



**PORT CURTIS SAILING CLUB INC
2008-2009 SEASON
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

1. SCOPE

These Sailing Instructions cover all races on the Port Curtis Sailing Club Inc 2008/2009 Sailing Season Calendar of events for in harbour events where separate Sailing Instructions are not issued. (The Fairway Buoy and Great Keppel Island Races are covered by other sailing instructions.) These Sailing Instructions take effect from the 6th September 2008.

2. RULES

The races will be governed by:

1. The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of the AYF for 2009 -2012
2. The Racing Rules of the ISAF,
3. The prescriptions of the AYF,
4. The by-laws of the Port Curtis Sailing Club Inc,
5. The rules of relevant classes of boats sailing,
6. Port Security Regulations

except as modified by these Sailing Instructions.

3. ENTRIES AND ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for acceptance, each boat must:

1. Be owned or be chartered by an ordinary or junior member of the Port Curtis Sailing Club Inc.
2. When racing, be in the charge by an ordinary or junior member of the Port Curtis Sailing Club Inc.
3. Be included on the registry of the Port Curtis Sailing Club Inc.
4. Be registered with Queensland Transport where applicable.
5. Comply with the safety rules of the appropriate category, as defined in these sailing instructions.
6. Have submitted a completed PCSC Membership Application/Renewal form and have paid racing fees.
7. Have lodged evidence of Public Liability and Third Party Insurance with a cover of not less than \$10,000,000.
8. Have provided evidence that all crew sailing on board are ordinary or junior members of the Port Curtis Sailing Club Inc, or an alternative Yacht Club Affiliated with YA. New or casual crew are allowed up to three races per season without membership.

9. Division 1 and 2 competitors shall provide a completed measurement sheet or valid IRC certificate and safety equipment declaration.

10. Port Curtis Sailing Club Inc reserves the right to refuse any entry. Port Curtis Sailing Club Inc may, at its discretion, declare any boat that has failed to comply with the requirements listed above, a non competitor and award the yacht points or placing consistent with having been declared DNS (Did Not Start).

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located under the veranda on the western side on the Port Curtis Sailing Club Building or on the web at www.gyc.com.au/sailing

5. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted a minimum of 90 minutes prior to the race on the day that it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted no less than 6 days before it will take effect.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag pole at the north east corner of the Port Curtis Sailing Club building rigging area.

When flag AP is displayed ashore (with two sound signals), races not started are postponed. The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after AP is lowered (with one sound signal).

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Races are scheduled as per the 2008/2009 Port Curtis Sailing Club sailing calendar published in the monthly newsletter, on the web at www.gyc.com.au/sailing and posted on the official notice board.

There will be two consecutive short races on all Handicap and Championship race days and more than two races maybe scheduled for sprint racing for all Off the Beach Divisions.

When more than one race will be held on the same day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that another race or sequence of races will begin soon, the postponement signal may be displayed before a warning signal.

8. DIVISION FLAGS

Division flags will be:

	Division	Flags
1	Yachts, long course	Numeral Pendant 1
2	Yachts, short course	Numeral Pendant 2
3	Off the Beach, VYC rating < 85	Numeral Pendant 3
4	Off the Beach, VYC rating > = 85 and <105	Numeral Pendant 4
5	Off the Beach, VYC rating > = 105 and <145	Numeral Pendant 5
6	Off the Beach, VYC rating > = 145	Sabot Flag

The Sailing Committee may, at its discretion, allow boats to sail outside their allocated division, or assign a boat to a particular division. Requests by competitors to sail outside their normal division are to be submitted to the Port Curtis Sailing Club Sailing Committee in writing.

For any of these divisions to be formed for the season, a minimum of five boats shall be nominated to race before the first heat of the club championship. Should insufficient boats nominate in any division for the season those already nominated may be reassigned to another division at the discretion of the Port Curtis Sailing Club Sailing Committee

9. RACING AREA

The racing area will be as shown in Attachment 1.

10. MARKS

Marks 1, 2, and 3 will be orange inflatable buoys and Yacht Bank is a black and yellow check marker. The Yacht Bank buoy will generally be set to the east of windward Mark 1.

Division 1 and 2 Marks

Yacht Bank floating buoy, harbour navigational marks A1 - A2 - A3 - A4 - A6 - A7 - A8 - QAL yellow buoy - Q1 - Q2 - Q3 - C1 - C3 - C5 and/or special marks as nominated by the Race Committee.

Note: 1. The most northern extremity of the Meatworks wharf is to be considered the end of a continuous obstruction from the shoreline out into the harbour.

2. Due to the provisions of the Port security regulations a yacht may request water 50 metres from any wharf or ship at anchor.

Divisions 3, 4, 5 and 6 Marks

Marks for division 3, 4, 5 and 6 shall be three (3) floating buoys and/or special marks as nominated by the Race Committee.

11. COURSES

Courses will be indicated by the Naval Numeral Flag flown at the start area.

Division 1 Yachts

Course 1 (NE)	Start - Yacht Bank(s) – A6(p)- A3(s)- QAL(p) - Q1(p) - QAL(p) - Q1(p) - A2(s) - A8(s) - Yacht Bank(p) - Finish.
Course 2 (N)	Start - Yacht Bank(s) - QAL(p) – Q3(p) - QAL(p) – Q3(p) - A2(s) - A8(s) - Yacht Bank(p) - Finish.
Course 3 (E)	Start - Q1(s) - A8(s) - A3(s) – Finish
Course 4 (SE)	Start - QAL(s) - A8(s) - A4(s) - Finish
Course 5	As per the Notice Board

Division 2 Yachts

Course 1 (NE)	Start - Yacht Bank(s) - A6(p)- A3(s)- QAL(p) - Q1(p) - A2(s) - A8(s) - Yacht Bank(p) - Finish.
Course 2 (N)	Start - Yacht Bank(s) - QAL(p) – Q3(p) - A2(s) - A8(s) - Yacht Bank(p) - Finish.
Course 3 (E)	Start – Q2(s) – A8(s) – A6(s) - Finish
Course 4 (SE)	Start - QAL(s) - A8(s) - A6(s) - Finish
Course 5	As per the Notice Board

The final decision as to which course Divisions 1 and 2 sail will be made at the start area by the appropriate course flag. Flying of a course flag countermands any course that may be posted on the notice board.

Division 3, 4, 5 and 6 Off The Beach Classes

The three (3) floating buoys will be known as Marks 1, 2, 3.
The course for Division 3 shall be as per the notice board.
The course for Division 4 shall be as per the notice board.
The course for Division 5 shall be as per the notice board.
The course for Division 6 shall be as per the notice board.

Direction of rotation around each course will be indicated by the following coloured flags displayed at the start area.

Red Flag – Leave all marks to port.
Green Flag – Leave all marks to starboard.

12. THE START

Races will be started using RRS Rule 26 with Divisions starting at 5 minute intervals in the order Divisions 1 and 2, then Division 3, then Divisions 4 and 5, then Division 6. The starting signal of each division shall be the warning signal for the next division to start. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the failure of a sound signal shall be disregarded. One or more divisions may be started together at the discretion of the starter.

The starting line will be an imaginary line between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and a floating buoy (usually Divisions 3,4,5 and 6 mark number 3). A clearance buoy may be laid behind the committee boat and no boat shall pass between this buoy and the committee boat.

Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose warning signal has been made.

A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal shall be deemed Did Not Start.

13. RECALLS

Individual Recalls will be in accordance with RRS Rule 29.2.

General Recalls will be in accordance with RRS Rule 29.3.

The order of starting divisions will not be altered.

14. ABANDONED RACES

Races will be postponed or abandoned if the OOD or the Sailing Committee deems conditions to be unsafe. No racing shall occur if a gale warning or higher is present.

Races postponed or abandoned to another day may be re-sailed on any course at the discretion of the Port Curtis Sailing Club Sailing Committee. Notice of the date of the resail will be posted no less than 6 days before it will take effect.

15. SHORTEN COURSE

Races may be shortened in accordance with RRS Rule 32.2. When a shortening of course applies only to one Division, the Code flag S will be displayed over the relevant division flag.

16. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and the nearby mark.

17. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for each race shall be 150 minutes for Divisions 1 and 2. All subsequent finishers must be within 45 minutes of the completion of the first boat. The time limit for Divisions 4, 5 and 6 shall be 75 minutes. Boats failing to finish within the prescribed time limit will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS Rule 35.

18. PENALTY SYSTEM

Division 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6

For breaking any rule of Part 2 a boat may take the 720° penalty (RRS Rule 44.1 and 44.2), or a scoring penalty (RRS Rule 44.3).

Division 3

For breaking any rule of Part 2 a boat may take a 360° penalty (This changes RRS Rule 44.1 and 44.2), or a scoring penalty (RRS Rule 44.3).

When applying RRS Rule 44.3, the scoring penalty will be 4 places.

As provide in RRS Rule 67, the protest committee may, without a hearing, penalize a boat that has broken RRS Rule 42.

19. PROTESTS

Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered to the Officer of the Day within the protest time limit. For each division, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day for that Division. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the sailing committee and protest committee and to requests for redress. This changes RRS Rules 61.3 and 62.2.

Notices will be posted on the notice board within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the race office at the time nominated by the notice.

Notices of protests by the sailing committee or protest committee will be posted on the notice board to inform boats under RRS Rule 61.1(b).

A list of boats, that under instruction 18, who have acknowledged breaking RRS Rule 42 or have been disqualified by the protest committee, will be posted before the protest time limit.

For the purpose of RRS Rule 64.3(b) the “authority responsible” is the measurer appointed by the organizing authority.

No fee shall be payable for protests.

20. SCORING

Rated Club Championship for Divisions 1 and 2

The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.

Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

Rated Club Championship for Divisions 3, 4, 5 and 6

The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.

Eight races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

When fewer than twelve (12) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

When twelve (12) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

Handicap Series for Divisions 1 and 2

The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.

Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

When fewer than three (3) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

When three (3) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

Handicap Series for Divisions 3, 4, 5,6 and Sprint Series for all Divisions

The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.

Six races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

When fewer than ten (10) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

When ten (10) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

ORC Series for all Divisions

The Low Point scoring system RRS Appendix A will apply.

Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

For all races

Boats shall be required to be in their normal measured configuration and in a state to complete the race course. Boats not in this state shall be deemed Did Not Compete (DNC). This modifies rule RRS A9

21. HANDICAPS AND RATINGS

The Port Curtis Sailing Club sailing committee may at its absolute discretion review any yacht's handicap and/or championship rating where it is of the opinion that due to anomaly, error or circumstances, the handicap and/or rating is deemed unfair or unreasonable. A yacht's handicap and/or rating shall not be subject to protest or grounds for redress (amends RRS Rule 60.1 and Rule 62).

22. MEASUREMENTS

In accordance with the Port Curtis Sailing Club Inc by-laws, each boat shall be registered with the club. The boat name, type, design, measurements, together with any rating certificate, shall be provided with the application for registration.

Any changes in hull, engine, propeller, trim, spars, sail area or significant changes which affect the performance of the boat, shall be notified in writing to the Port Curtis Sailing Club Sailing Committee no less than 7 days prior to the race affected by the change. A boat failing to comply may be disqualified.

23. ENTRY FEES

Fees shall be as per the current Port Curtis Sailing Club membership application/renewal form.

24. RACE RESULTS AND PRIZES

Provisional race results will be posted on the official notice board at the earliest opportunity after the completion of the day's racing and recorded on the Club's result information services.

Prizes will be awarded by the executive for each series depending on the number of entries.

25. SAFETY REGULATIONS

All boats racing in Division 1 and Division 2 shall comply with Category 5 (excluding the clauses noted below) of the AYF Special Regulations Part 1, for Racing Boats.

Excluded Clause	Item
3.23	Reserve Navigation Lights
3.15	Toilet
3.16	Bunk cushions
3.17	Stove
4.06	Spare Batteries & Bulbs

All competitors on yachts not fitted with lifelines are required to wear life jackets or other adequate personal buoyancy at all times.

RRS, Rule 40 shall not apply to yachts fitted with lifelines when code flag 'Y' is displayed.

All boats racing in Divisions 3, 4, 5 and 6 shall comply with the requirements of the RRS – Special regulations - Part 2.

Following any race incident competitors shall follow the Port Curtis Sailing Club Incident Management Procedures. See Reference Document No: 2 The Port Curtis Sailing Club may inspect vessels to ensure compliance with these safety requirements.

26. SIGN ON AND SIGN OFF

All boats intending to race shall sign on and sign off the registration form (sign-on form) for each race.

The sign-on form will be posted near the official notice board approximately 90 minutes before the start of each race.

Boats shall sign off no later than 60 minutes after they have finished the race.

Boats which fail to sign on and/or sign off may be declared DNS (Did Not Start).

27. RETIREMENTS

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

A boat may signal their retirement by a verbal hail to, or by radio communication with, a committee or rescue vessel.

28. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

29. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

During Club Races the radio frequencies to be used are:

1. PCSC race officials and rescue boat: VHF - CH72
2. Volunteer Marine Rescue Gladstone: VHF – CH 16 and CH82

30. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in races conducted by the Port Curtis Sailing Club Inc entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, or prior to, during, or after any race.

The boat owner, skipper and crew acknowledge that participation in racing events carries with it potential hazards including risks associated with perils of the sea.

31. ADVERTISING

Yachts may carry advertising as permitted by ISAF Appendix 1, Regulation 20 - Category C. Attention is drawn to the Y.A. Advertising License System.

32. COMMERCIAL SHIPPING

Yachts shall not interfere with the Commercial or Naval Shipping of the Port. Attention is also drawn to the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea and Port security regulations.

33. Reference Documents

- 1 Gladstone Harbour Marks Guide
- 2 PCSC Incident Management Guide
- 3 Category 5 Check sheet