



NOTICE of RACE



MORETON BAY BOAT CLUB FAIRWAY CHALLENGE 2016



TELSTRA STORE KIPPARING



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1.0 INVITATION and EVENT DESCRIPTION

1.1 Preamble

The Moreton Bay Boat Club invites eligible yachts to take part in its annual inter-club “FAIRWAY CHALLENGE”

The **Fairway Challenge** is aimed at ocean capable yachts able to safely complete an “out and back” 80 nautical mile course from the Redcliffe Peninsula to the Moreton Bay entrance NW Fairway mark to the east of Caloundra.

The Fairway Challenge will cater for multihull participants by way of a separate division.

1.2 Features of the event

The **Fairway Challenge** starts off the Redcliffe Peninsula foreshore and, after a short triangular course off the foreshore, follows a course generally adjacent the shipping channels to the NW Fairway mark off Caloundra. The return course is a reverse of the outgoing course with the finish within Deception Bay to the north of the entrance to the Scarborough Boat Harbour.

The events offer significant public exposure due to the close proximity of the start and triangular short course off the Redcliffe Peninsula foreshore.

The events also offer complimentary berthing of finished yachts at the Moreton Bay Boat Club Marina.

Refreshments will be made available to finishing yachts.

1.3 Organization and support groups

The Organizing Authority is the Moreton Bay Boat Club (MBBC).

Supporting organizations include the Australian Volunteer Coast Guard - Redcliffe.

The event sponsor is TELSTRA Kippa Ring.



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1.4 Event schedule

The event is scheduled for the weekend of 27th and 28th February 2016 so as to contribute as a Moreton Bay exit practice event for the 2016 QCYC Brisbane to Gladstone event.

Maritime Safety Queensland requirements mandate a briefing for all competitors. That briefing will be held at the Moreton Bay Boat Club, Bird o' Passage Parade, Scarborough on Tuesday 23rd February 2016 commencing at 7:30 pm. At least one bona fide representative of each entered boat must attend that briefing.

Complementary berths and marina facilities will be available to all relevant participants from the preceding Friday (26/02/16) through to midday on the Sunday (28/02/16). Berthing on the Friday night will be limited therefore prior arrangement via the MBBC is essential.

The start of the Fairway Challenge will be at 11:00 am on Saturday 27th February 2016. The time limit for the event shall be 8:00 am on Sunday 28th February 2016.

A reasonable priced buffet breakfast on the MBBC boardwalk will be available to the crews of all participating yachts. This is scheduled to commence at 6:00 am on the Saturday and 7:30 am on the Sunday.

Placing announcements and presentation of prizes will commence at 10:00 am Sunday 28th February 2016 (subject to any protest hearing). Shore activities are scheduled to conclude by 12 noon.

1.5 Rules

The event will be governed by this Notice of Race, the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 (RRS), the Yachting Australia Special Regulations 2012-2016, the Sailing Instructions and Maritime Safety requirements prescribed within the associated Aquatic Event Authority.

The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (ColRegs) displace and overrule the RRS absolutely between official sunset and official sunrise. All relevant information and references will be included within the sailing instructions.

2.0 ELIGIBILITY and ENTRY

2.1 Statutory requirements and safety

Maritime Safety legislation

All participating yachts must comply with the safety requirements mandated by the Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Regulation. Maritime Safety Queensland resolves this down to a simple statement.

All owners and operators, masters and crew members must ensure the ship is:

- *safe*
- *properly equipped and crewed*
- *operated in a safe manner.*

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Yachting Australia prescription

Yachts entering the Fairway Challenge will be required to satisfy the requirements of Yachting Australia Special Regulations 2013-2016 for Category 3 events.

NOTE :- All race entrants must be RRS Category 3 compliant. Confirmation of compliance must be via notification of a prior Category 3 race entered and the organizing YQ affiliated club OR by forwarding a completed and signed YA approved checklist with the entry.

2.2 Racing handicap divisions

The mandatory monohull race handicap division will be Performance Handicap (PH). Entrants may also elect to enter the additional IRC division (refer Note 1).

A separate multihull division will be included subject to the registered entry numbers (refer Note 2)

NOTE 1:- If the number of entries in the IRC division is less than 5, that division will be cancelled and entrants affected will race only in the PH division. The additional entry fee(s) will be refunded.

NOTE 2:- If the number of entries in the multihull division is less than 3, that division will be cancelled and any fees paid will be refunded. If the number of entries is 3 or 4, only a first place prize will be awarded.

Current handicap indices must be provided by each entrant by way of a copy of a current PH (or arbitrary) based race result issued by a YQ affiliated club and/or a current IRC certificate. The race committee reserves the right to adjust any submitted PH index on the grounds of reasonable equitability.

2.3 Entry lodgment and closing date

Race entry forms are available from the MBBC web site www.mbbc.org.au. Hard copy entries must include the entry fee (or EFT confirmation); be enclosed within a sealed envelope and be forwarded by hand or mail to the Moreton Bay Boat Club by close of business on Wednesday 10th February 2016. Entries later than that date will incur a \$20.00 late entry fee. Entries later than Wednesday 27th February 2016 cannot be accepted without hard evidence of exceptional circumstance or organizing authority error.

Emailed entries will be accepted if prior payment arrangements are agreed between the entrant and the organizing authority. The email address is sporst@mbbc.org.au.

Posted entries must be addressed to:-

Moreton Bay Boat Club, P.O. Box 96, Redcliffe Qld. 4020

2.4 Entry fees

The race entry fees are:-

- monohull PH division \$60 (mandatory for all monohulls)
- IRC division \$20 (in addition to the PH division fee)
- multi-hull PH division \$60

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3.0 MANAGEMENT

3.1 Sailing Instructions

Sailing instructions will be available from the MBBC web site at www.mbbc.org.au from 15th January 2016. Amendments to the sailing instructions will be advised to entrants via email and will be posted on the MBBC web site

3.2 Course to be sailed

The start, finish and course diagrams are attached to this notice. The start of the event is to the east of the Redcliffe jetty. The initial triangular short course is around set marks to the south and east of the start with the final mark of the short course being a set mark at the location of the Brisbane to Gladstone yacht race Redcliffe turn. The finish is within Deception Bay approximately 0.5 nautical miles north of the entrance to the Scarborough Boat Harbour. With the exception of brief intrusions into the shipping channels around M8, M3, NW12, NW1 and NW4, the designated course lies to the west of the primary Moreton Bay entrance shipping channels. The presence of sandbanks adjacent the nominated courses mandates the use of a current northern Moreton Bay and shipping entrance navigation chart (e.g. MSQ chart MB1 MORETON BAY Manly to Mooloolaba).

3.3 Communication

All flag signals will be flown from the committee boat. There will be no signals ashore. The committee boat can be identified by an orange flag displayed while on station.

The official radio communication channels will be VHF77 (primary channel) and VHF21 (secondary channel). Effective VHF communication is mandatory. This will be verified during "log on" and mandatory position (safety) transmissions.

Participants shall neither transmit nor receive event related information via radio or mobile phone communication not available to all participating vessels.

Maritime Safety Queensland requires yachts to monitor VHF12 while adjacent to or within shipping channels. These requirements will be included within the sailing instructions. Incidents involving errant participating yachts reported to Brisbane Port Control by commercial shipping may result in disqualification.

Mandatory safety radio transmission requirements will be advised within the sailing instructions. Yachts with an operational AIS transceiver with reception acknowledged by the Race Committee are exempt from this requirement.

Shipping movements will be advised at the briefing and on the day.

3.4 Finishing, Berthing and Trailer Parking

After completing the event, entrants having pre-arranged complimentary berthing at the MBBC marina will have full use of the marina facilities. All yachts entering the Scarborough Harbour for berthing after the event will receive complimentary beverage refreshment.

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The Scarborough Harbour entrance is defined by a lit yellow special mark and an associated lit port lateral mark. The entrance channel is defined by synchronized port and starboard lateral marks.

Deeper draft yachts should keep to the centre of the entrance channel at the turn around the rock wall.

The harbour entrance least depth occurs within the West channel of the harbour between the rock wall and the Scarborough Marina (soon after the rock wall entrance. The following table gives least depth data related to Brisbane Bar tides.

Tide Data and Scarborough Harbour Entrance Least Depth								
Friday 29 th November 2013			Saturday 30 ^h November 2013			Sunday 1 st December 2013		
Time	Tide at Brisbane Bar	Harbour Entrance Least depth	Time	Tide at Brisbane Bar	Harbour Entrance Least depth	Time	Tide at Brisbane Bar	Harbour Entrance Least depth
0529	0.52	2.5	602	0.61	2.6	0031	2.05	4.0
1134	2.23	4.2	1204	2.12	4.1	639	0.71	2.7
1754	0.51	2.5	1824	0.55	2.5	1237	2	4.0
2355	2.09	4.6	-	-	-	1856	0.61	2.6

Yachts entering the harbour will be met by a guide boat which will advise berthing locations and facilities information. Although the MBBC marina has significant visitor berthing space, yachts taking advantage of the complimentary berths must be prepared to raft if necessary.

The MBBC Marina is a ‘live aboard’ marina and as such general noise abatement, environmental protection and social activity responsibilities are identical to those associated within a normal urban area. Although permanent marina occupants will be aware of the event and the expected increased activity, visiting marina occupants are requested to give due cognizance to the amenity and privacy of permanent occupants.

3.5 Presentation and prizes

The presentation venue will be the MBBC clubhouse, Bird o’ Passage Pde. Scarborough, commencing at 9:30 am on Sunday 28th February 2016 (subject to any protest hearing).

Awarding of prizes is conditional upon participating yacht representation at the presentation. Generally, prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each division and for line honours.

A “navigator” prize will be awarded for the closest ETA to the finish advised as returning yachts pass M8.

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3.6 Disclaimer of liability

Competitors participate in the event at their own risk. (refer RRS rule 4, Decision to Race).

The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the event.

3.7 Insurance

All yachts participating in the event must be covered by a current third party insurance policy (with appropriate racing cover) with a minimum public liability of \$10,000,000. A copy of the certificate of currency (or an equivalent document) must be lodged with the entry form.

3.8 Enquiries

Enquiries should be directed to one of the following Race Committee members:-

David Mason-Cox	Secretary	0419 711 488
Darryl Wright	PRO	0408 936 962

4.0 COURSE DIAGRAM

The course diagram is for general reference only and must not be used for navigation. Each participant must have a current MSQ recognized chart of the race area for navigation purposes.

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4.1 Fairway Challenge Start and Finish diagram



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4.2 Fairway Challenge Course Diagram

