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2027 BRISBANE TO GLADSTONE YACHT RACE

NOTICE OF RACE

The Queensland Cruising Yacht Club Inc and the Multihull Yacht Club of Queensland, (the Organising Authority) invite owners and charterers of eligible boats to enter the 2027 Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race in accordance with the conditions of this Notice of Race. QCYC is a proud founding points partner of the QLD Offshore Sailing Championship (QOSC) and encourages all eligible offshore boats to enter.

The 2027 Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race will incorporate the 79th Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race and the 62nd Brisbane to Gladstone Multihull Yacht Race and will be conducted on the waters of the Queensland Coast between Brisbane and Gladstone.

The start of the race will be in Moreton Bay off the Shorncliffe headland, and the finish will be in Gladstone Harbour.

The race is a 308 nautical mile passage race.

The warning signal for the race is scheduled to be no earlier than 1055 hours (Australian Eastern Standard Time) on 26th March 2027.

Owners and charterers of eligible boats are invited to enter on the conditions of this Notice of Race.

1. RULES

1.1 GENERAL

The race will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

1.2 OTHER DOCUMENTS

a. the IRC 2026-2027 Rules Parts A, B and C as amended;

b. the ORCi Rating System 2026 rules as amended;

c. the AMS SMS Yearbook 2026-27

d. the current Offshore Multihull Rating (OMR) rules

e. the rules and regulations of each One Design Class for which there is an eligible boat entered in the race;

f. the Special Regulations and amendments of Australian Sailing (Special Regulations);

g. applicable Special Regulations Category 3 as amended, and Coastal Kit Two modular first aid kits are accepted.

h. international Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) will apply when a boat sailing under RRS meets a vessel that is not.

i. between sunset and sunrise, World Sailing RRS APPENDIX RV (Reduced Visibility), will apply. (Refer www.sailing.org) This changes the definitions of Keep Clear, Mark-Room, Room, and Zone. A new definition of Overtaking is added.

j. The Notice of Race (NOR) including any subsequent amendments, except as modified by the Sailing Instructions (SI's)

1.3 CHANGES TO THE IRC RULES

IRC Rule 8.2.1(c): For boats holding two IRC Certificates, if a certificate declaration is not received by the rating deadline date of 16th March 2027, a boat will be scored using the higher rating of the two certificates that the boat holds.

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

IRC Rules 11.2, 21.6.1 & 21.7.1: 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, and one more headsail than shown on the boat's IRC Certificate.

1.4 CHANGES TO THE ORCI RULES

ORC Clauses 102.3 and 200.1(b) do not apply. There is no minimum crew weight for boats competing under ORC1.

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 and/or headsails allowed under its IRC certificate plus the additional spinnaker and/or headsail allowed under IRC Rule 11.2, 21.6.1and 21.1.1

1.5 CHANGES TO THE OMR RULES

Multihull ratings will be based on the current OMR ratings on the MYCQ website as at 16 March 2027. If owners / skippers have made any changes to their yachts and need remeasuring and weighing, the owner / skipper must arrange for measuring and weighing by contacting the Ratings Officer, who is responsible for the OMR database, or the Measurement Co-ordinator (refer to the website mycq.org.au).

1.6 CHANGES TO THE RACING RULES OF SAILING

a. The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
b. The notation [DP] in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. Guidelines for discretionary penalties are available on the World Sailing website, Racing Rules of Sailing 2025 – 2028, page 3
c. 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 metrological or hydrographical information regardless of cost.
d. RRS 41 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.
e. A boat in the Cruising Category may from one hour after its starting signal use its engine for propulsion. Use must cease prior to the boat finishing. Engine hours and miles covered under engine must be logged. (Changes RRS 42)
f. RRS 51: is amended to read; Only those boats whose Rating Certificate(s) or PHRF handicap have been computed taking into consideration variable ballast are allowed to move this and only this ballast. All other moveable ballast shall be properly stowed.
g. RRS 52: RRS 52 does not apply to the adjustment and operation of sails or to the adjustment of moveable appendages. For fully crewed boats, the rotation of a boat's rudder shall be adjusted and operated only by the power provided by the crew. RRS 52 does not apply to a boat entered in a Two-Handed division.
h. RRS 55.2 (multihull only) shall be amended to allow fixed and retractable spinnaker poles mounted on the bow(s) or front beams(s) for fixing the tack of an asymmetrical spinnaker, screecher, code zero and similar extras.
i. RRS 60.3: is amended by the addition of the following rule: Boats intending to protest shall inform Race Control of their intention via radio before finishing and submit a written protest within three hours of finishing. (amended from 61.3)
j. 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 the earlier" and be replaced by "by the due date specified in the Notice of Race".

1.7 CHANGES TO AUSTRALIAN SAILING SPECIAL REGULATIONS

	Mono Hull	Multi-hull
SR 2.04 is amended by NOR 5.11	✓	✓
SR 3.16.2 shall apply at Category 2 level.	✓	✓
SR 3.18.2 MWV: Boats must carry at least 2.5 litres of fresh water per crew member per 100NM of the course at the start of the race. Watermaker Allowance: A permanently installed watermaker capable of producing at least 2.5L per crew member per 100NM can be used in place of carrying the full water supply at the start. Note that under Clause 3.18.4, boats must also carry at least 1L of emergency water per crew member in addition to the requirements of 3.18.2.	✓	✓
SR 3.20.3 in addition to the requirements, a second bilge pump is required; this is not required to be of manual operation.	✓	×
SR 3.24.5 shall apply at a Category 2 level.	✓	×
SR3.25.1 A satellite phone capable of transmitting and receiving signals while more than 12NM offshore, complete with charging capabilities or a spare battery must be carried together with a permanently installed VHF Marine Radio which is to be at SR3.25.1(a) level.	✓	✓
SR 3.25.8 is amended by NOR 5.11	✓	✓
SR 4.07.6 is amended by NOR 5.11	✓	✓
SR 4.07.9 the additional items are to be carried: Codeine 8mg + Paracetamol 500mg (Prescription) e.g. Panadeine Forte X 20. Crepe bandage 100mm by 1.5m X 1. Sterile eye patches X 2. Burn cream X 1. Anti-diarrhoea treatment X 1 pkt. Electrolyte replacement - pack of 10. Antihistamine 25mg tablet X 10.	✓	✓
SR 4.11.2 Liferafts shall apply at a Category 2 level.	✓	NA
SR 5.05 shall apply at a Category 2 level. Personal AIS Beacons: please refer to 2026 Australian Sailing amendment SR5.05.1(b).	✓	✓
SR 6.01.1 is amended by NOR 5.12	✓	✓
Appendix B to Part 1 is amended to include Domestic Commercial Vessel compliance (minimum class C – restricted offshore water) and Classification Society Stability approval for equivalent waters as methods that may be used to assess Resistant to Capsize.	✓	×

1.8 INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS FOR PREVENTING COLLISIONS AT SEA

The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea will replace the rules of RRS, Part 2 in their application to boats in the Cruising Category when operating its engine.

1.9 RESPONSIBILITY OF PERSON IN CHARGE

1.9.1 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 manned by an experienced crew who have undergone appropriate training and are physically fit to face bad weather. 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.

1.9.2 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.

1.9.3 The attention of every person is drawn to AS Special Regulation 1.02 and also to the importance of having suitable and adequate personal insurance. It is the responsibility of owners/ skippers/ charterers to ensure their crew have had this brought to their attention.

1.10 DECISION TO RACE

The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* is hers alone - RRS Fundamental Rule 3.

2. OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD

The Official Notice Board is the event website (www.brisbanetogladstone.com).

Amendments to the Notice of Race: The Organising Authority reserves the right to amend this Notice of Race. Amendments will be published on the Official Notice Board. In addition, notices of amendments will also be sent to all entrants.

3. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be published on or prior to 20th March 2027.

4. COMMUNICATION

Each boat shall complete a communications check via Satellite Phone. The period within which this check can be made is Monday 15th March to Wednesday 24th March 2027.

Each boat shall send an SMS text message, including the boat's name to **0498 256 428** and must ensure that they receive a response. Note that responses may take several hours at certain times of the day.

4.1 VHF RADIO

All boats shall have installed VHF radios which must be capable of transmitting/receiving on the following frequencies: -

VHF - International Channels 12, 13, 16, 21, 22, 67, 72, 73, 80, 81 and 82

Emergency aerials are mandatory and required onboard with their rapid mounting system brackets and cabling (preferably) permanently installed to avoid any delay to deployment in any event should it be required. Refer SR3.25.5

Boats shall maintain a 24-hour listening watch for the duration of their race on VHF Channel 16 (when not actively required to be in communication on another channel).

For radio communications, a boat's name may be limited to not more than two words. The Organising Authority may alter names where appropriate.

Boats sailing Two handed must carry an extra portable VHF radio receiver/transmitter or an extension speaker near the helming station.

This is also a recommendation for other boats.

4.2 SAT PHONE

Each competing boat shall provide a completed Marine Communications Inspection Form with the pre-start documentation to verify the adequacy of the installation and operation.

Satellite phones must be capable of being charged by boat power or have a spare battery and must be checked for messages every two hours.

All boats using a Satellite phone shall carry out a communication check with the Organising Authority prior to the race as detailed in Clause 4.1 of this document. Boats not recorded as having completed this will not be eligible to start.

4.3 AIS TRANSPONDER

All boats must have an Automatic Identification System (AIS) transponder which shall remain switched on (i.e. transmitting and receiving) at all times. Refer AS Special Regulations Clause 3.29.

4.4 MOBILE PHONE

All boats must carry a fully charged mobile phone (4G or 5G) with the number submitted on the boat's Entry with the Organising Authority.

5. ELIGIBILITY OF BOATS

5.1 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

A boat shall:

- have an overall length (LOA) not more than 30.48 metres and not less than 9.0 metres and a waterline length (LWL) not less than 7.3 metres or all multihull yachts that comply with the safety requirements defined below
- have a working Automatic Identification System (AIS) system installed in accordance with Special Regulation 3.25.5(a)
- comply with Special Regulations Part 1 and its amendments for Race Category 3 as amended by the NOR; and
- have a crew that satisfies the requirements of Notice of Race 5.12.
- The Organising Authority may elect to obtain technical advice as to a boat's eligibility and the data and documentation supplied with regard to verification of stability, verification of construction and keel inspections, at the cost of the entrant concerned. The entrant will be consulted prior to this occurring.

5.2 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. The insurance policy shall state that the boat is covered for the Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race or that it is covered for boat races of a length greater than or equal to 308 nautical miles. A copy of this insurance policy shall be submitted with entry documents and be carried on board during the race.

5.3 IRC BOATS

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

(a) has a current, valid IRC Certificate, being an Endorsed Certificate issued by RORC or UNCL

(b) complies with all 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).

5.4 ORCI BOATS

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

(a) has a current, valid ORCi Certificate

(b) complies with all 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).

5.5 AMS BOATS

A boat may only be entered in the AMS Rating Category if the boat has, and complies with, a current valid AMS Certificate.

5.6 – OMR BOATS

A boat may only be entered in the OMR Rating Category if the boat has a current, valid OMR rating as listed on the MYCQ website.

Multihulls must be in accordance with AS Special Regulations Part 3 3.05 Stability and Flotation-Multihulls

5.7 PHRF BOATS

A boat may only be entered in the PHRF Handicap Category if there are no crew sailing onboard who receive direct or indirect remuneration beyond covering expenses and simple reimbursements for the express purpose of participating in this race. If a boat has a regular full-time paid captain or crew member, this one person is allowed on the boat during the race but shall take no active part in sailing, steering or navigating the boat unless there is an emergency, The full-time paid captain or crew may act as a cook and perform boat maintenance. The regulatory manning requirements of Sail Training Vessels or Commercial Vessels shall not invalidate eligibility.

5.8 VINTAGE & VETERAN BOATS

A boat may only apply to be entered in the Vintage Division if built in or before 1968

A boat may only apply to be entered in the Veteran Division if built in or after 1969 and before 1989.

All entries are at the discretion of the Organising Authority. Compliant build date alone does not guarantee acceptance into these divisions

5.9 CRUISING CATEGORY BOATS

The crew of a boat entering the Cruising Division must comply with the regulations outlined for PHRF boats.

Further the boat must be of a type and with a fit-out consistent with one normally considered to be a cruiser or cruiser/racer.

A boat in the cruising division who uses their engine to propel the boat at any time during the race will be ineligible for line honours or PHRF prizes.

5.10 EQUIPMENT AUDITS

A boat is required to submit an Australian Sailing Special Regulations Equipment Audit Form for 'Category 3 uprated' as amended by the NOR or higher audited by an approved national auditor. The uprated form is available on the race website, and a copy of the completed form shall be submitted to the Organising Authority and a copy carried on board during the race.

5.11 QUALIFYING RACE OR OCEAN PASSAGE

The Organising Authority shall determine at its discretion of a vessel is suitable to enter the race. It is a requirement that a boat shall either:

complete the 2027 Surf to City Yacht Race, or;

complete a race of not less than 80 nautical miles not more than six months before the start of the race, or;

complete a non-stop ocean passage of 12 hours not more than six months before the start of the race. A boat completing an ocean passage shall submit a detailed log of the passage.

The Owner and/or Person-in-Charge for the Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race shall be on board during the qualifying race or passage.

5.12 ELIGIBILITY OF CREW

The minimum number of crew (including the Owner and/or Person-in-Charge) on any boat is four (4) unless entered in the Two-handed Division.

The absolute minimum age of any crew as at 26th March 2027 is 16 years for fully crewed boats and 18 years for boats entered into the Two Handed Division.

For fully crewed boats, 80% of the crew (including the Owner and/or Person-in-Charge) must be greater than 18 years of age unless special dispensation is granted by the Organising Authority.

For crew 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 between 16 and 18 years of age to participate in the race.

All crew will comply with RRS 25-28, Rule 46 i.e. be members of a club affiliated to Australian Sailing and have an Australian Sailing Number. Crew who do not hold an Australian Sailing Number may apply to the Organising Authority for a valid Sail Pass.

A minimum of two members of the crew (including the Owner and/or Person-in-Charge) must have completed a Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race or a Category 1, 2 or 3 race on any boat.

A minimum of one member of the crew (two crew members in the Two-handed Division) must have a current Applied First Aid Certificate or equivalent qualification, or higher qualification. It is strongly recommended that two crew members have completed the course. (amends Special Regulations Part 1, Section 4.07.6).

A minimum of one member of the crew (two crew members in the Two-handed Division) must hold a Marine Radio Operators VHF Certificate of Proficiency (SROCP) or higher qualification issued by a relevant authority for the VHF radio on board.

5.13 DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY

A decision of the Organising Authority as to any matter under this NOR, including as to whether a boat and her crew meet the eligibility criteria for entry in the race, is final and binding and shall not be grounds for a request for redress.

5.14 PRE RACE INSPECTIONS

In accordance with the Special Regulations Part 1, all safety equipment shall be on board and available for inspection. **All boats who have a safety inspection more than one month old at start of race day are required to undergo a pre-race inspection.**

It is the boats responsibility to ensure they have completed their pre-race inspection, including additional items listed in the Notice of Race.

Yachts that have not completed their pre-race inspection will not be allowed to race.

Pre-race inspections can be arranged through an

accredited Australian Sailing National Equipment Auditor (https://www.sailingresources.org.au/safety/equipment-auditing/).

On request by the Race Committee, boats shall also 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.**

6. ENTRY

6.1 RACE ENTRY

Entries shall be made online through the race website.

Entries shall be received by the Organising Authority before 1700 hours on Monday 8th March 2027.

Entries may be accepted after Monday 8th March 2027 at the discretion of the Organising Authority and will attract a late entry fee of $150.00.

6.2 SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Entries shall be Subject to the supply of the following items:

- Entry fee(s) (refer NOR 7.1)
- A colour photograph of the boat under sail and beam on, no older than 12 months and suitable in clarity and size for search and rescue purposes.
- For monohulls - Declaration of Stability and supporting documentation – online form (refer NOR 5.1)
- Audited Special Regulations Form for 'Category 3 uprated' or higher – online form (refer NOR 5.10)
- For monohulls - A current keel and rudder inspection certificate – online form.
- Measurement and Rating Certificates (if applicable)
- PHRF and/or Cruising Category eligibility declaration – verification required in the online entry system (refer NOR 5.7)
- Life Raft Inspection Certificate(s)
- Marine Communications Inspection Form – online form (refer NOR 4.1, 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4)
- Verification of qualifying race or ocean passage – online form (refer NOR 5.11)
- Certificate of Currency of Insurance (refer NOR 5.2)
- Crew list including qualifications, contact details, Next of Kin details, sailing experience, medical conditions, PLB hex Id and Australian Sailing numbers. (refer NOR 5.12)
- Juvenile Consent Forms as applicable - online form (refer NOR 5.12)
- Proof of Australian Sailing Safety and Sea Survival Course participation or acceptable equivalent (refer NOR 5.12)

- Applied First Aid Certificates or acceptable equivalent (refer NOR 5.12)
- Marine Radio Operators Certificates (refer NOR 5.12)
- Conditions of Entry form signed by owner – online form
- Disclaimer and acknowledgment of rights form, as supplied and signed by each crew member – online form (refer NOR 13 and 14)
- Livestreaming information form – link to form in online entry system

Items specified above, shall be received by the Organising Authority before 1700 hours on Wednesday 17th March 2027.

The above items may be accepted after that date at the discretion of the Organising Authority, subject to a request for late acceptance being made to the Organising Authority in writing. A late document penalty may apply. Refer 7.1 Fees.

6.3 ENTRY PROCESS NOTES

An entry is invalid until all entry requirements in NOR 6.1 and NOR 6.2 have been submitted, reviewed and approved by the OA.

Competitors found to be falsifying documentation, deliberately invalidating certificates or otherwise misleading the Organising Authority with regards to their entry documentation are subject to action under RRS 69.2. If found guilty the penalty may include disqualification from the Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race and additional penalties.

The Organising Authority is not responsible for any failure of, or errors in the information provided to it through, the online entry system.

If there is an inconsistency between:

- the statements and information published on the online entry system: and
- this NOR, the rules and regulations referred to in NOR 1.1 and 1.2 or the Sailing Instructions,

then this NOR, the rules and regulations referred to in NOR 1.1 and 1.2 or the Sailing Instructions prevail to the extent of the inconsistency.

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 organisations, the Water Police, volunteer coastal stations and media representatives, and may be passed on by them to other organisations. 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.

6.4 CHANGES TO SUPPLIED DOCUMENTATION

Amendments (except to correct errors or after protest) to the items specified in NOR 6.2 must be received by the Organising Authority by 1700 hours Wednesday 17th March 2027.

A boat's crew list may be amended after this date to correct errors or be changed to allow for late crew changes but shall not be changed later than eighteen (18) hours prior to the starting signal.

AFTER ANY CHANGE TO A CREW LIST, THE BOAT SHALL STILL **SATISFY** GENERAL REQUIREMENTS OF NOR 5.1.

7. FEES

7.1 ENTRY

The following fees shall be paid by credit / debit card.

Entry Fee for boat (includes PHRS categories only)	$650
Fee per crew member	$40
Fee for each additional category/division entered.	$125

Late Documentation fee (after 17th March) $150

A financial member of the Queensland Cruising Yacht Club (for monohull boats) or the Multihull Yacht Club of Queensland (for multihull boats) will receive a discount of 10% on the Boat Entry Fee (excludes Crew Member Fee and Additional Division Fees)

All fees include Australian Goods and Services Tax (a tax invoice will be issued on request).

7.2 WITHDRAWALS

Entries withdrawn after 8th March 2027 will not be entitled to any refund of Entry Fees. Entries cancelled prior to this date may receive a refund of Entry fees less $100 administration charge upon written request to the Organising Authority.

8. ADVERTISING

8.1 GENERAL

All boats may be required to display the Event Sponsor's name(s) and logo(s) in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.

All boats may be required to display boom decals and or backstay flags provided by the Organising Authority.

Backstay flags (if provided) shall be displayed as a minimum prior to leaving the dock, immediately prior to the start, and after finishing

Advertising on a boat shall comply with World Sailing Regulation 20 (World Sailing Advertising Code). The Organising 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.

8.2 IDENTIFICATION

Bow stickers will not be provided. Each boat is required to display sail numbers in accordance with RRS Appendix G.

Entrants may be asked via the online entry system to provide their boat's permanent bow numbers if they have them to assist with boat identification.

8.3 TRACKING DEVICES AND CAMERAS

Boats competing will be required to carry the tracking device supplied by the Organising Authority.

Persons that interfere with the normal operation of the Tracking Device or fail to comply with an Organising Authority request regarding tracking devices will be subject to protest.

The Owner or Person-in-Charge of a boat will be solely responsible for any tracking device supplied by the Organising Authority.

The Owner and/or Person-in-Charge of a boat retiring from the race is responsible for the return of the tracking device to the Race Control. The Owner or Person-in-Charge must contact Race Control once safely in port for authorisation to remove and de-activate the tracker.

In the event of loss or failure to return the tracker the Owner or Person-in-Charge will be liable for the rental or replacement costs.

A boat on which a Tracking device fails or ceases to operate will be required to provide additional position reports to Race Control, details of which will be outlined in the SIs

On berthing in Gladstone, the boat's Tracking device must be returned to Race Control at the regatta office.

8.4 TRADEMARK RESTRICTION

"Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race" and "B2G" are trademarks of the Queensland Cruising Yacht Club, and the use of the trademarks and logos are absolutely restricted and limited to use by or with the consent of the Organising Authority.

9. PROTESTS

9.1 NON-APPEALABLE PROTEST COMMITTEE

The Organising Authority plans to appoint a Non-Appealable Protest Committee in accordance with RRS 70.3(b).

Arbitration in accordance with RRS Appendix T may be offered for protests involving an alleged breach of RRS Part 2.

10. RACE BRIEFING

The compulsory Race Briefing will be held at 8.30pm sharp on Wednesday 24th March 2027 at Queensland Cruising Yacht Club, Sinbad St, Shorncliffe QLD 4017 or another venue to be advised.

To be eligible to start the race, at least two crew members of each boat are required to attend the briefing in person, or one in person and the second via Live Stream, and one attendee shall be the Owner or Person-in-Charge.

The briefing will be Live Streamed via the Race Facebook page. It is recommended that all other crew members watch the Live Stream.

11. CHARTS

It is recommended, however not required, that the following paper charts be carried:

- AUS 815,
- AUS 816,
- AUS 818,
- AUS 819,
- AUS 246,
- AUS 245,
- AUS 235.

This is a minimal chart list; skippers may wish to add more to the list.

12. BERTHING

Berthing at Queensland Cruising Yacht Club in the week prior to the Race Start will be provided free of charge. Boats must notify the Organising Authority of their intention to use the facility as far as possible in advance. Space is allocated on a first come first served basis and is limited.

Berthing at Gladstone Marina will be provided free of charge for the first three nights of your stay. Additional nights will be charged at Gladstone Marina commercial rates.

All boats shall apply directly to the Gladstone Marina via the link provided (B2G Yacht Race - Gladstone Ports Corporation) to organise berthing.

13. MEDIA RIGHTS AND RESTRICTIONS

The conditions of entry include:

A requirement that the owner or charterer of the boat and all crew members:

- Acknowledge that the Organising Authority owns all media rights to the Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race and may exercise those rights as it sees fit.
- Grant the Organising Authority and the Naming Rights Sponsor the unconditional, perpetual right and authority to publish and broadcast anywhere in the world, for any purpose and in any media, the names, images and biographical information relating to the crew and photographs, video footage and audio recordings taken of the boat and its crew prior to, during and after the race.

Crew members of boats may, prior to, during and after the race, speak or provide material to any media representatives accredited by the Organising Authority, regarding the race and the prospects, performance or strategy of boats entered or participating in the race, subject to any comments and material not undermining or interfering with, or having a detrimental impact on, the Organising Authority and its officers and employees, the Race Committee, the Protest Committee, measurers or current or former sponsors of the Organising Authority. This approval may be revoked by the Organising Authority in respect of a boat or media representative at any time.

Entrants must acknowledge and accept the media restrictions referred to in this Notice of Race 13 on the entry form. Crew members must grant the rights referred to in this Notice of Race clause 13 by signing a disclaimer and acknowledgment of rights form, as supplied by the Organising Authority.

Any breach of these conditions may, at the discretion of the Organising Authority or the Race Committee, lead to the rejection of an entry, the cancellation of an entry or the disqualification of a boat (refer RRS 76.1).

This does not limit the right of the Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race Organising Authority to take any other action it sees fit to enforce compliance with these conditions.

14. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* is hers alone". By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes**.

15. HANDICAP & RATING CATEGORIES

15.1. HANDICAP & RATING CATEGORIES

The Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race will be conducted with the following categories:

- IRC
- IRC Two Handed Division

- ORCi
- AMS
- OMR
- Performance Handicap Rating Factor (PHRF)
- Cruising

The PHRF Category may be split into:

- Modern Division (built in or after 1990)
- Veteran (built between 1969 and 1989)
- Vintage Divisions (built in 1968 or before)
- Two Handed Division
- Multihull

The Organising Authority in its discretion may allocate boats to divisions within a handicap category. Within any such handicap category, all boats will be scored in the overall category result.

Where less than five entries are received for a PHRF division, the Race Committee reserves the right to amend or combine the PHRF divisions listed.

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

15.2 LINE HONOURS ELIGIBILITY

A boat may not enter or participate in line honours only. A boat that is eligible for and competes in the race will also be scored in line honours. A boat entered in the Cruising Category will not be eligible for line honours if they have used their engines during the race.

15.3 FEDERATION CUP – TEAMS EVENT

Teams of three boats from the IRC, ORCi, AMS, OMR, PHRF and Cruising (provided they have not used their engines during the race) categories may be nominated by skippers. Boats that do not form their own teams may be placed into teams by the Organising Authority.

Teams should be formed according to the following order of priorities:

- From the same Club
- If a Team cannot be formed from a single Club, Clubs may be grouped into the following geographical areas:
    - NSW
    - Australian states except NSW or QLD
    - Gold Coast
    - Manly Harbour
    - Northern Brisbane
    - Sunshine Coast & Harvey Bay
    - Rest of Queensland

16. SCORING

16.1 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.

16.2 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.

16.3 AMS

Results will be calculated by the application of the AMS Scoring System. The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) will be scored first.

16.4 OMR

Results will be calculated by the application of the OMR Scoring System with corrected time being OMR rating (OMR) as a multiplier of elapsed time. The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) will be scored first.

16.5 PHRF (OVERALL AND ALL DIVISIONS)

Results will be calculated by the application of Time Correction Factors (TCF's) as a multiplier of elapsed time.

A boat's TCF will be determined 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 until thirty minutes after the conclusion of the Compulsory Race Briefing.

The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of any scoring penalties) will be scored first.

16.6 TWO HANDED DIVISION

The winner of the Two-Handed Division shall be the best placed Two Handed boat in the PHRF Category and or IRC / OMR category.

16.7 CRUISING CATEGORY

The Cruising Category will be scored on a Time-on-Time modified handicap system which will encompass loading multipliers for engine use. Details will be contained in the Sailing Instructions.

The boat with the lowest correct time will be scored first.

The scoring system 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 until thirty minutes after the conclusion of the Compulsory Race Briefing.

17. TROPHY PRESENTATIONS

The Citizens of Gladstone Line Honours trophy will be presented to the line honours boat on arrival at O'Connell Wharf in Gladstone.

The other line honours awards may be presented at the formal trophy presentation.

The formal trophy presentation is scheduled for 1500 Hrs on Sunday 28th March 2027 at the Port Curtis Sailing Club or at a venue to be advised.

18. PRIZES

The following trophies or prizes may be awarded:

First monohull boat to cross the line (Winner of the Citizens of Gladstone Trophy, Hoana Trophy and Adina watch to the Skipper)

First multihull boat to cross the line; Line Honours for the first Two Handed boat to cross the finish line

First two-handed yacht to cross the line

Courier Mail Cup - IRC Overall Winner - Adina Watch Prize to Skipper & Crew

Citizens of Sandgate Trophy - IRC Overall - 2nd Place

Thomas Borthwick & Sons Trophy - ORCi Overall Winner

Jim Sue Trophy - AMS Overall Winner

MYCQ Trophy – OMR Overall Winner

Peter Holms Cup - PHRF Overall Winner $5,000 Cash Prize

Founders Trophy – 1st Place Cruising Division

First place awarded in each division.

Second place awarded in each division with five or more entrants.

Third place awarded in each division with eight or more entrants.

Four Cities Cup – Best combined performance from the Brisbane to Gladstone and immediate past Sydney to Hobart.

Ivan Holm Memorial Trophy – Best placed yacht in the PHRF category with a launch date 30 years prior to start.

Noel Patrick Memorial Trophy – Best placed Gladstone yacht in either PHRF, ORCi or IRC.

Allison Hunter Perpetual Trophy – Best placed QCYC yacht.

Federation Cup – First, second and third in the team's event.

Navigators Award – awarded for the closest ETA given from G2.

Ian Stripey Grant Memorial Award – Awarded to outstanding youth commitment to sailing.

Best outfitted and presented crew at the start.

Last Yacht to finish on elapsed time.

Other awards and trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the OA

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