



Surf to City Yacht Race 2021

Notice of Race

16th January, 2021

Organised & hosted by
**QUEENSLAND CRUISING
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with the assistance of
Southport Yacht Club



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Owners and charterers of eligible boats are invited to enter the 28th Surf to City Yacht Race.

The 28th edition of the Surf to City Yacht Race will be conducted on the waters of the Queensland Coast between Southport and Shorncliffe.

The race will be held on **Saturday, January 16, 2021.**

The race is organised and conducted by Queensland Cruising Yacht Club (QCYC) in conjunction with the Southport Yacht Club (SYC).

There will be two courses:

- The Inshore course (a 49 nautical mile passage race) charts a course inside of the Stradbroke Islands and,
- The Offshore course (a 94 nautical mile passage race) outside of the Stradbroke Islands and Moreton Island.
- The start of the races will be in the vicinity of Gold Coast Seaway and
- The finish will be in the vicinity of Shorncliffe headland.

1. RULES

1.1. General

The race will be governed by the current versions of:

- the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
- the IRC 2020 Rules Parts 1, 2 and 3 as amended.
- the ORC Rating System 2019 rules as amended.
- the SMS Rating System Rules Book Edition 13 as amended.
- the OMR Rating System rules as amended.
- the rules and regulations of each One Design Class for which there is an eligible boat entered in the race.
- the current Prescriptions, Special Regulations and amendments of Australian Sailing (Special Regulations).
- applicable Special Regulations category:
 - Inshore Fleet - Category 5N
 - Offshore Fleet – Category 3
- and this Notice of Race (NOR)

except as any of these that are modified by the Sailing Instructions (SI)

1.2. Responsibility of Person in Charge

1.2.1 The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the person in charge who shall do their best to ensure that the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and crewed by experienced people who have undergone appropriate training.

They must be satisfied as to the soundness of hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear.

They shall ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that the crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used.

They shall also nominate a person to take over the responsibilities of the Person in Charge in the event of their incapacitation.

1.2.2 Neither the establishment of these Special Regulations, their use by race organizers, or the inspection of a boat under these Special Regulations in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the person in charge.

1.2.3 The attention of every person is drawn to Special Regulation 1.02 and also to the importance of having suitable and adequate personal insurance. It is the responsibility of owners to ensure their crew has had this drawn to their attention.

1.3. Decision to Race

The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in this race or to continue to participate is hers alone - RRS Fundamental Rule 4.

1.4. Amendments to the Notice of Race.

Amendments to the Notice of Race will be published on the event website (www.surftocity.com). In addition, notices of amendments may also be sent to all entrants via email.

1.5. Binding Nature of Documentation

By entering the Race, the owner of a boat agrees that this Notice of Race (including amendments), the entry, the rules and regulations referenced in 1.1 and 1.2 and the Sailing Instructions, shall be complied with by the boat and the owner.

1.6. Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be available on the Surf to City website (www.surftocity.com) from Saturday 9th January 2021.

Copies will also be available at the Official Race Briefing.

2. CHANGES TO RULES

2.1 Offshore Fleet

2.1.1. Changes to the IRC

IRC Rule 21.1.5: A spare mainsail may be carried as a bona fide replacement for a mainsail damaged during the race.

IRC Rule 11.2 & 21.6.1: In accordance with a prescription by Australian Sailing, a boat in the IRC Handicap Category may carry one more spinnaker than shown on the boat's IRC Certificate without an increase of rating.

IRC Rule 22.4.2 shall not apply. The maximum number of crew that may sail aboard a boat shall be the Crew Number printed on her certificate plus one. There is no crew weight limit.

2.1.2. Changes to the ORCi Rules

Rule 206.1: A spare mainsail may be carried as a bona fide replacement for a mainsail damaged during the race and a boat that is also entered in the IRC division may carry the maximum number of spinnakers allowed under its IRC certificate plus the additional spinnaker allowed under IRC Rule 11.2 & 21.6.1

2.1.3. Changes to the Racing Rules of Sailing

RRS 41(c) Amended to read - During the race, a boat shall not contact, or be in contact with, any person or private entity using any medium to receive metrological or hydrographical information, however a boat may obtain assistance in the form of any readily available commercial meteorological or hydrographical information regardless of cost

Amended by adding - (e) Whilst racing a boat may retrieve data from any page of websites, the details of which will be provided in the Sailing Instructions, even if that page is not publicly available.

RRS 51: is amended to read; A boat with movable ballast or variable ballast (within the meaning of those terms in the Special Regulations) may move that ballast for the purpose of changing trim or stability.

RRS 52: is deleted

RRS 55.2 is amended to read: Fixed and retractable spinnaker poles and bowsprits will be permitted for the purpose of setting asymmetrical spinnakers

RRS 61.3:is amended by the addition of the following to the rule: . Boats intending to protest shall inform the Surf to City Finish Boat of their intention via radio before finishing and complete the form within ninety minutes

RRS 76,1 is amended as follows : delete the words “The boat may request redress if she considers that the rejection or exclusion is improper,” and replaced by the words “The decision of the Organising Authority or the Race Committee is final and binding and shall not be grounds for a request for redress.”

RRS 78.2: is amended by deleting the words “before the start of the last day of the event, or the first series, whichever is earlier” and be replaced by “Valid rating/class certificates shall be produced by the due date specified in the Notice of Race”.

2.2 Inshore Fleet

2.2.1. Changes to the Racing Rules of Sailing

RRS 41(c) Amended to read - During the race, a boat shall not contact, or be in contact with, any person or private entity using any medium to receive metrological or hydrographical information, however a boat may obtain assistance in the form of any readily available commercial meteorological or hydrographical information regardless of cost

Amended by adding - (e) Whilst racing a boat may retrieve data from any page of websites, the details of which will be provided in the Sailing Instructions, even if that page is not publicly available.

RRS 42.3 (i) is amended to read: The Sailing Instructions will permit propulsion using an engine or any other method for the purposes of allowing a boat to continue racing following going aground. A boat will be required to do Two Penalty Turns following the use of the engine or any other permitted method of propulsion .

RRS 51: is amended to read; A boat with movable ballast or variable ballast (within the meaning of those terms in the Special Regulations) may move that ballast for the purpose of changing trim or stability.

RRS 52: is deleted

RRS 55.2 is amended to read: Fixed and retractable spinnaker poles and bowsprits will be permitted for the purpose of setting RRS 61.3: is amended by the addition of the following to the rule: . Boats intending to protest shall inform Race Control of their intention via radio before finishing and complete the form within ninety minutes of their finish time.

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RRS 78.2: is amended by deleting the words “before the start of the last day of the event, or the first series, whichever is earlier” and be replaced by “Valid rating/class certificates shall be produced by the due date specified in the Notice of Race”.

2.2.2. Changes to Australian Sailing Special Regulations

SR 3.25.1(b)(ii) is amended to read: “A permanently installed VHF transceiver OR a waterproof handheld VHF transceiver of a minimum 5 watt is required. If the handheld option is used then a mobile telephone in a waterproof container that is switched on and working must also be carried. The mobile telephone number must be supplied to the OA and you will be expected to contact the Race Office throughout the race according to the schedule in the Sailing Instructions

3. ELIGIBILITY OF BOATS

3.1. General Requirements

A boat shall:

- comply with Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1 and its amendments for Race Category 3 or 5N as appropriate. Off the beach type dinghies and catamarans are not eligible.
- have a crew that satisfies the requirements of Notice of Race 3.8;
- if sailing with less than three crew on the offshore course, an extension speaker for the permanently installed VHF transceiver near the helming station is required. Alternatively, the helm must carry the waterproof handheld VHF transceiver at all times and the same must remain switched on.

3.2. Insurance

Each boat shall hold a marine legal liability insurance policy with respect to the boat current when racing, with a minimum cover of A\$10 million for any one incident. A copy of this document shall be carried on board whilst racing. Offshore Fleet entrants must ensure the insurance policy covers the boat for races of a length greater than 94 nautical miles.

3.3. IRC Boats

A boat may only be entered in the IRC Handicap Category if the boat:

- (a) has a current, valid IRC Certificate, being an Endorsed Certificate issued by RORC or UNCL
- (b) complies with all of the current IRC Rules and Regulations, save to the extent they are specifically amended or excluded in this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions (refer RRS 78.1).

3.4. ORCi Boats

A boat may only be entered in the ORCi Handicap Category if the boat:

- (a) has a current, valid ORCi Certificate;
- (b) complies with all of the current ORCi Rating System Rules, save to the extent they are specifically amended or excluded in this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions (refer RRS 78.1).

3.5 AMS Boats

A boat may only be entered in the AMS Category if it has a current AMS certificate.

3.5. SMS Boats

A boat may only be entered in the SMS Handicap Category if the boat:

- (a) has a current, valid SMS Certificate;
- (b) complies with all of the current SMS Rating System Rules, save to the extent they are specifically amended or excluded in this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions (refer RRS 78.1).

3.6. OMR Boats

A boat may only be entered in the OMR Handicap Category if the boat:

- (a) has a current, valid OMR Rating;
- (b) complies with all of the current OMR Rating System Rules, save to the extent they are specifically amended or excluded in this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions (refer RRS 78.1).

3.7. Safety Audits

A boat is required to have an Australian Sailing Special Regulations Equipment Audit Form which shall be carried on board:

(a) for the **Inshore Course**:

a Category 5N (or higher) audit completed after the 1st July 2020 is required. The audit must be completed by an approved national auditor, self-assessment is not permissible. Please contact the Organising Authority to obtain a list of qualified auditors.

(b) for the **Offshore Course**:

a Category 3 (or higher) audit completed after the 1st July 2020 is required. The audit must be completed by an approved national auditor; self-assessment is not permissible.

Boats intending to enter the Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race may complete the “B2G Category 3 updated” audit form to avoid the need for duplication at Easter. If you are submitting a Category 3 updated or higher audit you must specify if you will be carrying the life raft and PLB’s listed on that audit

3.8. Eligibility of Crew

All crew shall meet the requirements of World Sailing Regulation 19 (World Sailing Eligibility Code). Crew who do not hold an Australian Sailing Number may apply to the Organising Authority for short term membership. A minimum of two crew aged 18 years or over as at 16th January 2021 shall be on board a boat.

For Crew members younger than 18 years of age, a Juvenile Consent Form signed by a parent / guardian is required together with evidence of past sailing experience. The Organising Authority may, in its absolute discretion, refuse to allow any crew member aged under 18 years of age to participate in the race.

At least one crew member on a boat shall hold a Marine Radio Operators VHF Certificate of Proficiency (MROVCP) or higher qualification issued by a relevant authority for the VHF radio on board. Licence number of the relevant person shall be supplied to the Organising Authority.

3.9. Onshore Yacht Contact

An Onshore Yacht Contact (OYC) shall be nominated at the time of entry. It is the skipper’s responsibility to ensure that the OYC has a complete list of contact details and next of kin details of all crew members. The Organising Authority will provide skippers with a template they can utilise for this purpose. The OYC must be contactable during the race and will be the primary contact for the Organising Authority in the event of an incident. **The OYC must understand the responsibility they are assuming.**

3.11. Inspections

In accordance with the Special Regulations Part 1, all safety equipment shall be on board and available for inspection. On request by the Race Committee, boats shall be made available for spot inspections to audit safety regulation compliance. Spot checks may be carried out at any time in the 24 hour period prior to the warning signal or after a boat finishes.

4. DOCUMENTATION TO BE LODGED

4.1. Application for Entry

An application for entry shall be made online through the surftocity.com website with the following items addressed:

- Entry fee(s) (Notice of Race 6)
- A colour photograph of the boat suitable for search and rescue purposes.

A completed entry, plus the additional items specified above, shall be received by the Organizing Authority on or before 1600 hours on Saturday, January 9, 2021

The entry and the above items may be accepted after that date at the discretion of the Organizing Authority, subject to a request for late acceptance being made and the late entry fee being paid.

4.2. Pre-start Documentation

Subject to acceptance of an entry by the Organizing Authority, the following additional items shall be lodged with the Organizing Authority via the surftocity.com website or email:

- A list of crew names, complete with mobile phone number and email addresses together with the name of the Onshore Yacht Contact person, their email address and their mobile phone number.
- A Juvenile Consent Form for each member of the crew with an age of less than 18 years old as at January 16, 2021.
- Multihull boats entering an OMR division shall submit their crew weight declaration.
- Boat EPIRB hex number (*Offshore Fleet only*)
- Special Regulations Form for Category 3 or 5N as appropriate.
- Proof of Public Liability Insurance as outlined in Notice of Race 3.2.
- Current valid IRC, ORCi, AMS or SMS rating certificate (*as applicable*)
- Boat registration number.

The additional items specified above shall be received by the Organizing Authority by 1600 hours on or before Wednesday, January 13, 2021.

No entry documentation will be accepted after 1600 hours Wednesday, January 13, 2021 unless the late documentation penalty is applied.

Competitors found to be falsifying documentation, deliberately invalidating certificates of otherwise misleading the Race Committee with regards to their entry documentation are subject to action under RRS 69.2. If found guilty the penalty could include disqualification from the Surf to City Yacht Race.

Privacy Note: Personal information about crew members is obtained in crew lists. That information is obtained for use in search and rescue situations and for media purposes. The information will be given to

search and rescue authorities and organizations, the Water Police, volunteer coastal stations and media representatives, and may be passed on by them to other organizations. A condition of entry is that crew members are to be informed of this and advised that they may obtain access to the information held about them by contacting the Organising Authority.

5. CHANGES TO CREW LIST

A boat's crew list may be amended to correct errors or changed to allow for late crew changes but shall not be changed later than 08.00 on January 16 2021. After any change to a crew list, the boat shall still satisfy general requirements of paragraph 3.

6. FEES

6.1 Entry

Entry Fee - includes entry to one Category	\$100
Entry fee for each additional category/division (<i>optional</i>)	\$20
Late entry fee	\$40
Late documentation penalty (per document):	2 minutes added to elapsed race time per outstanding document.

Please Note. Late documents will not be accepted after 5pm Friday 15th January 2021.

Fees shall be paid via credit card or bank deposit. All fees include Australian Goods and Services Tax (a tax invoice will only be issued on request).

6.2 Withdrawals

Entries withdrawn before 1600 hours on Saturday, January 9, 2021 will be entitled to a 75% refund of entry fees paid. Entries withdrawn after this time will not be entitled to any refund of Fees.

7. SCHEDULE

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
Friday, January 15th	COMPULSORY Competitors Briefing – Southport Yacht Club	SYC	2030
Saturday, January 16th	Inshore Multihull start	Broadwater	0910
	Inshore faster Monohulls start	Broadwater	0920
	Inshore slower Monohull start	Broadwater	0930
	Offshore Monohull start	Gold Coast Seaway	0950
	Offshore Multihull start	Gold Coast Seaway	1000
	Restaurant & Bar open	QCYC	On arrival till 1100
Sunday, January 17th	Soft drinks and snacks available	QCYC	0100 to 0730
	Breakfast available	QCYC	0730
	Bar opens	QCYC	1000
	Prize giving lunch	QCYC	1200

8. HANDICAP CATEGORIES

8.1. Handicap Categories

The Surf to City Yacht Race will be conducted with the following handicap categories:

Offshore Fleet

- IRC monohulls
- ORCi monohulls
- AMS monohulls
- OMR multihulls
- Performance Handicap Rating Formula (PHRF) Boats – monohull & multihull
- Two handed division monohulls
- Vintage PHRF monohull

Inshore Fleet

- SMS monohulls
- Performance Handicap Rating Formula (PHRF) Boats – monohull & multihull
- OMR multihulls
- One design

Skippers of any class e.g. RL24, Blazer can apply for a special category to be included in the Race. Skippers should ensure there will be at least five boats within the category prior to application to the Organising Authority.

All categories are subject to a minimum of five entrants. This does not apply to PHRF categories.

The Organising Authority's determination as to whether an additional handicap category or division will be accepted is final and binding.

8.2. Club Event

The Club event acknowledges the best performing Club in the Race. Entrants who are members of more than one Club should list the Club they wish to represent on their entry form. No extra entry fee required.

9. SCORING

9.1. IRC (Overall and all Divisions)

Results will be calculated by the application of the IRC Time Corrector (TCC) as a multiplier of elapsed time. The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) will be scored first.

9.2. ORCi (Overall and all Divisions)

Results will be calculated by the application of the Time-on-Time Simplified Scoring Option, using the ToT Offshore rating as printed on each boat's ORCi Certificate, as a multiplier of elapsed time. The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) will be scored first.

9.3 AMS

Results will be calculated by the application of the AMS time corrector.

9.3. SMS (Overall and all Divisions)

Results will be calculated by the application of the SMS Time Corrector Factor (TCF) as a multiplier of elapsed time. The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) will be scored first.

9.4. PHRF (Overall and all Divisions)

Results will be calculated by the application of Time Correction Factors (TCF's) as a multiplier of elapsed time. TCF's will be published on the official website on Friday morning January 15 by the Race Committee or its nominee. The TCF will not be subject to protest or dispute (amends RRS 60.1 and 62.1(a)). However, Skippers will be given the opportunity to request a review of their allocated TCF prior to the Compulsory Race Briefing. The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) will be scored first.

9.5. OMR (Overall and all Divisions)

Results will be calculated by the application of OMR Rating as a multiplier of elapsed time. A boat's OMR Rating will be determined by a MYCQ delegate, after the boat's skipper has declared crew weight data. The rating will not be subject to protest or dispute (amends RRS 60.1 and 62.1(a)). The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) will be scored first.

9.6. One design classes

The boat to finish first will be scored first.

9.7. Club event

The scores for each club will be calculated by accumulating the best three scores within the PHRF categories from all the boats from each club. If a club does not have the required number of competitors, a default score shall be awarded for each missing competitor.

10. COMPULSORY RACE BRIEFING

A race briefing (including a Weather Briefing) will be held at Southport Yacht Club at 2030 on Friday, January 15 2021. The skipper and one other member of the crew shall physically attend the briefing. The briefing will be Live Streamed via the Race Facebook page. It is recommended that all other crew members watch the Live Stream.

11. EVENT CLASSIFICATION AND ADVERTISING

11.1. General

Advertising on a boat shall comply with ISAF Regulation 20 (ISAF Advertising Code). The Organizing Authority may decline to accept an application for entry of a boat which, in its opinion, is carrying advertising which conflicts with governmental regulations or event sponsors. In any case of doubt, the Organizing Authority should be consulted as soon as practicable.

An application for entry shall contain brief details of all advertising that a boat intends to carry. The Organizing Authority shall be advised of all changes to that advertising.

If supplied a boat shall display the sponsor's decals and backstay flags in accordance with this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions (ISAF Regulation 20.4.1.1). Decals and backstay and event flags may be supplied by the Organizing Authority.

The advertising rules apply from 0700 hours on the morning of the race until completion of final presentation.

11.2. Trademark Restriction

"Surf to City Yacht Race" is a mark of the Queensland Cruising Yacht Club and the use of the mark and logo is absolutely restricted and limited to use by or with the consent of the Organizing Authority.



12. TIDES

Saturday, January 16th

HIGH 1.68 mtr @ 1036 (GCS)

LOW .57mtr @ 1834(BB)

Sunday, January 17th

HIGH 1.85mtr @ 0003 (BB)

LOW .52mtr @ 0552 (BB)

HIGH 2.38mtr @ 1225 (BB)

GCS – Gold Coast Seaway

BB – Brisbane Bar

13. VHF CHANNELS

VHF Channels required are 12, 13, 16, 21, 67, 72, 73, 81 and 82

14. TROPHY PRESENTATIONS

The overall winners and divisional winners will be announced and presented with trophies at a presentation ceremony held at Queensland Cruising Yacht Club on Sunday, January 17 2021 at 1200hrs. Full details will be outlined in the Sailing Instructions.

15. DISCLAIMER

All those taking part in the race do so at their own risk and responsibility. Crew members must be informed of this by their skipper and are deemed to acknowledge this, and release the Organizing Authority, Sponsors and their respective officers, employees, volunteers and members, from all liability.

Specific attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4, which states:

“The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a cruising event or race, or to continue racing is hers alone”



QUEENSLAND CRUISING YACHT CLUB

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please visit www.surftocity.com or contact:

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Surf to City

Information Sheet

BERTHING

Southport

Berthing at Southport Yacht Club is available. Bookings must be made directly with Southport Yacht Club, Phone No. (07) 5537 7030. In order to take advantage of their special berthing offer you will need to say that you are an entrant in the Surf to City Yacht Race. The number of available berths is limited and allocated on a first come first served basis. Vessels must berth at their allotted berth and shall not berth otherwise.

Shornccliffe

Berthing will be allocated on arrival at QCYC. The Club undertakes to provide a berth for all competitors in so far as is possible however skippers are required to assist in this regard by asking the Race Office or Marina Marshalls (if present) for berth allocations prior to leaving the boat and by ensuring space is not wasted due to selfishness or inconsiderate berthing; large multihulls in particular **MUST** obtain a berth allocation prior to leaving the boat.

The ends of the T-Heads are reserved for offshore fleet monohulls where there is approximately 3m LAT. Berthing is free of charge until 1000 hours on Tuesday, January 19, 2021.

LAUNCHING & RETRIEVING OF TRAILERABLES

SYC Hollywell

Entrants may use the SYC Hollywell facilities for launching and retrieving of boats by arrangement with the Hollywell Sailing Squadron. Trailers and vehicles must not be left on the property unless specifically directed. Use of the crane is limited. For further information regarding SYC Hollywell contact them on 07 5537 7030.

SYC Main Beach

Entrants may use the SYC Main Beach facilities for launching and retrieving of boats by arrangement with the Waterfront Manager on 5591 3500. Trailers and vehicles may be left on the property providing all owner details are provided. No responsibility is assumed for property left on premises.

QCYC

The Club ramp and adjacent upstream Public ramp will be available for recovery. All boats with trailers must be removed from the water at the first opportunity.

Non-members parking for vehicles and trailers is available in the overflow parking area on the other side of the road from the club.

BUS TRANSPORT TO SOUTHPORT

Buses will be available to transport crews from QCYC to Southport prior to the race. Pick up points will be at QCYC and Old Cleveland Road. Refer to the Surf to City website for times and prices. Seats must be booked and paid for in advance. No refunds are available.