



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2019 QLD RL24 STATE TITLE CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. Rules and Organising Authority.

The race series will be organised by the RL24 Owner's Association of Australia and Noosa Yacht and Rowing Club and governed by the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing for 2017-20 (RRS) including amendments as made from time to time by ISAF; by the Special Regulations of the Australian Sailing (AS) 2017-2021 Part 1, by the Notice of Race; by the rules of the RL24 Owners Association as supplied to the race Committee prior to the Regatta (except as any of these are changed by the Sailing Instructions); and by these Sailing Instructions..

2. Eligibility, Entry and Sign On/Off.

The QLD RL24 State Title Championship is open to all RL24 trailable yachts that meet the safety, measurement and crew age limit requirements of the RL24 Owner's Association of Australia. The Race Committee reserves the right to refuse an entry. Eligible RL24 Trailable Yachts may enter the series in Division 1 (Drop Keel CBH = 0.760) or Division 2 (Swing Keel CBH = 0.725). Division 1 and 2 may be merged if insufficient entries. Adjustment of CBH for non-spinnaker entrants is done via written request to the Race Committee. Entries will remain open throughout the series.

Full membership of a) the RL24 Owner's Association of Australia and b) the appropriate home sailing club is required when entering QLD RL24 State Title Championship series. Boats or skippers shall be required to carry a minimum of \$10 million indemnity insurance for the duration of the series.

A boat or its equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with Class rules and Sailing Instructions.

The Sign on/off sheets will be located at the Clubhouse.

Heats 1 to 5 Noosa Yacht and Rowing Club.

3. Validity

These Sailing Instructions are valid for the QLD RL24 State Title Championships 2019 conducted at the Noosa Yacht and Rowing Club.

4. Notices to Competitors.

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in each participating Sailing Club house.

5. Safety

The Safety Category applicable to this series is Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1 Section 2.01.8 Category 7.

In addition, the following will apply:

1. Outboard motors shall be mounted in the normal operating position at all times but may be retracted whilst sailing.
2. A minimum of 9 litres of fuel must be carried at the start of each race.
3. Life jackets or Personal Flotation Devices (PDF) shall be worn by all crew members at all times while afloat during the QLD RL24 State Title Championship.
4. Rule 44.1 is replaced by one (1) penalty turn.
5. Local Rule – Jet Ski Area (restricted area marked by yellow markers on the northern bank). Boats entering this area must be disqualified.
6. Protest fee \$100.

Safety equipment audits may be carried out by the Race Committee. Boats not complying with a reasonable request of the Race Committee for access to carry out in audit shall be liable to disqualification from the race or series.

The Race Secretary shall be the sole arbiter of wind strength and he shall have the absolute discretion as to whether to shorten or abandon a race. If the Race Secretary is not present, then responsibility rests with the Officer of the Day. After the race briefing, the decision - after consultation with the Race Committee, rests with the Officer of The Day. It should be noted that:

1. Racing will be abandoned or delayed if the wind is considered to be exceeding 25 knots either on average or if there are significant and frequent gusts above this figure prior to the Race Briefing conclusion, or.
2. If a SEVERE WEATHER WARNING for damaging winds is current for the region then the race will not be started. – or if, in the opinion of race officials, there is any significant danger to competitors or others. Notwithstanding these factors, all Skippers and crew are referred to RRS 4 (Decision to Race).
3. Personal Safety/Personal Flotation Devices
All crews are reminded that they are responsible for their own personal safety and that PFDs shall be worn by all crew at all times whilst racing.
4. Rescue Availability
Those boats judged most vulnerable will be attended to first in the event of an emergency.
Competitors are reminded of their obligations under RRS 1. 1 'Helping Those in Danger' as far as possible with having due care for the safety of their own boat and crew.

6. Changes in Sailing Instructions.

Any changes in the Sailing Instructions will be posted at least 1 hour before the warning signal on the day it will take effect, except any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect. Where possible, all affected boats will be notified of the change.

7. Signals Made Ashore.

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the signal mast on the club house or jetty.

8. Schedule of Races.

Races for the QLD RL24 State Title Championship will be scheduled to be conducted at the hosting club, viz Heats 1 to 5 at Noosa Yacht and Rowing Club.

The QLD RL24 State Title Championship series will consist of 5 heats with a minimum of 3 heats needing to be sailed to constitute the state title championship series.

Briefing will be held 1 hour prior to the start of Heat 1 and Heat 3.

The race programme is as follows:

Saturday 5 th October 2019	State Title Heats 1 and 2	12.00 hours	NYRC
Sunday 6 th October 2019	State Title Heats 3 to 5	10.00 hours	NYRC

9. Class Flags.

RL24 Trailable Yacht

At the NYRC Flag

10. Racing Area and Courses.

All heats will be conducted on Noosa River between Munna Point and Tewantin Jetty.

Sailing Instructions, including the order in which marks are to be passed will be provided at the daily briefing (11.00 hours on Saturday 5 October and 09.00 hours on Sunday 6 October).

11. Marks.

The start line will consist of a line between the club house and a red spherical marker north of the club house.

All other marks will be yellow spherical marks.

The Start.

All heats will be started using Rule 26 with the *Warning Signal* given 5 minutes before the starting signal. A *Preparatory Signal* will be given 4 minutes before the starting signal. A *One Minute Signal* will be given before the starting signal. The *Starting Signal* will be given at the start of race and the Class flag will be removed.

The preferred starting times, which may be subject to change at the discretion of the hosting sailing clubs will be:

Saturday 5 October 2019

Heat 1 - Warning Signal time not before 12.00 hours Saturday 5th October 2019.

Heat 2 - Warning Signal time not before 15 minutes after the completion of Heat 1 by last boat to finish.

Sunday 6 October 2019

Heat 3 - Warning Signal time not before 10.00 hours Sunday 6th October 2019.

Heat 4 - Warning Signal time not before 13.00 hours.

Heat 5 - Warning Signal time not before 15 minutes after the completion of Heat 4 by last boat to finish.

Boats shall not start 15 minutes after the starting signal. Any boat not starting within 15 minutes of their starting signal will be deemed a non-starter (DNS).

The starting and finishing line will be between the club and a red spherical marker buoy North of the club house.

Recalls.

Racing Rule 29 will apply for all races.

12. Change of The Position of The Next Mark.

To change the position of the next mark, the Race Committee will lay a new mark and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.

When, in a subsequent change, a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

13. Shortened Course.

The race committee may shorten the course at a mark in accordance with RRS 32. Race Signal 'S' when displayed on or near a mark means the race is shortened. Boats shall, after rounding or passing the mark, proceed directly to the finish line. Note navigation marks must followed in accordance with regulations"

14. The Finish.

For all heats, the finish line is between the club house and the spherical red start marker.

15. Time Limit.

For all heats, 1 hour 30 minutes for the first yacht to finish, or for safety reasons a yacht may be awarded their current placing or have their course shortened at the discretion of the race officer. Should one yacht finish within that time limit, yachts will be recorded as finishers up to 2 hours from the start of the race.

16. Protests.

Protests shall be written on forms available from the NYRC clubhouse and delivered there within 15 minutes after the time of the last boat's finish in the last race held that day. Protests must be handed to a member of the Race Committee accompanied by a protest fee of \$100.00. Protests will be heard in approximate order of receipt and protest notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing or named as witnesses.

17. Scoring.

A minimum of 3 heats are required to constitute the QLD RL24 State Title Championship. All 5 heats will count for the overall State Title Championship in any division for which a trophy is offered. Each boat's score will be the total of her race scores. Ties in any series will be broken according to RRS Appendix A8.

RL24 Trailable Yachts will use the Low Points System (except first place = 0.75 points) for all races in the QLD RL24 State Title Championship. The pointscore will be the total of all five races conducted (or the total number of races held).

18. Use of CBH Handicaps.

Australian TYSB Class Based Handicap applicable in 2017 (CBH) system will be used to account for the differences between Drop Keel and Swing Keel RL24s. (Drop Keel CBH = 0.760 and Swing Keel CBH = 0.725). A Boat's elapsed time (recorded as minutes and seconds) is multiplied by the appropriate CBH correction factor to produce a corrected elapsed time. All race results will be based on this corrected elapsed time result for places and points.

19. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The RL24 Owner's Association of Australia and its officers, and the NYRC and its officers will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after competing in the races. Competitor's attention is drawn to the Risk Statement promulgated in the Notice of Race.

20. Insurance.

All competing yachts shall have public liability insurance for an amount of not less than Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000).

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