



Lachy's Loop Race 2024

14th January 2024

Combined Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions

Organising authority - MBBC



1. Invitation

- 1.1. MBBC extends an invitation to owners of eligible yachts to compete in the Lachy's Loop Race, scheduled to commence on Sunday 14th January 2024 at 11:00 am.
- 1.2. The event will include two (2) Divisions with the 2nd Division catering for lower handicap boats or those not wanting to sail the full course.

2. Rules

- 2.1. **Division 1** will be governed by this Notice of Race/Sailing Instructions, the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS), the Maritime Safety Queensland requirements for boats sailing in partially smooth waters, and the Australian Sailing Special Regulations 2021-24 for Category 6 events.
- 2.2. **Division 2** will be governed only by this Notice of Race/Sailing Instructions, the International Rules for Preventing Collision at Sea (ColRegs) and Maritime Safety requirements for boats sailing in partially smooth waters. "Extras" will be permitted.
- 2.3. The event is an arbitrary/performance handicap event. Handicaps will be based on the latest available club championship race handicaps, in accordance with the guidelines detailed in the MBBC Sailing Handbook.
 - 2.3.1. Entrants are reminded that major performance-affecting changes to the boat must be notified to the handicapper (refer Handbook Section 7, especially 7.7 and 7.3). Handicap adjustments may be applied. (<https://mbbc.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/MBBC-Sailing-Handbook-2023-R6.pdf>)
- 2.4. The courses use fixed navigation marks (beacons and buoys) as rounding marks. Due to the potential for boats to be in close proximity while rounding those marks, thereby increasing risk of collision between boats or collision with marks, an imaginary exclusion zone of 20m radius must be recognised at each such mark. This is deemed to be a "local rule" for this event.
- 2.5. All boats intending to enter the race must 'log on' via VHF77 at least 15 minutes prior to the warning signal and advise the boat name, the number of people on board (POB) and the Division being entered.

3. Eligibility and entry

To be eligible for participation, each boat must be on the MBBC Sailing Boat Register and satisfy the following safety requirements:

- Yachts competing in the Division 1 event must satisfy the Australian Sailing safety requirements for Category 6 events.
- Yachts competing in either Division must comply with Maritime Safety Queensland safety requirements for the type and size of vessel sailing in 'partially smooth waters' as defined by Maritime Safety Queensland.

Visiting boats wishing to enter must complete the visiting boat entry form included within this NOR/SI (Appendix B) and forward the completed form to the MBBC secretary at sailing@mbbc.org.au by COB Wednesday 10th January 2024. That entry must be accompanied by:



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- A copy of the boat's 3rd party insurance certificate of currency (or equivalent) with evidence of cover of a minimum of \$10 million;
- A completed Australian Sailing Category 6 (or higher) audit form (if entering Division 1).
- Evidence of current club performance handicap (if available).

The committee reserves the right to refuse any entry on the basis of safety issues.

Entries from MBBC Sailing boats will be accepted on the race day via VHF77 log on prior to the start.

There is no entry fee for this event.

4. Series qualifications

This race is an MBBC Sailing Championship Series race.

5. Notices to competitors

- 5.1. Notices to competitors prior to the day of the event will be posted via email.
- 5.2. Notices to competitors on the day of the event will be advised via VHF 77.
- 5.3. Notices to competitors may be advised during the event particularly on matters relating to safety and course modification.
- 5.4. All boats are required to acknowledge any notification via VHF 77.

6. Changes to sailing instructions

Any changes to the sailing instructions subsequent to this revision will be advised in accordance with SI 5. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS.

7. Signals made ashore

Signals will not be made ashore. All notices will be advised in accordance with SI 5. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS.

8. Schedule of Races

The race start times are:

- Division 1 – 11.00 am AEST via GPS
- Division 2 – 11:15 am AEST via GPS

9. Courses, Marks and Divisions

The course diagram is shown in Appendix A.

If conditions are untenable for all participants to follow these courses, an alternative course may be substituted as determined by the PRO on the day. Such alternative will be announced via VHF by 10:30 am.



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The **Division 1** course (21.4 NM) is:-

- Start;
- Reef Point green beacon to starboard;
- Garnet Rock to port;
- Brisbane Roads to port;
- Pearl Channel mark to port,
- Reef Point green beacon to port; and
- Finish

The **Division 2** course (17.0 NM) is:-

- Start;
- Reef Point green beacon to starboard;
- Garnet Rock to port;
- Pearl Channel mark to port;
- Reef Point green beacon to port; and
- Finish.

The listed mark information above takes precedence over the drawn diagram.

Participants must keep clear of all navigation marks by at least 20m. This relates to laterals, cardinals and buoys used as marks of the course.

10. Areas that are obstructions

- 10.1. **An isolated submerged rock** has been identified along the leg defined by the Scarborough Harbour entrance yellow special mark and the Reef Point green beacon at approximately 27O 10.98' S, 153O 07.29' E (approximately 0.5 NM west of the Reef Point green beacon). Deeper draft boats should take care at that location at low tide.
- 10.2. **Rocky outcrops exist along the Redcliffe Peninsula east foreshore.** Boats should not venture west of the related navigation marks at any time.

11. The start

- 11.1. **No committee boat will be present.**
- 11.2. **Competitors shall 'self-start' based on GPS AEST** and an assumed starting sequence as described in RRS 26. Competitors must act as if a committee boat was present. All start sequence rules apply.
- 11.3. **The start line will be the north transit of the yellow special mark at the entrance to Scarborough Harbour** (the starboard end of the line) and the starboard laterals to its south. The start line port limit mark shall be an imaginary point on the transit line 0.1 NM (185 m) to the north of the yellow special mark. Refer diagram below. The start line is therefore, between 20m from the yellow special mark and 185m from the yellow special mark. As a guide, the yellow special mark and the adjacent red lateral are approximately 60m apart.



- 11.4. A boat under motor after its warning signal must complete a 720 degree penalty turn, under sail only, after its start signal and prior to crossing the start line.
- 11.5. A boat starting later than 30 minutes after its starting signal may be scored DNS.
- 11.6. Division 2 boats must avoid the immediate start area prior to and during the Division 1 start sequence.

11.Changes to the course

- 12.1. In the event of light wind the courses may be shortened.
- 12.2. Notification of changes to the course will be in accordance with SI 5 NOTICES to COMPETITORS.
- 12.3. If conditions are untenable for all participants to follow these courses, an alternative course may be substituted as determined by the PRO on the day. Such alternative will be announced via VHF by 10:30 am.

12.The Finish

- 13.1. The finish line will be the transit of the yellow special mark at the entrance to Scarborough Harbour (the port end of the line) and the starboard laterals to its south. The finish line starboard limit mark shall be an imaginary point on the transit line 0.1 NM (185 m) to the north of the yellow special mark. Refer diagram above. The finish line is therefore, between 20m from the yellow special mark and 185m from the yellow special mark.
- 13.2. Boats must take their own finish time as they cross the finish line (the transit) and advise their time to the race committee via VHF 77 no later than 15 minutes after finishing.
- 13.3. All race times shall be to GPS AEST and be to the nearest second.
- 13.4. After crossing the finish line, boats must clear the finishing area before dropping sails to allow other competitors to finish safely.



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13. Time Limits

The time limit for the race shall be official civil sunset.

14. Penalty system

For **Division 1** boats, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. This does not apply to the penalty specifically stated in SI 10.4.

RRS 44.3 (declaring a scoring penalty) shall not apply to this race.

For **Division 2** boats, penalties will be time or place penalties at the discretion of the race committee.

Decisions of the race committee will be final.

A boat that has taken a penalty or retired must advise the race committee via VHF 77 as soon as practicable.

15. Protests and Requests for Redress

Division 1. The following requirements are clarifications and/or changes to RRS 61.

15.1 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat finishes.

15.2 Protests must be handed to a race committee member before the end of the protest time limit and be in the form prescribed by the RRS.

15.3 Notice to parties involved in protests will be given via direct contact within 10 minutes of the end of the protest time limit. Written notices will not be posted.

15.4 Protests will be heard as soon as is practicable and in the order of receipt.

15.5 Breaches of sailing instructions 17 or RRS 46 will not be grounds for a protest by any boat. Penalties for these breaches may be time penalties or disqualification at the discretion of the race committee.

15.6 Decisions of the protest committee will be final and absolute.

Division 2 – disputes between competitors should be raised with the Race Committee as soon as possible after return to shore.

16. Scoring

MBBC Sailing championship event scoring is applicable to both Divisions for this race.

17. Safety Prescriptions

17.1 **All participating boats must comply with the MBBC Sailing Emergency Plan** (<https://mbbc.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/MBBC-Sailing-Emergency-Plan-2023-R8.pdf>).

17.2 **Division 1** – Australian Sailing Special Regulations 2021-2024, Category 6. Any non-compliance that may be satisfied by an equally safe alternative means must be advised to the race committee.

17.3 **Divisions 1 and 2** – Safety requirements prescribed by Maritime Safety Queensland for the type and size of boat sailing in 'partially smooth waters'.

17.4 **Competitors must 'log on' via VHF 77 and advise the number of persons on board and the Division to be sailed. Boats not logging on will be designated as DNS.**



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17.5 Competitors must also comply with the MBBC Sailing safety plan by providing all required crew details via the QR code below.



17.6 Competitors crossing the finish line at the completion of the race must 'log off' via VHF 77 and provide their finish time. The provision of a finish time will be deemed to be a 'log off'.

17.7 A boat that retires from the race must notify the race committee via VHF77, by mobile phone, or directly as soon as practicable after retiring but not later than 30 minutes after returning to shore.

17.8 Boats must maintain an effective listening watch on VHF 77 from 'log on' until the finish line is crossed and cleared and SI 17.6 requirements have been completed.

17.9 The official radio communication channel will be VHF 77.

17.10 Persons in charge of a boat participating in or associated with the race must comply with the prescriptions of Maritime Safety Queensland in relation to radio watch on VHF 12 when adjacent to or within designated shipping channels.

17.11 All yachts **MUST MAINTAIN EFFECTIVE RADIO WATCH** on VHF77 at all times from "log on" until advising a finish time. Dual watch on VHF16 is recommended.

17.12 **Division 1 boats** racing under the RRS must not apply any tactical RRS action not permitted by the ColRegs to any **Division 2 boat**. When Division 1 boats meet Division 2 boats, the ColRegs apply absolutely and totally displace the RRS. *[Example:- a boat sailing in Division 1 cannot apply "luffing rights" to a boat sailing in Division 2.]*

17.13 Participants are reminded that the events shall be abandoned if a gale warning is issued prior to or during the event. This is an absolute requirement and applies regardless of any race committee notification.

17.14 While racing, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions or other communications 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 or significant deterioration in weather conditions experienced.

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

18 Official Boats

There will be no official boats for this event.



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19 Presentation and prizes

Placings will be announced after the event at the MBBC clubhouse. Results will be re-announced and prizes presented at the MBBC Sailing Section annual function.

20 Disclaimer of liability

Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk (refer RRS 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 race.

The boat's decision to enter will be considered to be testament that:-

- the boat complies with the race entry eligibility requirements within this Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions;
- the skipper and crew fully understand the meaning and intent of the RRS PART 1 – FUNDAMENTAL RULES;
- the skipper and crew have the necessary knowledge and skills to safely participate in and complete the race
- the participants indemnify the organizing authority, its agents and volunteers from any responsibility for any matter relating to the boat's participation in the race.

This consideration is made in relation to the application of the Civil Liability Act 2003 to dangerous recreational activities.

21 Insurance

It is a condition of entry that each boat must be covered by third party property and public liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000. Such insurance must cover all risks arising whilst the competitor is participating in any way in the race, whether ashore or afloat. Competitors must ensure their insurance policy includes cover while racing.

22 Fair sailing

Attention is drawn to RRS 2 FAIR SAILING. The purpose of the event is to provide a sportsmanship orientated platform whereby a yacht's achievement is based on sailing and tactical skills alone. At the conclusion of the protest time limit, all entrants are deemed to be satisfied that any breach of the RRS that may have occurred had no effect on the results and have agreed that latent breaches will not be addressed retrospectively. Participants are also deemed to have accepted that the MBBC committee will not accept any role assigned to any person in charge of any boat by the RRS.

23 Further Enquiries.

PRO	Michael Andrews	0402 683 778
Secretary	Joe Purrer	0410 468 835
President	Graeme Henderson	0418 888 584
Handicapper	Darryl Wright	0408 936 962

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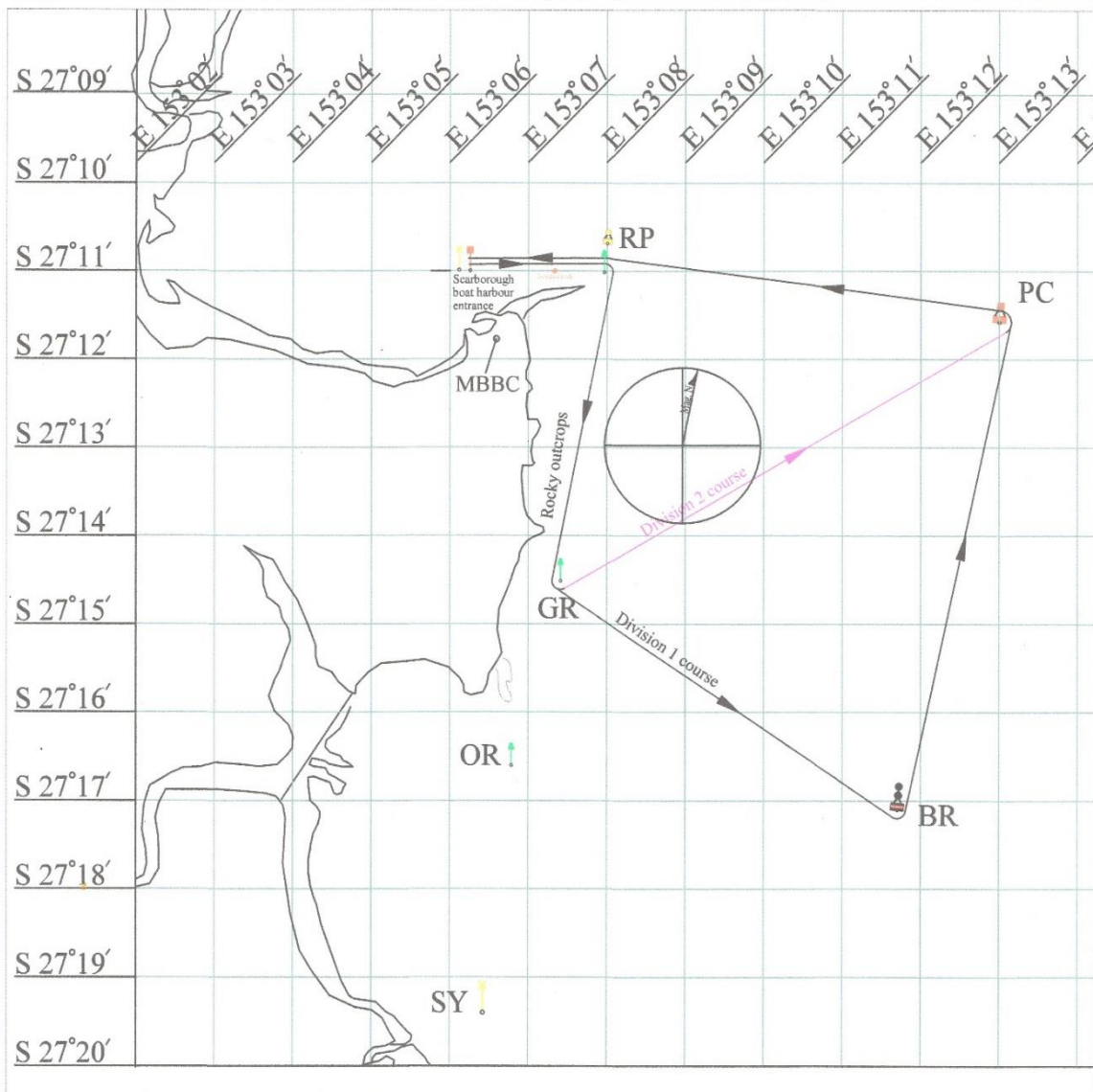
Appendix A – Course Diagram

Lachy's Loop Course Diagram

Division 1 course			Division 2 course		
START	Distances (NM)		START	Distances (NM)	
RP to starboard	1.6	1.6	RP to starboard	1.6	1.6
GR to port	3.5	5.1	GR to port	3.5	5.1
BR to port	4.6	9.7	PC to port	5.8	10.9
PC to port	5.6	15.3	RP to port	4.5	15.4
RP to port	4.5	19.8	FINISH	1.6	17.0
FINISH	1.6	21.4			

Regardless of wind direction Lachy's Loop is always in an anticlockwise direction (port course).
Division 2 boats sail the shortened course which omits the Brisbane Road mark.

Lachlan (Lachy) Warlters





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Appendix B Visiting Boat Entry Form

Yacht name _____ Reg. No. _____

Owner (or representative) _____ Club _____

Class/design _____ Design date _____ Age date _____

LOA _____ LWL _____ Beam _____

Hull colour –Sides _____ Underside _____ Deck _____

Type of rig _____ Sail No. _____

Is the yacht rigged to class/design rules? YES / NO. **If NO** complete the sail plan details.

Sail Plan Details

Working sail area _____ m² Largest spinnaker area _____ m²

If fractional rig is there a masthead spinnaker capability YES / NO.

Engine type INBOARD / OUTBOARD _____ Fuel type _____

Boat displacement _____ t

The entry form must be submitted to:-

MBBC Sailing Secretary (Joe Purrer 0410 468 835), or sailing@mbbc.org.au.

DECLARATION:- I hereby confirm that the yacht particulars entered above are correct and will not vary from this time until completion of the event. I also agree to be bound by the conditions set out in the MBBC NOR/SI and indemnify the organising authority, its agents and volunteers from any responsibility for any matter relating to my participation in the event. I also confirm that I, and the entire yacht's crew, fully understand the meaning and intent of the RRS PART 1 – FUNDAMENTAL RULES and the yacht's decision to participate in the event can be taken as testament to ongoing compliance with the eligibility prerequisites and the ability of the master and crew to safely complete the event.

*Proof of insurance as stipulated in the NOR/SI is attached (min. cover \$10,000,000)

*Category 6 (or better) Audit Form attached _____
 (if entering Division 1)

OWNER (print) _____ (sign) _____ Date _____

Contact address _____

Home club _____ AS No. _____

Phone (day) _____ (mobile) _____

Email _____