



2026 PCSC ALL BOATS REGATTA

Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th October 2026

Organised and conducted by:

Port Curtis Sailing Club Inc.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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1.0 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the current rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-2028, the Special Regulations of Australian Sailing Part 2, the relevant Class Rules and these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 RRS Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty.
- 1.3 Arbitration: Appendix T shall apply.
- 1.4 When conflict occurs between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the rules of the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located under the rear veranda of the club house at the Port Curtis Sailing Club.

3.0 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before the officials and support crew briefing on the day it will take effect. Any changes to the schedule of races will be posted before 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

4.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagstaff located at the northern end of the club house. Code Flag 'L' will be flown accompanied by a sound signal.
- 4.2 When the AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5.0 SCHEDULE

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Saturday 3 rd October Tides: LW 1.50m 0738 HW 3.58m 1435	Check in and collect SI. Registration on line.	Before 1030
	Officials & Support Crew Briefing	1030
	Compulsory Skippers Briefing	1100
	Fleet departs for Quoin Basin (inc. VIP boat)	1200
	Race 1 Start	1300
	Race 2 Start	After race 1
	Race 3 Start	After race 2
Sunday 4 th October LW 1.50m 0925 HW 3.67m 1606	Officials & Support Crew Briefing	0830
	Compulsory Skippers Briefing	0845
	Fleet departs for Quion Basin	0930
	Race 4 Start	1030
	Race 5 Start	After race 4
	Presentation	ASAP after racing

On last day of scheduled racing no warning signal will be made after 1300.



6.0 DIVISION FLAGS

The division flags will be:

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| • Junior All Classes | Sabot flag |
| • Open Monohull | Numeral Pennant 1 |
| • Open Multihulls | Numeral Pennant 2 |
| • Open Wing Foils | Numeral Pennant 3 |

7.0 THE COURSES

- 7.1** The location of the racing area will be the Quoin basin in Gladstone Harbour. An alternative area will be the waters in front of Spinnaker Park in Gladstone Harbour. The location used on the day will be nominated at the skippers briefing.
- 7.2** The diagram in Appendix 1 shows the courses for each Division, the order in which marks are to be passed and side on which each mark is to be left.
- 7.3** A shortened course will be advised by display of 'S' flag on the finish boat in addition to display of 'S' flag by an official boat located adjacent to the previous rounding mark with repetitive sounds. This will be the last rounding mark.

8.0 MARKS

Marks 1, 2 and 3 will be large cylindrical orange buoys. Marks 4, 5 and 6 will be pencil cylindrical orange buoys. Mark 7 will be a large cylindrical white buoy. Mark 8 will be cylindrical black buoy.

9.0 STARTING

- 9.1** Races will be started by using RRS Rule 26.
- 9.2** The starting line will be between a flag staff displaying an orange flag on the starting boat and the course side of starting Mark 7. The Wing Foil starting line will be between a flag staff displaying an orange flag on the starting boat and the course side of starting Mark 6.
- 9.3** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the Protest committee so decides.
- 9.4** Proposed starting sequence is Juniors, followed by Monohulls followed by Multihulls followed by Wing Foils. The Race Committee may change the order of the starts. The competitors shall pay close attention to the division flags being flown by the Start Boat.
- 9.5** The starting signal of the previous division shall be the warning signal for the next division.
- 9.6** A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5 and 63.1.



10.0 CHANGE OF NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark, which will be a black cylindrical buoy, and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. In the event of a subsequent change the new mark will be replaced by the original mark. This will be advised by an official boat at the start of the leg displaying a 'C' flag with repetitive sound signals and a board displaying course to the new mark. If unable to place the new mark in time the committee may substitute it with a boat displaying flag 'M' making repetitive sound signals.

11.0 THE FINISH

11.1 The finish line will be between a flag staff displaying a blue flag on the starting boat and Marker 7. Wing Foils finish line will be between a flag staff displaying a blue flag on the starting boat and Marker 6.

11.2 The finish line is an obstruction except when finishing and shall not be crossed during a race. If a competitor breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

11.3 After finishing a boat shall keep clear of the start and finish lines.

12.0 TIME LIMITS

12.1 If no boat in the division has passed the finish line in 60 minutes the race will be abandoned.

12.2 A Boat failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in its division, sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 and 63.1.

13.0 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

13.1 Hearing request forms are available at the race office (located at the lower level of the club). Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

13.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the Race Committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the latter.

13.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearing in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room located in the race office at the time posted.

13.4 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b) will apply.

13.5 Arbitration as prescribed in Appendix T of the RRS will be available and scoring penalties may be applied as prescribed in RRS 44.3.



14.0 SCORING

- 14.1** Australian Sailing Yardsticks will be used to calculate finish times and determine final placings in each race.
- 14.2** The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will be used.
- 14.3** Five (5) races are scheduled of which one (1) race shall be completed to constitute a series:
- 14.4** When fewer than four (4) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races.
- 14.5** When four (4) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races excluding her worst score.
- 14.6** To score points for the Val Sisley Indicate at "Sign On" for Race 1, 2 and 3.

15.0 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 15.1** Sign on and sign off forms will be located under the official notice board. Sign on must be done before the first race to be sailed each day and sign off shall be within 60 minutes of the finish of the last boat in the last race. Boats failing to sign on/off may be scored a penalty of 4 places in their first resulted race for the day in question.
- 15.2** The aquatic permit for this event requires all boats to assemble together and cross Gladstone Harbour as a group and not traverse independently.
All competitors are to follow PCSC Official Rescue/Craft as specified at Skippers Briefing across the Shipping Channels.
- 15.3** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible and sign off immediately on returning to shore.
- 15.4** All competitors shall wear approved personal flotation devices in accordance with Special Regulations Part 2 at all times while afloat and not just when racing.
- 15.5** A boat may be randomly checked to confirm that they comply to Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 for off the beach dinghies.
- 15.6** Sailors are advised to carry sufficient water on board to cover each day of racing.
- 15.7** No races will be started or continued if the average wind, as measured over the previous 15 minutes, exceeds 22 knots.

16.0 EVENT ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display event advertising as supplied by the organising authority.

17.0 SUPPORT BOATS

Coaches supporting entrants at the series shall stay at least fifty (50) metres off any competitor or mark between warning signal and finish of last boat in each race, except when asked to assist by the Race Committee. No coaching is allowed during the race.



18.0 RUBBISH DISPOSAL

Rubbish may be placed onboard support or official boats. Competitors identified as disposing waste into Gladstone Harbour may be disqualified.

19.0 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones or any other electronic devices.

20.0 PRIZES

20.1 Prizes will be awarded according to fleet numbers.

20.2 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority.

21.0 DISCLAIMER OF ENTRY

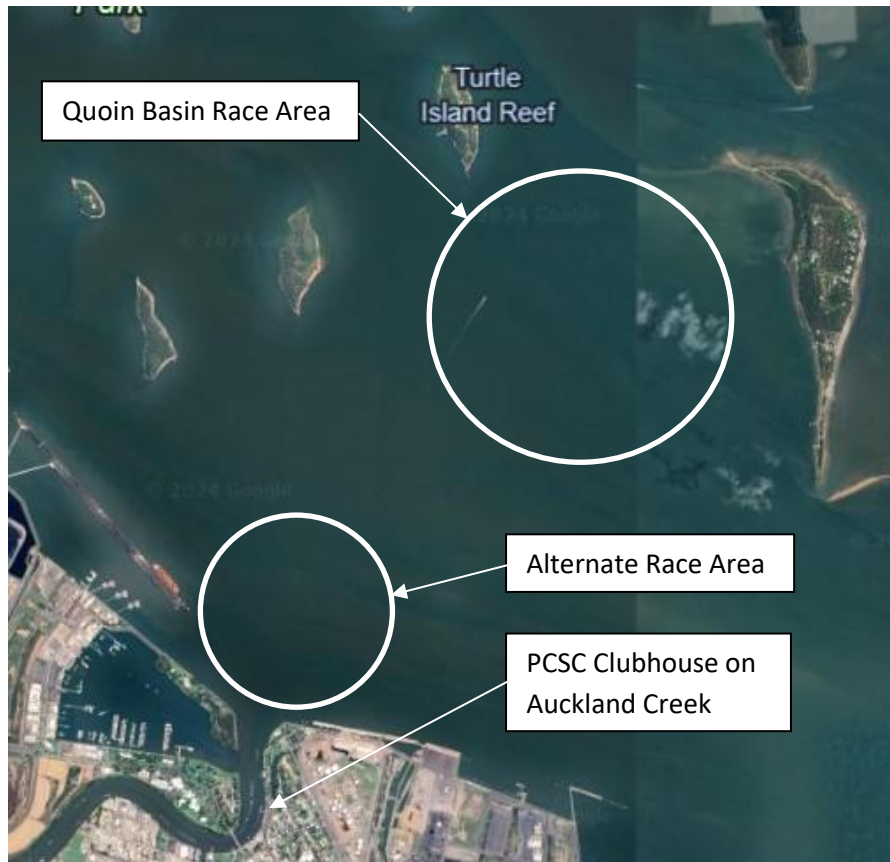
Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organising authority and sponsors will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

22.0 INSURANCE

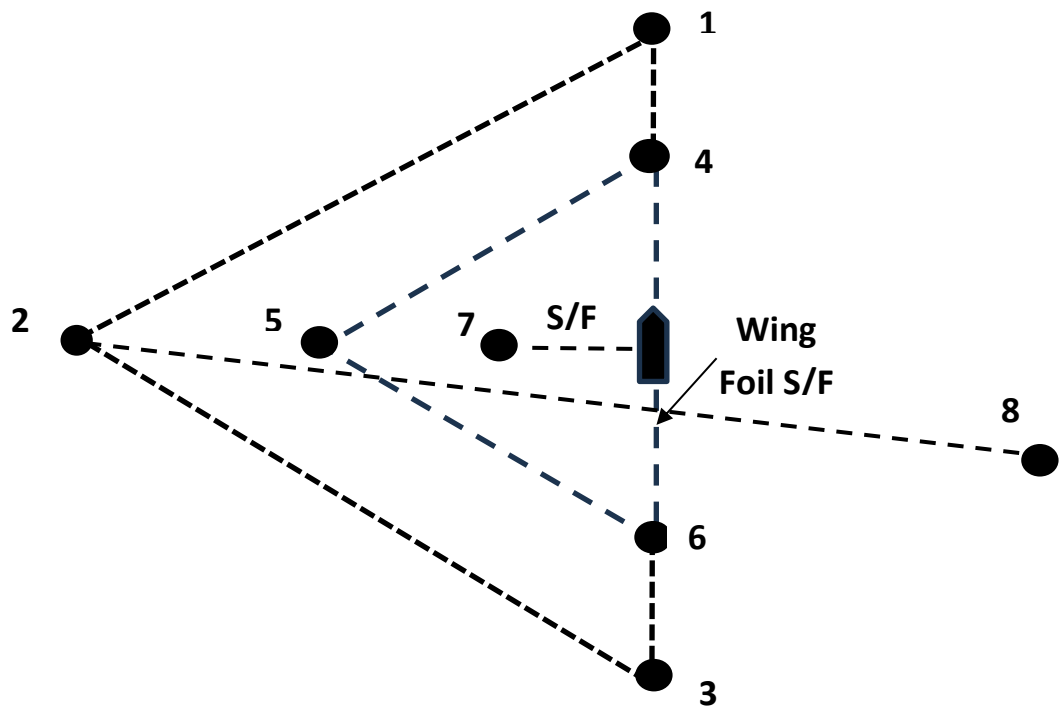
Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10M (AUD) for any one incident. Proof of insurance shall be provided at registration.

APPENDIX 1

Racing Area:



Race Courses





The starting line will be between a flag staff displaying an orange flag on the starting boat and the course side of starting Mark 7. The Wing Foil The starting line will be between a flag staff displaying an orange flag on the starting boat and the course side of starting Mark 9.

Race Courses (cont.)

Junior Division

START – 4 – 5 – 6 – 4 – 6 – 4 – 5 – 6 – FINISH

Open Monohull Division

START – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – FINISH

Multihull Division

START – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – FINISH

Windward Return races may be sailed as an option using buoys 4 and 6 for juniors while using 1 and 3 for all other divisions. The number of laps will be displayed on the start / finish boat.

All marks shall be left to port.

Wing Foils Division

START – 8S – 2P – 8S – 2P – 8S – 2P – FINISH S – Starboard , P – Port rounding.

Number of laps may change depending on weather.

TIDE TIMES

Saturday 3 rd October	LW 1.50m 0738	HW 3.58m 1435
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Note: All Competitors are advised of the risk of impacting Middle Bank on return from last race on Saturday 5th October near low tide and are to proceed slowly with caution. The deepest channel across the bank lies approximately 50-70m WNW of Targinie Channel outbound rear lead marker pile. (located 23°49'09"S 151°15'35"E)