



12th – 19th August 2021

Sailing Instructions

[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Protest Committee. This changes RRS64.1.

[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty will be applied by the race committee without a hearing. This changes RRS63.1 and A5

[NP] denotes a rule which shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by:
the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS),
the prescriptions and special regulations of Australian Sailing (AS),
the 2021 IRC Rules, Parts A, B and C
the Australian Measurement System (AMS) rules,
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). In the case of conflict, the Sailing Instructions will prevail. This changes RRS 60.1.
- 1.2 For Multihull Racing class, the Race Committee shall be notified of the declared crew weights measured at time of registration by MYCQ officials. Weighing will take place during registration in the vicinity of the registration desk upstairs. No alteration to a boat's rating will be permitted during the regatta except as a result of a rating protest, or to correct rating office errors.
- 1.3 Boats competing in IRC, AMS, ASBA or OMR shall present a current rating certificate at registration on 6 August.
- 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. Replacement stickers and decals will be available at the Regatta Office, but may incur a charge. [NP] [DP]
- 1.5 Each boat, with the exception of the WETA 4.4 Trimaran, shall be crewed by at least two persons over the age of eighteen. All crew members shall be a member of a Club affiliated to a World Sailing recognised Member National Authority, and shall be in possession of a Sailor Identification Number. All crew members sailing in the regatta will be required to be registered with the organising authority. Crew members who do not have an Australian Sailing number will be required to register via SailPass, and will be issued with a regatta pass. This pass will be required for access to Whitsunday Sailing Club and regatta social events. [NP] [DP]

- 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. [NP] [DP]
- 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 shall 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 and RRS A5. [NP] [DP]
- 1.8 Monohull 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 in all races, and for 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 Attention is drawn to the RRS Part 1 and to Fundamental Rule 3.
- 1.13 References to a Rule or Appendix are to the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) or its Appendices unless otherwise stated.
- 1.14 A National Jury has been appointed in accordance with RRS 70.5(b).

2. SAFETY

- 2.1 Boats shall comply with AS Special Regulations, Part 1 Category 5, except WETA 4.4 trimarans and F16 / F18 catamarans, who shall comply with AS Special Regulations Part 2.
- 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 (<https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/104/results/series/1031/races>) accessible from 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 To alert boats on the water that late changes to the Sailing Instructions or announced courses have been made Code Flag **3rd Substitute** accompanied by two sound signals may be displayed on the starting vessel. The change will be communicated orally on the designated course VHF channel and may also be transmitted via SMS to the nominated skipper.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagstaff near the upper balcony 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 / AMS Passage	Fluro Yellow
Cruising Division 1	Pink
Cruising Division 2	Pink / Gold
Cruising Division 3	Pink / Black
Non Spinnaker	Purple
Trailable Yachts	Gold / Black
Multihull Racing 1	White
Multihull Racing 2	White / Black
Multihull Passage	Gold
WETA 4.4 Trimaran	Grey / Gold

- 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 Boats 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. On boats fitted with twin forestay with attached sails only one sail may be flown at any time while racing.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 7.1

CLASS	RACE / EVENT	DATE	TIME
All Classes	Registration WSC	Thursday 12 th Aug	1000hrs – 1630hrs
All Classes	Race 1	Friday 13 th Aug	As advised per S.I. 11.2
All Classes	Racing continues	Saturday 14 th Aug	As advised per S.I. 11.2
All Classes	Racing continues	Sunday 15 th Aug	As advised per S.I. 11.2
All Classes	Lay Day	Monday 16 th Aug	
All Classes	Racing continues	Tuesday 17 th Aug	As advised per S.I. 11.2
All Classes	Racing continues	Wednesday 18 th Aug	As advised per S.I. 11.2
All Classes	Racing continues	Thursday 19 th Aug	As advised per S.I. 11.2
	Prize Giving WSC		ASAP after racing

- 7.2 Racing is scheduled as detailed above, and will consist of 6 days racing and one reserve day.
- 7.3 The schedule of races for all divisions and Classes will be displayed on the official notice board by 1800hrs on the preceding day. The number of races for each day will depend on wind, weather and schedule requirements

- 7.4 The course(s) to be sailed will be displayed on the course board on the start boat, and announced on the relevant VHF radio channel prior to the warning signal. Course details may also be advised by SMS prior to the warning signal.
- 7.5 The reserve day, Monday 10th August, may be used if the race committee considers it unlikely that races will be completed as scheduled.
- 7.6 On the last scheduled day of the regatta no Warning Signal will be made after 1300 hrs.

8. RACING AREA

- 8.1 Charts AUS 825 & AUS 252 covers the racing area.

9. COURSES

- 9.1 Courses to be sailed are detailed in SI Appendix "A". If there is a conflict between the written description and a diagram, the written description takes precedent.

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 Distance Mark (IDM), 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. Failure to transmit, or delay, is not grounds for redress.
- 11.5 An inner distance mark may be laid near the committee boat approximately on the starting line. If laid, boats shall not pass between this buoy and the committee boat from any direction at any time. [NP] [DP]
- 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.

11.8 Race Day One Friday 13th August 2021 only

Mass Start for whole fleet.

Note:- Subject to final entry numbers, there may be two separate starting lines. "Race Start" frequency for all boats will be VHF channel 72

- 11.8.1 The starting Line(S) will be located in the vicinity of S 20° 15.00 E 148° 43.00'
- 11.8.2 The starting line will be between the signal mast, displaying an orange flag, on a Committee Vessel and a Red cylindrical buoy at the port end. The Warning Signal flag will be a fluoro yellow flag for all boats.
- 11.9 An inner distance mark may be laid near the committee boat approximately on the starting line. If laid, boats shall not pass between this buoy and the committee boat from any direction at any time. [NP] [DP]
- 11.9.1 A second Committee Boat may be in position at the extension of the port end of the line.

- 11.9.2 Sailing instruction Appendix A4 is amended in that the laid mark may not be to windward and the distance will be approximately 1.25nm to 1.75nm.
- 11.9.3 Details of individual recalled boats will be broadcast on VHF Channel 72 approximately five minutes after the start.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1 The Finish line will be a line between the signal mast displaying a blue flag on the Committee Vessel, 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 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'.
- 12.3 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

- 14.1 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 each race day Friday 13th – Wednesday 18th will be sunset. Sunset times will be posted on the Official Noticeboard.
- 15.2 The absolute time limit for Thursday 19th will be 16.00 Hours. This changes RRS 35 and A4 and A5. This overrides the provisions in SI 15.3.
- 15.3 The time limits for the first boat in each class are:

Course	Time Limit
Windward/Leeward Courses	2.5 hours
Courses 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 30 & 31	8 hours
All other courses	6 hours

- 15.4 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 3. 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 at the western end downstairs of Whitsunday Sailing Club.

- 16.2 Protests will be heard in the Protest Room 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 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).
- 16.4 In accordance with RRS 64.1(a), for a breach of a rule of RRS Part 2, the Jury may award a disqualification or a scoring penalty. For all other rules the penalty shall be at the discretion of the Jury which may include no penalty.

17. ARBITRATION

- 17.1 Arbitration may be used in accordance with RRS Appendix "T".
- 17.2 The Arbitrator may be a member of any subsequent Protest Panel or may give evidence to the Protest Panel.

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 Passage	6	IRC	Time Corrector (TCC)
Multihull Racing	7	Offshore Multi-Hull Rule	OMR rating
Sports Boats	9	Sports Boat Measurement System	SMS
Trailable Yachts	6	Performance Handicap based on CBH	Time Correction Factor (TCF)
Performance Racing Div. 1	7	Performance Handicap System	Time Correction Factor (TCF)
Performance Racing Div. 2	7		
Cruising Divisions	6		
Non-Spinnaker	6		
Multihull Passage	6		
WETA 4.4 Trimaran	9	Scratch (no handicap)	Scratch (no handicap)
F16 / F18 Catamaran	9	Australian Sailing Yardstick	(ET x 100)/Yardstick

- 18.2 Results will be calculated by the application of the appropriate Class multiplier of elapsed time (ET) 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

DAILY REPORTING

19.1 Crew Lists

- 19.1.1 All boats are required to submit, and maintain its accuracy for each race, a complete and accurate crew list, which shall be submitted through the online entry system SailSys.

- 19.1.2 The Race Committee will contact nominated skipper against the race of each boat via SMS between 0900 hrs and 0930 hrs each race day. The SMS will be a reminder to maintain an accurate crew list for the day's races through the regatta entry system.
- 19.1.3 The crew list, <https://app.sailsys.com.au/dashboard> , will contain the following information for each crew: Full Name; AS Number; Telephone No; Email address; Person to contact in the event of an emergency (Name and Telephone Number)
- 19.1.4 Failure to provide a complete and accurate crew list prior to the start of each race may result in a score of DSQ without a hearing. [NP] [DP]
- 19.2 Intention to Race. Each boat shall respond to the SMS within ninety (90) minutes of her scheduled start time indicating her intention to start [NP] [DP]
- 19.3 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. [NP] [DP]
- 19.4 All yachts shall carry and monitor an operational VHF radio at all times during the series.
- 19.5 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.
- 19.6 Any boat not finishing after reporting as a starter shall report to the Race Committee on the relevant Race channel, or by any other appropriate method, upon retiring. [NP] [DP]
- 19.7 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 19th, 2021 as soon as practical after the last race. Trophies and Prizes will be provided for First, Second and Third in each division overall, subject to the number of entries in a division.
- 20.2 Daily Class winners will be awarded prizes at Whitsunday Sailing Club, after racing each race day.

21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 21.1 Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, 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.