake any OMR measurements and weighing required on the one day prior to the event. The date to suit competitors and measurers will be determined based on the number of boats requiring reweighing.

The performance handicap will be determined at the sole discretion of the Race Committee based on previous performance or the performance of similar boats.

4. Registration and Documentation

Skippers and crew shall comply with the following dates. This is relatively simple to complete as all the forms are available on the MYCQ website at mycq.org.au.

- Yacht Entry Form and payment of fees by Friday 9 March 2018. (Note an early bird discount will be given to nominations received prior to this date).
- Indemnity Form by Friday 9 March 2018.
- Insurance Certificate of Currency by Friday 9 March 2018.
- Crew Entry Form by 16 March 2018.
- AS Special Regulations Equipment Audit Form by Friday 16 March 2018.
- Gladstone Marina Mooring Form by Friday 16 March 2018.
- Gladstone Marina Credit Card Authority by Friday 16 March 2018.
- Safety Equipment Audit inspection booking by Friday 16 March 2018.
- Briefing which is compulsory on the 28 March 2018.
- Changes to crew or their details by at least two hours prior to the race.
- Declaration within three hours of completion of the race.



5. Entry Fee

Early Bird Entry Fee (paid before Friday 9 March) will be \$300 or \$200 for MYCQ Members. Entry Fee after 9 March will be \$400 or \$300 for MYCQ members. Entries close on 23 March 2018.

6. Briefing

A briefing will be held at 1900 hours on Wednesday 28 March at the MYCQ clubhouse in Trafalgar Street on the northern arm of Manly Harbour. The Sailing Instructions and bow numbers will be issued at the briefing. **It is compulsory for the skipper and at least one crew member to attend the briefing.**

The briefing sessions are important but also a lot of fun and the bar will be open, plus there will be a Calcutta on the expected results of the various boats.

7. Presentation

The trophy presentation will be held at the **Port Curtis Sailing Club at 1300 hours on Sunday 1 April 2018** (no this is not a trick). Any change to these arrangements will be advised at the briefing. The celebrations in Gladstone are relaxed with a great sense of camaraderie, with well lubricated stories of the race and what happened or might have been. To kick start things the MYCQ will provide free drinks to competitors to a value of \$1000.

8. Berthing in Gladstone

Free moorings for competitors are expected to be available at Gladstone Marina until Tuesday morning 3 April 2018.

9. Eligibility & Safety

All crew members shall be a member of a sailing or yacht club and have a current Australian Sailing number. For crew who are not members of a club, they can join the MYCQ for a very modest fee, by using the membership form on the MYCQ website.

This race is open to multihull yachts that are seaworthy, adequately crewed and comply with the current **Australian Sailing 2017-2020 Special Regulations, Category 3** with the following additional requirements.

-Add clause **3.01.4(c)** For Multihulls the scantlings shall be strong enough to bear the stresses induced by the sea and wind in severe conditions, whether the boat is upright or inverted. Hulls shall be sufficiently watertight and sufficiently buoyant so the craft will remain afloat with one hull flooded.

-Modify clause **3.20.2** to read, Multihulls shall have the provision to pump out all watertight compartments **with a volume exceeding 0.3 cubic m**, except those filled with impermeable buoyancy.



- Add clause **3.25.1 (d)** A **satellite phone** shall be carried that must be turned on for the duration of the race and the battery shall be sufficiently charged at all times so the phone can be used effectively when required.
- Add clause **3.25.4 (e)** All boats shall be fitted with a **VHF speaker** facing towards the cockpit crew in the normal sailing position.
- Comply with **4.08 Foghorn**, as per Category 2 requirements.
- Comply with **4.11.2 Handheld GPS**. A second handheld water resistant GPS, as required for Category 2, shall be carried.
- Add clause **4.29 Grab Bag** For multihulls a grab bag shall be provided to contain any appropriate and specified portable safety equipment that is readily accessible from a normal or inverted position without requiring the full immersion of a crew member to access it. The grab bag should float, be at least partially brightly coloured, be fitted with a lanyard and clip, and be marked with the name of the yacht, registration number and club.
- Comply with **5.05 Personal Locator Beacon** as per the Category 2 requirements.

Competitors shall complete the **Australian Sailing 2017-2021 Special Regulations Equipment Audit Form**. Notwithstanding compliance with the safety requirements and completion of the necessary documentation, **safety is the sole responsibility of the skipper and crew as per the RRS and all those taking part in the race do so entirely at their own risk.**

Safety equipment audits will be carried out between the 16 March 2018 and the 28 March 2018 by Australian Sailing accredited auditors. Our intention is to hold inspections over a day or two prior to the event and all competitors will be notified accordingly. Entrants should complete the audit form on the MYCQ website by the 16 March 2018. Tony Eppell, who is responsible for coordinating the safety audits can be contacted on 0427 743 111, email tepell@bigpond.net.au by 16 March 2018, who will arrange for an auditor and time for an audit to take place.

10. Rules

The race will be conducted in accordance with the **Australian Sailing 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)** modified in accordance with rule 86 as follows.

- RRS 50.2 shall be amended to allow fixed and retractable spinnaker poles for fixing the tack of an asymmetrical spinnaker, screecher, code zero and similar extras.
- RRS 52 is amended to permit the use of electric or hydraulic winches.

Other applicable rules are as follows.

- The Multihull Yacht Club Queensland (MYCQ) Offshore Multihull Rule (OMR) for yachts sailing in the racing division nominated under the OMR system.
- This Notice of Race (NOR).
- The Sailing Instructions(SIs).
- The Gladstone Ports Corporation, Ports Notices and Rules.



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11. Sailing Instructions

The intent is that the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the MYCQ website by the end of February 2018 and made available, with any updates, to all competitors at the briefing.