

# NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



## MORETON BAY BOAT CLUB EKKA Monday Short Course Races Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2016

Organising Authority  
Moreton Bay Boat Club Sailing Section

### 1. INVITATION

MBBC - Sailing extends an invitation to owners and skippers of eligible yachts to compete in the EKKA Monday Short Courses event scheduled to commence at 10:00am on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2016.

The event will include a short passage race followed by a short course windward leeward race and finishing with a return to home short passage race.

There will be one Division with total combined courses length approximately 15NM.

### 2. RULES

The races will be governed by the 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing as published by Yachting Australia, the prescriptions of Yachting Australia, all as modified by this Notice of Race/Sailing Instructions. Any changes will result in a revised Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.

### 3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to competitors will be given via VHF77 and/or via flags flown on the committee boat(s).

3.2 Notices to competitors may be given during the event particularly on matters relating to safety and course modification.

3.3 All boats are required to acknowledge any such notification.

### 4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be advised in accordance with item 3: NOTICES TO COMPETITORS.

### 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals will not be made ashore. All signals will be sounds made and/or flags flown from the committee boat and/or via VHF Ch77.

### 6. ELIGIBILITY

6.1 It is a condition of entry that each boat is covered by third party public liability insurance to a minimum value of \$10,000,000. Such insurance should cover all risks arising whilst the competitor is participating in any way in the race, whether ashore or afloat. Proof of insurance will be required upon request.

6.2 The use of 'extras' is permitted.

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6.3 No Entry Form is required. Vessels are required to 'log on' to Race Control via VHF77 at least 15 minutes prior to Race 1 start.

### **7. AUTO STEERING**

Use of auto steering devices is not allowed unless sailing short-handed (short-handed is two or less person on board a vessel)

### **8. MARKS**

8.1 Fixed marks are selected navigation beacons and buoys within the race area.

8.2 Laid marks will be yellow or orange cone shaped inflatable buoys.

### **9. THE COURSE**

Two race area options are available.

Option A will be chosen if the wind and conditions are favourable, if not, option B will be selected.

The chosen race area option will be announced by the MBBC committee on channel 77 approximately 20 minutes before the start of the race.

Note: For both options all boats must take their own finish times in Races 1 and 3

#### **9.1. RACE AREA OPTION A**

Option A: Race 1 – Short passage race to Garnet Rock, finishing off the Redcliffe jetty'

- **Start** – The start will be between the Scarborough harbour entrance yellow special mark and a laid buoy. A start boat (if present) will provide the start sequence, if no start boat is present the start will be precisely at 10:00am GPS time.
- The 1<sup>st</sup> mark is the Reef Point green beacon to starboard
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> mark is Garnet Rock green buoy to port
- **Finish** - The finish is a transit between the centre of the yellow special mark at the Southern extremity of the Redcliffe jetty breakwater and the 9m stainless pole of the OPTO orange rings kinetic sculpture on the footpath adjacent the jetty. The finish line extends from the yellow special mark to 200m eastwards of the yellow special mark. Note the diagram below. You must finish to seaward (East) of the rock wall.

NOTE: Please take your finish time using GPS. You may call the MBBC committee boat on VHF77 with this time or hold it for texting later with the Race 3 finish time.

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Picture of the Race 1 finish line transit shown from shore.

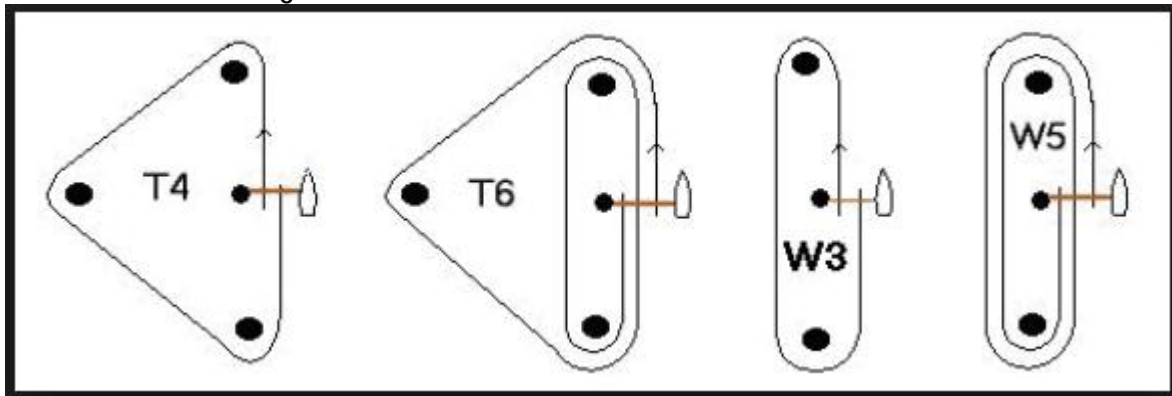
**NOTE:** the finish line is to the East (seaward) of the Yellow Special mark. Yachts will be approaching the finish line from the previous mark which is Garnet rock.

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### Option A: Race 2 – Short Course windward leeward race(s) in the vicinity of Redcliffe jetty

- The diagrams below show the available triangular and/or sausage shape courses.
- The committee boat will announce the course number (T4, T6, W3, W5) 15 minutes prior to the start of Race 2.  
Depending on conditions and available time further short course races may be run otherwise the start of Race 3 will be announced.
- There will be approximately 10 minutes before the next start sequence begins, announced by the committee boat on ch 77 when the last boat crosses the Race 2 finish line.

#### Race 2 course diagrams:



### Option A: Race 3 – Return home passage race

- Start – The start line will be between the committee boat and the start buoy used for Race 2.
- The 1<sup>ST</sup> mark is the first buoy rounded in Race 2. i.e. The first leg of Race 3 is identical to the first leg of Race 2. Pass this mark to port or as advised by the committee boat if that would not naturally lead you towards Reef Point (e.g. in the case of a westerly wind).
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> mark is THE Reef Point green beacon to port.
- Finish – The finish line is between the yellow Scarborough special mark and a laid MBBC buoy in the vicinity of that location.  
If no buoy present at the finish line, a transit between the Scarborough yellow and adjacent starboard channel marker, the imaginary finish line extends from the yellow special mark to 200 meters to the north of that mark.
- NOTE: Boats must take their own finish time using GPS time. Please text your Boat name and finish time for Race 3 (and Race 1 if not sent in previously) to the MBBC committee timekeeper for the day. This number will be announced at logon for the day. If unable to text this information please call in your finish time to the MBBC Committee timekeeper on VHF77.

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### 9.2. RACE AREA OPTION B

Option B: Race 1 – Short race to Reef Point and return to Scarborough yellow special mark

- Start – The start will be between the Scarborough harbour entrance yellow special mark and a laid MBBC buoy in the vicinity of that location.

If no start buoy is present the start line will be a transit between the Scarborough harbour entrance yellow special mark and the adjacent starboard channel lateral. The imaginary start line extends from the yellow special mark to 200 meters to the north of that mark.

A start boat (if present) will provide the start sequence, if no start boat is present the start will be precisely at 10:00am GPS time.

- The 1<sup>st</sup> mark is the Reef Point green beacon to port
- Finish – The finish line is the same as the start line

Option B: Race 2 – Same instructions as Option A Race 2 – windward leeward race(s).

Option B: Race 3 – Same instructions as Option B Race 1 - Scarborough harbour entrance yellow special mark, Reef Point, Scarborough Note: take your finish time

Note: Boats must take their own finish time using GPS time.

Please text your Boat name and finish time for Race 1 and Race 3 to the MBBC committee timekeeper for the day. This number will be announced at logon for the day.

If unable to text this information please call in your finish time to the MBBC Committee timekeeper on VHF77.

## 10. FURTHER RACE DETAIL

### 10.1. The Start

- Ø The start will be at precisely **10:00 am AEST/GPS time**. If no start boat is present RRS 26 will not apply other than to define the start sequence times (refer SI Appendix B).
- Ø The start line will be in accordance with the course maps. If a start boat is present the start will be an imaginary line drawn between the mast of the start boat and a yellow or orange conical buoy laid perpendicular to be determined by the direction of the first leg of the course.
- Ø Any boat motoring after 9:55 am (the warning signal time) must complete a 720 degree penalty turn **after** the starting signal and **prior to** crossing the start line. That boat must keep clear of all other boats until it has started.
- Ø A boat starting later than fifteen (15) minutes after the starting signal may be scored Did Not Start (DNS). Application of this rule is at the discretion of the race committee.

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- Ø All starts are deemed to be to RRS 30.1 (I Flag Rule), note SI appendix B for start sequence. Boats starting early must round either the start buoy or yellow X mark to restart.
- Ø The race may not start while an official GALE WARNING (or stronger) is current for any part of the course, and may be postponed or abandoned.

### 10.2. The Finish

- Ø The finish will be between the Scarborough harbour entrance yellow special mark and the start mark at the starboard end of the line.
- Ø Yachts must advise the race committee of their finish time via VHF77 within 30 minutes after finishing. If the race committee cannot be contacted on VHF77, the finish time must be advised to the PRO (Greg Hamilton) preferably by text message.

### 11. PENALTY DECLARATION

A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS rule 44.1 may be required by the race committee to complete and submit an acknowledgement form prior to the end of the protest time limit.

### 12. TIME LIMITS

The time limit will be official civil sunset on the day of the race. RRS rule 35 shall apply. That is; the first yacht must finish prior to sunset, entitling all other competing yachts to still finish the race.

The time limit may not necessarily be applied absolutely to yachts in close proximity to the finish line at the time limit. This will be at the discretion of the race committee. Any yacht close to the finish line at sunset must contact the race committee on VHF77 for a directive on such an extension of the time limit.

### 13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- Ø Protests must be in a written format. (A standard protest form can be found in the RRS).
- Ø The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat finishes.
- Ø Protests shall be handed to a race committee / management committee member before the end of the protest time limit. The protest committee is Greg Hamilton, Adrian Fawcett and Jess Dobie.
- Ø Notice to parties involved in protests will be given via direct contact within 15 minutes after the end of the protest time limit. Written notices will not be posted.
- Ø Protests will be heard as soon as is practical and in the order of receipt. The formal hearing may be preceded by an informal mediation session. Matters resolved at that session will not proceed to the formal hearing stage.
- Ø ***Protests in regard to premature starters-*** If a skipper believes another yacht has started early and wishes to protest, that skipper must hail “*Protest*”, “*yacht name*”, “*words to the effect of “early starter”*” via **VHF77** and hoist a protest flag.

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- Ø Breaches of instructions 16 or 17 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- Ø RRS rule 61.1 is amended to the extent that all boats intending to protest shall fly a protest flag.
- Ø Decisions of the protest committee will be final and absolute. This changes RRS Rule 70.1.

### 14. COMMITTEE BOAT DUTY

Committee boats are those with any of the following; PRO or Handicapper (or designates) on board.

There may not necessarily be a committee boat in attendance. Therefore, yachts may be asked to lay or retrieve the start buoy.

All race finishes are based on specific fixed navigation marks being in transit unless stated otherwise.

### 15. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- Ø Boats competing in the event must, as a minimum, comply with the safety requirements prescribed for **YA SPECIAL REGULATIONS, PART 1, SECTION 2 cl. 2.01.7 Category 6**. [*Note:- Compliance with MSQ mandated and recommended safety requirements for sailing in partially smooth waters generally satisfies YA Category 6.*]
- Ø Yachts shall log on via VHF77 at least 15 minutes prior to the start time and advise the number of persons on board.
- Ø Competitors crossing the finish line must advise their finish time via text or VHF77 and log off.
- Ø A yacht that retires from a race must notify the race committee via VHF77, phone or by hail as soon as practicable after retiring.
- Ø Competitors must maintain an effective listening watch on VHF77 from “log on” until berthed or moored. **Note: This does not change the responsibility to monitor VHF Ch16**
- Ø Crews of single handed yachts must wear an approved PFD and / or safety harness (with a lanyard attached to a strong point or jack lines) at all times.
- Ø All persons in charge of any boat participating in or associated with the race must comply with the prescriptions of Maritime Safety Queensland as notified via the Aquatic Event Authority governing the event. Prescriptions relevant while racing are attached as **Appendix A**. These prescriptions override any sailing instruction.

### 16. RADIO COMMUNICATION

The official radio communication channel will be VHF77.

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications relevant to the race that is not available to all boats. This restriction includes mobile phones. This instruction does not preclude the provision, by a boat to another boat or the race committee, of information regarding safety.

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The organising authority reserves the right to appropriately penalise any competitor found to have gained sole advantage by radio or other communication.

### **17. PRIZES**

Prizes for Race 1, Race 2, Race 3, and overall winner, will be awarded on performance handicap at the MBBC clubrooms after the race.

An overall regatta prize will be awarded at the MBBC Sailing Prize Giving night (date to be set).

Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the management committee.

### **18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Attention is drawn to RRS PART 1 FUNDAMENTAL RULES 1 AND 4.

Competitors sail at their own risk. The MBBC and all parties involved in the organisation and conduct of the championship events accept no responsibility or liability for any loss, damage or injury to any person or property, whether ashore or afloat, as a consequence of a boat's decision to participate. The sailing instructions in no way vitiate the prescribed responsibilities of a boat's skipper or crew in the safe management and care of the boat.



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## APPENDIX A

### Maritime Safety Queensland Prescriptions

These prescriptions relate to the regulation under the Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994 as in force on the day of the event. They are requirements that are generally mandated by any Aquatic Event Authority issued by Maritime Safety Queensland (MSQ). Although an Aquatic Event Authority is not required for this event, these matters are clarifications made by MSQ and therefore they are statutory requirements overriding any sailing instruction and any RRS.

- All participating and safety vessels and operators of such vessels are to comply with the Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994 and the associated Regulation 2004. They must also comply with the MBBCSS Risk Management Policy & Plan together with Incident Management Plan.
- The *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) will apply only between those ships that are participating in the event, for the duration of the event. Should interaction occur with non-participating ships, the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (Col. Regs.) shall apply.
- Radio communication between participating ships, rescue or safety ships and a manned shore based facility must be available and maintained as a safety measure.

*[The organising authority (MBBC) has established a relationship with the Redcliffe Coast Guard whereby, coupled with its normal duties, it will log and respond to reported activity and emergency situations that may arise during MBBC events. Serious events should be advised directly to Redcliffe Coast Guard on VHF 73 or VHF 21. Other events should first be advised to the race committee (via the PRO) on VHF77. If the committee boat (or PRO) deems the situation to require Coast Guard assistance, the committee boat (or PRO) will notify the Coast Guard and remain on stand-by to assist. The Coast Guard should not be called on trivial matters.]*

- Participation in this event does not give competitors rights and privileges greater than those of other mariners (recreational or commercial). The Col. Regs. apply equally to all mariners within or adjacent the race area. This is particularly pertinent to boats at anchor and moored.

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### **APPENDIX B**

#### **STARTING RACES for this event**

Races shall be started by using the following signals.

Times shall be taken from the flag signals (if a start boat is present).

Visual signals may or may not be used for this event.

Minutes before starting signal	Visual signal	Sound signal
5* Warning signal	Yellow class flag (Q) - UP	One - signal
4 Preparatory signal	Code flag "I" - UP	One – Signal
1 One minute signal	Code flag "I" - removed	One – long signal
0 Start	Yellow class Flag - removed	One - Starting