



9th – 16th August 2018

Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by:
the rules as defined in the World Sailing (WS) Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS),
the prescriptions and special regulations of Australian Sailing (AS),
the 2018 IRC Rules, Parts A, B and C
the Australian Sports Boat Association (ASBA) Rules,
the Offshore Multihull Rule (OMR),
the one design class rules of accepted one design classes
(except as any of these are amended by the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions)
- 1.2 For Multihull Racing class, the Race Committee shall be notified of the declared crew weight at time of registration. No alteration to a boats' rating will be permitted during the regatta except as a result of a rating protest, or to correct rating office errors.
- 1.3 Attention is drawn to the RRS Part 1 and to Fundamental Rule 4.
- 1.4 The backstay pennant provided to designate the entrant's division, will be flown from the backstay or the aftermost starboard shroud for the duration of AIRLIE BEACH RACE WEEK. Sponsors backstay flags, boom stickers and hull decals may be provided by the event sponsors. Boom stickers shall be attached to the boom, sponsor's pennant shall be flown from the backstay or the aftermost starboard shroud and hull decals shall be attached to the topsides approximately one meter from the bow. Boats failing to comply with this may be protested by the Race Committee only. This alters RRS 60.1 and 60.3. Replacement stickers and decals will be available at the Regatta Office, but may incur a charge.
- 1.5 Each boat shall be crewed by at least two persons over the age of eighteen.
- 1.6 A boat chartered or on loan may carry national letters or sail numbers in contravention of her class rules. A boat without identification numbers on the main and headsail and spinnaker shall display bow numbers on each side of the hull, placed no more than one meter from the bow, for the duration of the event. Bow numbers will be available at registration. This amends RRS 77.
- 1.7 A boat may register up to 3 sail numbers. If circumstances require a spare/unregistered sail number to be used, the new sail number must be provided to the race committee, in writing, before the end of protest time for this race or the sail number will be considered unregistered. This amends RRS 77.
- 1.8 Mono-Hull boats not racing in an IRC Class shall request permission from the Race Committee to use movable and/or variable ballast for the purpose of increasing stability. Any such request must be accompanied by full details of the system involved, and any such system will be taken into account in establishing the yacht's handicap. Stored power may be used for the operation of movable ballast systems. RRS 51 and 52 are modified to the extent required by this paragraph.
- 1.9 RRS 52 shall not apply for boats over 13 meters LOA.
- 1.10 With the exception of boats under 8.5 meters LOA, Airlie Beach Race Week is a wet regatta. Boats 8.5 meters and over shall not be hauled out once the series has commenced, except in the case of an emergency and after permission of the Race Committee has been obtained in writing and in accordance with any conditions attached to that permission.
- 1.11 The Two-Turns Penalty is changed to a One-Turns Penalty for Multi-Hull Classes all races, and all other classes when racing on Windward/Leeward courses, except the two turns penalty will apply within the zone of a rounding mark (amends RRS 44.1 and 44.2).

- 1.12 References to a Rule or Appendix are to the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) or its Appendices unless otherwise stated

2 SAFETY

- 2.1 Boats shall comply with AS Special Regulations, Part 1 Category 5.
2.2 All boats shall carry sufficient fuel for four (4) hours of motoring.
2.3 Regatta Officials may inspect any boat for compliance with safety regulations.
2.4 Attention is drawn to AS Special Regulation 1.02 – Owner’s Responsibility.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices will be posted electronically on the on-line Official Notice Board located on the front page of the event website (www.abrw.com.au).

4. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 0800 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.
4.2 Changes to the Sailing Instructions made afloat will be indicated by the display of Code Flag 3rd Substitute accompanied by two sound signals. The change will be communicated orally on the designated course VHF channel or in writing.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagstaff near the regatta office at Whitsunday Sailing Club.
5.2 When Flag AP (Answering Pennant) is displayed ashore, “one minute” is replaced with “not less than 45 minutes” in race signal AP.

6. CLASSES

- 6.1 Racing Classes and class flags shall be:

CLASS NAME	CLASS FLAG & BACKSTAY PENNANT
IRC Racing	Fluro Orange
IRC Passage	Fluro Yellow
Performance Racing Division 1	Purple
Performance Racing Division 2	Gold / Grey
Cruising Division 1	Pink
Cruising Division 2	Pink / Gold
Cruising Division 3	Pink / Black
Non-Spinnaker Cruising	Grey
Sports Boats	Gold
Trailable Yachts	Gold / Black
Multihulls Racing	White
Multihulls Passage	Black / White

- 6.2 A Class requires at least six (6) entries. The organising authority may cancel any class if fewer than six entries have been received by the closing date. In this event, boats that have entered will have the option of transferring to another class (if eligible) or the organising authority may retain the Class.
6.3 Yachts racing in Non-Spinnaker Class may only use sails that are attached to a stay or spar along the length of their luffs. One sail only may be attached to a stay at any one time.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

7.1

CLASS	RACE / EVENT	DATE	TIME
All Classes	Registration WSC	Thursday 9 th Aug	1000hrs – 1630hrs
All Classes	Race 1	Friday 10 th Aug	As advised per S.I. 11.2
All Classes	Racing continues	Saturday 11 th Aug	As advised per S.I. 11.2
All Classes	Racing continues	Sunday 12 th Aug	As advised per S.I. 11.2
All Classes	Lay Day	Monday 13 th Aug	
All Classes	Racing continues	Tuesday 14 th Aug	As advised per S.I. 11.2
All Classes	Racing continues	Wednesday 15 th Aug	As advised per S.I. 11.2
All Classes	Racing continues	Thursday 16 th Aug	As advised per S.I. 11.2
	Prize Giving WSC		Asap after racing

7.2 The race committee shall decide the number of races and the courses for each day according to wind, weather and schedule requirements. The course(s) to be sailed will be displayed on the course board on the start boat.

7.3 On the last scheduled day of the regatta no Warning Signal will be made after 1300 hrs.

8. RACING AREA

Charts AUS 825 & AUS 252 covers the racing area.

9. COURSES

Courses to be sailed are detailed in SI Appendix "A".

10. MARKS

10.1 Marks of the course will be inflatable buoys, or islands or points as described in SI Appendix "A". The approximate location of laid marks to be used in passage races are noted in SI Appendix "A".

10.2 A starting line Inner Limit Mark (ILM), if used, will be a yellow buoy.

11. THE START

11.1 The starting line will be a line between the signal mast displaying an orange flag on the Committee Vessel and a nearby start line buoy to be left to PORT.

11.2 The starting sequence of divisions and Classes will be displayed on the official notice board by 1800hrs on the preceding day.

11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear from the starting area during the starting sequence for other Classes and Divisions.

11.4 Recalls may be advised on the relevant race VHF Channel.

11.5 An inner limit mark may be laid near the committee boat approximately on the starting line. If laid, boats shall not pass between this buoy from any direction and the committee boat at any time. A breach of this SI is open to protest by the Race Committee only. This alters RRS 60.1 and 60.3.

11.6 For ALL RACES the start line will be in Pioneer Bay generally north from the Whitsunday Sailing Club. The line may be laid well offshore.

11.7 When multiple races are to be raced on one day, Flag "AP" will be flown on the Committee Vessel between races or series of races.

12. THE FINISH

12.1 The Finish line will be a line between the signal mast on the Committee Vessel (displaying an orange flag), and a nearby buoy to be left to PORT. The committee vessel on station at the Finish may not be the same as that at the Start of the race.

12.2 Note that for Windward / Leeward courses the Finishing Line will be the same as the starting line. The finish buoy will be left to starboard.

- 12.3 The Finish for courses other than Windward / Leeward courses, will be set in Pioneer Bay in approximate position S 20° 15.00', E 148° 43.00'.
- 12.4 Finish times will only be allocated to the sail number or bow number shown as a boat crosses the finish line. If the Sail or bow number is not registered for this event the boat will be scored DNF for this race. This alters RRS A5.

13. CHANGE OF COURSE – Windward / Leeward courses only.

- 13.1 For a change of course or length of one leg the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. Any subsequent marks may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration.
- 13.2 When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

14. SHORTENING COURSE

The Race Committee may shorten the course at any part of the course. Boats shall finish between the Committee vessel displaying Code Flag "S" and either the inflatable mark moored nearby, or the nearest point of land if no mark is laid. This changes RRS 32 and Race Signals.

15. TIME LIMITS

- 15.1 The absolute time limit for all races will be as listed below or sunset whichever is the earliest.

Course	Time Limit
Windward/Leeward Courses	2.5 hours
Courses 23, 24 & 25	8 hours
All other courses	6 hours

- 15.2 A boat still racing when her class or division time limit expires will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus 25% of the number of starters in her class or division, rounded to the nearest whole number, but no more points than the number of starters. Such boats will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE). This changes RRS 35, A4.2 and A5. Prior to the time limit expiring, the race committee may offer the score of TLE to boats still racing that may not make the time limit. This changes RRS 28.1, 35, A4.2 and A5.

16. PROTESTS

- 16.1 Protests shall be lodged at the regatta office within ninety (90) minutes of the finish time for the last finishing yacht in the last race for the day for the protesting yacht's division and shall be in accordance with RRS Part 5. Protest forms are available from the Regatta office.
- 16.2 Protests will be heard at the Regatta Office as soon as practical after the close of protest time. A schedule of hearings will be posted on the official notice board. The Protest Committee may apply a penalty other than DSQ (including no penalty).
- 16.3 Breaches of Sailing Instructions 1.4, 1.5, 1.7, 11.5, 19.2, 19.3, 19.6 are protestable by the Race Committee only (This changes RRS 60.1)
- 16.4 On the last day of the regatta, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on a previous day or no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. (amends RRS 66).

17. MEDIATION

- 17.1 For protests involving an alleged breach of a rule of RRS Part 2, a short mediation hearing may be held prior to a protest hearing. This changes RRS Part 5, Section B.
- 17.2 After a written protest is lodged, one representative from each boat will meet with the mediator. No witnesses will be permitted at this hearing.
- 17.3 A boat that accepts fault at a mediation hearing will be penalised by having her race score increased by 25% of the difference between the boats finishing score and the score for DSQ in her division or class, rounded to the nearest whole number. All other boats scores will remain the same. Once accepted, this decision is not subject to reopening or appeal. This alters RRS 63, 64.1, 66 and Appendix A.
- 17.4 The acceptance of a mediator's opinion cannot be grounds for redress or reopening. This changes RRS 60.1,62 and 66.

17.5 The mediator may be a member of any subsequent Jury or may give evidence to the Jury.

18. SCORING & HANDICAPS

18.1 The scoring system shall be the Low Point System, RRS Appendix A except if there are five or less races sailed for a class or division then all races will count. The number of scheduled races and handicap system in each Class is as follows:

Class	Races	Handicap System	Class Multiplier
IRC Racing	7	IRC	Time Corrector (TCC)
IRC Passage	6	IRC	Time Corrector (TCC)
Performance Racing Div. 1	7	Performance Handicap System	Time Correction Factor (TCF)
Performance Racing Div. 2	7		
Cruising Divisions	6		
Non-Spinnaker	6		
Multihulls Passage	6		
Sports Boats	9	Sports Boat Measurement System	SMS
Trailer Yachts	6	Performance Handicap based on CBH	Time Correction Factor (TCF)
Multihulls Racing	7	Offshore Multi-Hull Rule	OMR rating

18.2 Results will be calculated by the application of the appropriate Class multiplier of elapsed time as shown in the table above. The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) will be scored first and so on.

18.3 Performance Based Handicap TCF's for each yacht will be determined by the ABRW Handicap Committee and may be altered at any time. The decision of the Handicap Committee or their representative on any handicap matter will be final and will not be grounds for requests for redress. This alters RRS 60.1 (b).

19. COMMUNICATIONS

19.1 DAILY REPORTING

The race committee will contact each boat by SMS between 0900 hrs and 0930 hrs each race day. Each boat shall respond to the SMS within ninety (90) minutes of her scheduled start time indicating her intention to start and the number of Persons on Board (P.O.B.)

19.2 The Race Committee may broadcast the course to be sailed, names/sail numbers of OCS boats, and/or other information of interest to competitors on the appropriate course VHF channel. The Race Committee may also transmit course information by Short Message Service (SMS). Any failure of, or defect in, such a broadcast will not be grounds for redress. This alters RRS 60.1 and 62

19.3 All yachts shall carry an operational VHF radio at all times during the series.

19.4 For Windward / Leeward courses and Pioneer Bay courses, all communications will be on VHF Ch 73. For all other courses, communications will be on VHF Ch 72. Competitors are advised to maintain a listening watch on these channels when racing.

19.5 Any boat not finishing after reporting as a starter shall report to the Committee Vessel on the relevant Race channel upon retiring.

19.6 The Race Committee may call all boats still racing at the time limit on VHF Ch 72. Boats shall respond when called giving their position in latitude and longitude. Boats failing to respond on VHF Ch 72 will also be called on VHF Ch's 81 & 82.

20. TROPHIES AND PRIZES

20.1 The series presentation will be held at Whitsunday Sailing Club on Thursday August 16th 2018 as soon as practical after the last race. Trophies and Prizes will be provided for First, Second and Third in each division overall.

20.2 Daily Class winners will be awarded prizes, at a venue as advertised, after racing each race day.

21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority, sponsors and their servants and volunteers will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.