

NOTICE OF RACE - 2019

The Organising Authority is Whitsunday Sailing Club Limited.

1 RULES

- 1.1. All Races will be governed by the current versions of:
 - 1.1.1. The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing.
 - 1.1.2. The prescriptions of Australian Sailing (AS).
 - 1.1.3. Australian Sailing Special Regulations (Part 1 for Racing Boats).
- 1.2. Boats shall NOT carry anchors protruding from the bow whilst racing.
- 1.3. Racing rules (RRS) will be changed as follows:
 - 1.3.1. Between the hours of sunset and sunrise, as defined in the Queensland tide tables, part 2 of the RRS will be replaced by the International Rules for the Prevention of Collision at Sea.
 - 1.3.2. For Two-Handed Series races only, the use of autopilots/self-steering systems is permitted during hoisting and retrieving spinnakers and in emergency situations. This changes RRS 41.
 - 1.3.3. Spinnakers are not permitted for Lady Skippers races or Junior Skippers races.
 - 1.3.4. Where a spinnaker is hoisted in a twilight race, the boat will be subjected to a 3.5% elapsed time penalty prior to the application of handicap.
- 1.4. Competitors are reminded of the provisions of Fundamental Rule 4 - DECISION TO RACE which states "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* is hers alone".

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. Applicable events are all events marked as "WSC event" in the Offshore Race Calendar in the 2019 Offshore Sailing Guide and to Twilight Races. A separate Notice of Race will be provided for other events.
- 2.2. All WSC events in the Offshore Sailing Calendar and all Twilight Races are classified as Category 5 races. Any boat racing after official sunset shall comply with Category 5N.
- 2.3. By lodging an entry, the owner/charterer agrees to be bound by all the rules and conditions of the race.
- 2.4. Entries may be accepted from eligible boats until 1900 hours the day preceding a race. Entry shall be by lodgement of a completed entry form, available at the club, and the payment of race entry fee as applicable. Boats pre-registered with the club for online entry may enter by phone or internet. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee
- 2.5. To be eligible to enter a race a boat shall lodge or have held on file at WSC the following documentation:
 - 2.5.1. A completed AS Special Regulations compliance form appropriate to Category 5 for daytime, 5N for racing after sunset; and
 - 2.5.2. A copy of current insurance policy endorsed for racing and having a minimum Public Liability cover of \$10 million; and
 - 2.5.3. For any crew under the age of 18 years, written permission from their parent or guardian.
- 2.6. A boat whose entry fees have fallen into arrears to the sum of \$75 shall be scored DNF without a hearing. This amends RRS A5.

3 DIVISIONS

There may be three divisions (1, 2, and 3), subject to the number of entries

DIVISION	FLAG	CLASS
1	White Flag	Multihulls
2	Purple Flag	Faster Monohulls
3	Pink Flag	Slower Monohulls

Boats will be allocated to a division at the discretion of the Sailing Committee.

Divisions may be combined at the discretion of the Race Committee.

If fewer than six entries are accepted the race may be abandoned.

4 SCHEDULE OF RACES

The Offshore Race Calendar as published in the Whitsunday Sailing Club Offshore Sailing Guide 2019, will define the schedule of races. Any change to the schedule will be treated as a Change to Sailing Instructions.

Twilight races will be conducted every Wednesday from 5-Dec-2018 to 27-Nov-2019 except 26-Dec-2018 and 14-Aug-2019.

5 RACING AREA

Racing will be conducted within the areas defined on charts AUS 825 & 252.

6 COURSES

- 6.1. Courses will be:
- 6.2. Twilight Races - Triangular or Trapezoidal courses within Pioneer Bay
- 6.3. Short Offshore Races - A range of coastal and island courses as described in the Sailing Instructions
- 6.4. Long Offshore Races - A range of coastal and island courses as described in the Sailing Instructions
- 6.5. Bay Races - Triangular, Windward / Leeward or Trapezoidal courses conducted within Pioneer Bay as described in the Sailing Instructions

7 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

Radio Communication between the Race Committee and competitors will be via VHF radio, channels 73 (primary), 72, 81 and 82. Boats should monitor VHF Channel 73 while racing.

8 HANDICAPS

Handicaps are based on the Performance Handicap System (PHS) calculated and tabulated by the "TOP YACHT" computer system. The club reserves the right to adjust handicaps. Any alteration to handicaps will not be grounds for a request for redress.

In addition, for Club Championship events, results will be calculated using a fixed handicap for each boat, based on long term historical data. Fixed handicaps may be reviewed by a handicap committee on a regular basis.

9 SCORING

- 9.1. The Low Point Scoring System, RRS A4 will apply.
- 9.2. To qualify for the Club Championship Series, boats must start a minimum of (5) races defined in the offshore calendar as Club Championship races.
- 9.3. To qualify for the Club Twilight Championship, boats must start a minimum of (5) Club Twilight races.
- 9.4. A Monthly Twilight Point score will include the first four races for that month.
- 9.5. A boat's best results in a series excluding the number of drops indicated in the 2018 Offshore Race Calendar will be used to determine a series score.

10 PRESENTATION

Where possible, the presentation of prizes will be as soon as practicable after the finish of the race, unless otherwise notified on the official notice board.

11 LIABILITY

Competitors participate in a race entirely at their own risk and are responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted and for the sufficiency and adequacy of its equipment. Neither the Whitsunday Sailing Club Ltd, their servants nor volunteers shall accept liability or responsibility whatsoever for death or any personal or material damage sustained by participants before, during or after a race, see RRS 4, Decision to race.