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**2017**  
**AUSTRALIAN MULTIHULL**  
**CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**Moreton Bay – Queensland**

Monday 2 October – Saturday 7 October 2017

**NOTICE OF RACE**

Hosted by  
ROYAL QUEENSLAND YACHT SQUADRON  
On behalf of  
MULTIHULL YACHT CLUB QLD

## **INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of these Championships is to encourage all multihull sailors to take part in this event to showcase the diversity and number of multihull yachts sailing in Australia.

Eligible yachts range from inshore trailerable to offshore multihulls, in both racing and cruising divisions. Accordingly, there will be different courses applied to cater for the speed differential.

Yachts with an OMR rating may choose to race for the Australian Multihull Championships, as well as a performance handicap (PCF/PHS) basis in Divisions 1 or 2, while others may wish to compete in the Cruising Divisions on a performance handicap, with or without spinnakers or other extras, and this will be reflected by their handicap.

The intent is to demonstrate that no matter which type multihull you have, it can be fun to sail in competition with, and learning from, other sailors.

Moreton Bay is beautiful, providing ideal sailing conditions in semi-protected waters. The host club, the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, is one of the premier clubs in Australia, providing excellent facilities for sailors and their families. We hope that all will join in the excitement of seeing a large fleet of multihulls sailing on the Bay and join in the camaraderie.

## **ST HELENA CUP**

Competitors are invited to enter the St Helena Cup as a warm up event prior to the Australian Multihull Championships. The St Helena Cup is a major event on the local racing calendar and is conducted in the same area of Moreton Bay as the intended courses for the Multihull Championships. It is organised by the Wynnum Manly Yacht Club and will be held on Saturday the 30th September and Sunday 1st October and is open to both Multihulls and Monohulls. Entries for the St Helena Cup must be lodged with the Wynnum Manly Yacht Club. [www.wmyc.com.au](http://www.wmyc.com.au)

## **1. RULES**

The following rules shall apply:

- 1.1. The rules as defined in the Australian Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020 (RRS) modified in accordance with Rule 86 as follows:
  - 1.1.1. RRS 50.2 is modified to permit the use of fixed and retractable spinnaker poles to set spinnakers, screechers or other extras.
  - 1.1.2. RRS 52 is modified to permit the use of electric or hydraulic winches.
- 1.2. The Australian Sailing Special Regulations (SR) 2017 - 2021 – Part 1.
- 1.3. The MYCQ Offshore Multihull Rule (OMR).
- 1.3.1. Multihulls owners and skippers intending to compete with an OMR rating are required to have such rating validated/updated by an authorized OMR measurer prior to entry submission on or before the 22 September 2017. Late requests for OMR revision after this date may incur a late fee. The only exception will be boats requiring weighing on 22 September 2017 or 29 September 2017 - the allocated weighing days for boats.
- 1.4. Notice of Race (NOR) and the Sailing Instructions (SIs).

## **2. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY**

- 2.1. The championship is open to all Multihulls over 6.0m LOA and equipped for Racing Category 5 in accordance with Special Regulations Part 1.
- 2.2. All skippers shall be financial members of a yacht or sailing club affiliated with Australian Sailing. Refer RRS 46.
- 2.3. Yachts must be crewed by a minimum of two persons, including the Skipper.
- 2.4. Entries together with the prescribed fee (see NOR 3) shall be lodged with Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron online at <http://www.rqys.com.au/multihull-events/> by 2359 hours, on the 22 September 2017.
- 2.5. Late entries lodged after 2359 hours, 22 September 2017, will be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee and will incur a late entry fee.
- 2.6. Competitors shall submit a current audited Category 5 Equipment Audit Form dated after 1 July 2017 which is to be uploaded onto TopYacht Entry System when entering.
- 2.7. Competitors shall submit a proof of current Public Liability and Third-Party Insurance cover of not less than \$10,000,000, which is to be uploaded onto TopYacht Entry System when entering.

## **3. FEES**

- 3.1. The Entry Fee will be \$180.00.
- 3.2. Late Entry Fee will be an additional \$50.00.
- 3.3. Full payment shall be made online when entering.

## **4. ADVERTISING**

The Regatta is classified as a Category 'C'.

**5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

5.1 The series comprises of seven (7) scheduled races.

5.2 The schedule is as follows:

DATE	EVENT	TIME/WARNING SIGNAL
Monday 2 October 2017	Welcome Breakfast & Registration	0800
	Competitors Briefing in the Auditorium (Compulsory for 2 representatives from each yacht)	0900
	Race 1: Medium Length Passage Race	1200
Tuesday 3 October 2017	Race 2: Short Race	1100
	Race 3: Short Race	ASAP after Race 2
Wednesday 4 October 2017	Championships Lay-Day	
	Sponsors Social Night at RQYS	1800
Thursday 5 October 2017	Race 4: Long Passage Race	1100
Friday 6 October 2017	Race 5: Short Race	1100
	Race 6: Short Race	ASAP after Race 5
Saturday 7 October 2017	Race 7: Short Passage Race	1100
	Presentation at RQYS	ASAP after Race 7

**6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Sailing instructions will be available online at [www.mycq.org.au](http://www.mycq.org.au) and [www.rqys.com.au](http://www.rqys.com.au) or from the RQYS Sailing Office one week prior to the event.

**7. VENUE**

The Host Club will be Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron Ltd. at 578 Royal Esplanade, Manly, QLD, situated at the southern end of the Manly Boat Harbour.

## 8. RACING AREA

The races will be conducted in Moreton Bay, predominately east of Mud Island, St Helena Island, and Green Island, extending from Mud Island in the north to Cleveland Point in the south, east to Peel Island and Hope Banks Beacon. These waters are designated by Maritime Services QLD, as “partially smooth” in the northern part of the race area, and “smooth” in the southern area.

## 9. COURSES

Courses will be sailed around fixed marks for the Passage Races, and laid marks for the Short Course Races. All courses will be set, and sailed in accordance with the Sailing Instructions. Courses may be shortened depending on prevailing weather conditions.

## 10. HANDICAPS

- 10.1 Yachts entering the OMR Division must have a current OMR rating listed on the MYCQ on-line OMR register at [www.mycq.org.au](http://www.mycq.org.au) > main menu > info > omr ratings > omr.xls. (Direct Link <http://arrowpath.com.au/autoindex/index.php>)
- 10.2 Performance based handicaps will be determined by the Multihull Yacht Club Queensland using the latest known handicaps for each yacht. The Multihull Yacht Club Queensland Inc. reserves the right, at its absolute discretion, to alter or adjust any handicap.

## 11. SCORING SYSTEM

- 11.1 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply.
- 11.2 A maximum of 7 races are scheduled of which three (3) races shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.3 When three (3) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all race scores.
- 11.4 When four (4) or five (5) races have been competed, a boat's series score will be the total of the race scores, excluding the worst score.
- 11.5 When six (6) or seven (7) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of the best race scores, excluding the worst two (2) scores.

## 12. SAFETY

- 12.1 All entrants must comply with the current Australian Sailing Special Regulations 2017-2021, Category 5.
- 12.2 Checks will be carried out by qualified auditors of yachts and particular attention will be given to ensure the safety equipment is correctly dated and the capacity of motors are in accordance with the Special Regulations, Part 1, to ensure boats can cope with the conditions in Moreton Bay.

## 13. SUPPORT BOATS

- 13.1 Except in the case of emergency, team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall not encroach within 30 meters of the race area nor communicate by radio or any other electronic media (Refer 15.2), or any competing boat, from the time of the warning signal until the finish time of the last boat in the race or races.
- 13.2 The course area is defined to be any area a boat may sail during a race.
- 13.3 Failure to comply may result in protest and disqualification of all boats associated with the infringing vessel.
- 13.4 Support boats do not replace the need to have the correct safety equipment on board the competing boat.

## 14. PRIZES

- 14.1 Prizes shall be awarded for the following divisions:
  - Division 1 The Australian Multihull Championships (based on OMR).
  - Division 2 The Australian Multihull Championships (based on OMR).
  - There will also be PCF prizes for each of these divisions.
  - Division 3 The Australian Cruising Multihull Championships based on PCF.
  - Division 4 Corsair and Seawind Multihull Series entered in various divisions (based on amalgamated results on a PCF basis).

- 14.2 A minimum of 3 yachts will constitute a division.
- 14.3 The Race committee reserves the right to allocate a boat to any division.

**15. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

- 15.1 Boats shall be equipped with a VHF radio in accordance with the Special Regulations, Part 1.
- 15.2 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 15.3 A boat may contact the Committee Boat on the race channel for safety or emergency reasons.

**16. ENTRY DISCLAIMER**

All those taking part in this regatta do so at their own risk and responsibility. The Multihull Yacht Club of Queensland, Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron Ltd, and all others involved in the conduct and management of this event, shall not be liable for any loss of life or injury, or for the loss of property or damage thereto, whatsoever or howsoever occurring. The race documents and instructions in no way limit or reduce the complete and unlimited responsibilities of a competitor for the management and care of a boat that they have entered in the race/s. Attention is drawn to RRS 1 and 4.

**17. INSURANCE**

All boats competing in this event should have third party liability insurance cover of not less than AUD \$10 million. All owners/competitors who sign the Entry Form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover.

**18. BOAT STORAGE**

Visiting boats requiring hard stand, and/or a marina berth should contact the RQYS Marina Office to make arrangements (07) 3393 3554.

**19. FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information, please contact the RQYS Sailing Office or MYCQ Race Committee.

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