



**PITTWATER TO  
COFFS HARBOUR  
YACHT RACE**

FRIDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2025

# Sailing Instructions

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FIRST WARNING SIGNAL – 1255HRS

## Contact Details

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**AMENDMENTS TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

For the use of competitors. Please list any amendments to the Sailing Instructions issued by the Race Committee (RC) here for easy reference.

<b><u>Amendment No.</u></b>	<b><u>Sections Changed</u></b>	<b><u>General Notes</u></b>
No.1 Notice of Race Issued: Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025 1700hrs	Notice of Race 14 SCORING 14.2 ORC Category	New scoring method for ORC using the Weather Routing Scoring by ORC

**1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY (OA)**

1.1. The Organising Authority is the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club (RPAYC).

**2. RACE COMMITTEE (RC)**

2.1. Nick Elliott (RPAYC Race Director), Robert McClelland (RPAYC Commodore), Brendan Rourke (RPAYC Sailing and Communications Manager) and John Waite (CHYC Commodore).

**3. RULES**

The race will be governed by the following rules:

- 3.1. The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 3.2. The Prescriptions and Special Regulations (SR) of Australian Sailing.
- 3.3. The IRC Rules 2024 Parts A, B and C.
- 3.4. The ORC Rating System Rules 2024.
- 3.5. The OMR Rules.

**4. CHANGES TO THE RRS 41(C)**

4.1. RRS 41 (c): Help in the form of information available in a public domain, free or by paid subscription. This shall include navigational, weather, tide or current information from any source available to all boats, whether by payment of a fee or subscription. It shall not include any information gathered by or any advice received from any direct human input not on board the boat and which is specific to the boat and her situation.

By way of an example and interpretation: downloading charts, weather or tidal GRIB files from subscription services, or using a cloud routing service (i.e. Predict Wind) is permitted.

**5. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

5.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Noticeboard on the race website: [www.pittwatertocoffs.com.au](http://www.pittwatertocoffs.com.au) Notices may also be communicated by text and email.

**6. RACE BRIEFING**

6.1. The Race & Weather Briefing will be held at 1830hrs on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at the RPAYC.

**7. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

7.1. Changes to the Sailing Instructions shall be made according to RRS 90.2(c), and changes will be posted no later than 2000hrs on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

**8. TRACKING DEVICES**

- 8.1. Boats will be required to carry a tracking device supplied by the OA. Nothing shall be done to interfere with the normal operation of a tracking device. If anyone is found to have tampered with a tracking device or fails to comply with an OA request regarding tracking devices, they will be subject to protest by the RC.
- 8.2. The Owner and or Person in Charge shall be solely responsible for any tracking device supplied by the OA.
- 8.3. In the event of retirement from the race, the Owner or Person-in-Charge shall return the tracking device to the RPAYC Sailing Office at their own expense. When safely in port, the Owner or Person in Charge shall request authorisation to remove and de-activate the tracking device.
- 8.4. In the event of failure of the tracking device, additional position reports shall be required using mobile or satellite telephone. Details are outlined in Appendix A (A3) of these SIs.

**9. COMMUNICATIONS**

- 9.1. Refer to Appendix A of the SIs.
- 9.2. **VHF Channel 77** will be used by the Race Committee at the Start and Finish Lines of the race. The Race Committee may also be contacted on mobile phone (+61 427 477 854).
- 9.3. Boats are reminded of their obligations to maintain a listening watch on VHF Channel 16 throughout the race.

**10. REPORTING AT THE START**

- 10.1. No later than 1245hrs: Boats intending to start shall motor past the port side of the Race Committee vessel (which may be Alfreds 1, a white Grand Banks 36) displaying an orange flag at the PORT end of the start line, with their whole crew on deck in Lifejackets and Safety harnesses.
- 10.2. The boat shall hail its sail number and the number of persons on board until acknowledged by the race officials.
- 10.3. A boat that is delayed at the start by more than 10 minutes after her starting signal shall contact the Race Committee and describe the reasons for any delay, whether they still intend to start the race and approximately when they anticipate starting. In addition, the Race Committee shall advise the boat of the position of the start line, whether the Race Committee Signal vessel will be on station for their start and any other information they may require to be able to race.

**11. THE START**

- 11.1. The Warning Signal - Friday 11 April 2025:  
Monohulls - 1255hrs  
Multihulls – 1300hrs
- 11.2. The Starting area in Broken Bay will be in the vicinity of Barrenjoey Headland and Lion Island.
- 11.3. The Starting Line will be between two committee vessels, displaying an orange flag. Committee Vessel - Le Billet, a beige Fleming 55’ motorboat, at the starboard end and Committee Vessel - Alfred’s 1, a white Grand Banks 36, at the port end.
- 11.4. At the starboard end of the Starting Line, an inner distance mark (a red inflatable mark) may be moored in the vicinity of, but not necessarily on, the Starting Line. When starting, boats shall leave the inner distance mark to starboard and shall not pass between this mark and the Race Committee signal vessel.

**12. START SIGNALS**

- 12.1. The Class Flag: Monohulls - Code Flag ‘W’  
Multihulls – Code Flag ‘R’

**13. RECALLS**

- 13.1. As an aid to competitors, a boat subject to recall (OCS) may be identified by the Race Committee radio on VHF Ch. 77. Failure of this radio communication shall not be grounds for redress.
- 13.2. Any boat in breach of RRS 29.1 that fails to return and start correctly shall receive a scoring penalty of 20%, applied by the Race Committee without a hearing. Amends RRS 60.5(b).

**14. COURSE & DISTANCE**

- 14.1. Pittwater to Coffs Harbour – Approximately 226nm

COURSE	Start (Pittwater) – Korffs Islet (pass to Port) – Finish (Coffs Harbour)
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## 15. TEMPORARY DISCONTINUANCE OF RACING

- 15.1. A boat after starting may use the engine to assist with:
  - 15.1.1. Taking shelter from extreme weather.
  - 15.1.2. Disembarking sick or injured crew who are unable to continue racing (such crew shall not be replaced).
  - 15.1.3. Attempting repairs being undertaken aboard.

## 16. BOATS WITHDRAWING/RETIRING

- 16.1. Boats shall contact the Race Committee at the time of withdrawal from the race; giving its position, the reason for retirement, intended port of destination and ETA at that port.
- 16.2. **Upon Arrival in Port, Boats Shall:**
  - 16.2.1. Immediately notify the Local Port Organization (Marine Rescue) on entry to the port;
  - 16.2.2. Notify Race Committee by telephone on +61 427 477 854.
- 16.3. It is the vessel owner's responsibility to ensure the tracking device is returned to the OA once the OA has authorised its removal.
- 16.4. Boats failing to comply may be subject to report by Race Committee RRS 60.2(c) requesting action under RRS 69.1.

## 17. APPROACH TO THE FINISH

- 17.1. Boats shall call the Pittwater to Coffs Race Committee on VHF Ch.77 when 5nm from the finish and provide an approximate finish time.

## 18. THE FINISH

- 18.1. The Finish Line shall be an extension of a line formed by the leading lights (fixed blue) for Coffs Harbour, bearing 271 degrees true.
- 18.2. Boats shall pass from south to north across the finishing line.
- 18.3. An Outer Limit Mark (which will not be laid) in position 30° 18.487'S 153° 9.749'E shall be passed to starboard and may not be exactly on the finish line.
- 18.4. A boats finishing time will be taken from the report of its YB Tracker as it crosses the line.
- 18.5. The Race Committee will also be sighting the line from the shore and taking finishing times.
- 18.6. Boats shall record a finishing time as they cross the finishing line and report it to the Race Committee via text to +61 427 477 854.

## 19. TIME LIMIT

- 19.1. There is no time limit for the race.

## 20. PENALTIES (RRS PART 2 AND RRS 31)

- 20.1. Up until Cape Three Points (when Cape Three Points bears greater than 270 degrees magnetic), a boat may take a penalty in accordance with RRS 44.1.
- 20.2. North of Cape Three Points, a Scoring Penalty shall apply. The scoring penalty shall be 10 minutes added to the boat's finish time. (Amends RRS 44.3). A boat infringing in more than one incident shall receive a separate penalty for each infringement.
- 20.3. A boat takes a Scoring Penalty by declaring the incident(s) on a Declaration Form and submitting it to the RC in accordance with SI 22 (Amends RRS 44.3).
- 20.4. Placings will be awarded after the imposition of penalties or granting of redress.

## 21. OTHER PENALTIES

- 21.1. The Protest Committee may apply a penalty instead of disqualification for an infringement of a rule or Sailing Instruction.
- 21.2. A boat that fails to meet the requirements of SI 22 shall receive a scoring penalty of 20% applied by the Race Committee without a hearing. Amends RRS 60.5(b).
- 21.3. Where a penalty is not specified, the Protest Committee may impose a scoring penalty of not less than 20% in place of disqualification.
- 21.4. The Protest Committee may, at its discretion, disqualify a boat that causes serious damage or injury to another boat or its crew or for an infringement of RRS 69.1.
- 21.5. All penalties, unless otherwise specified, shall be computed as a percentage of the number of entries to the nearest whole number (rounding 0.5 upwards) in each Handicap Category and Division.
- 21.6. The RC may impose a penalty on a boat without a hearing regarding any rule infringements disclosed by the boat on its Declaration, except that the boat shall be entitled to a hearing when it satisfies the Protest Committee that an error may have been made.
- 21.7. The imposition of penalties will affect the placing of other boats, which shall be advanced to fill all preceding places vacated by penalised boats, subject to tied, elapsed or line honours results. If two or more boats share the same placing after applying penalties, the boat(s) with the least or no penalty shall be placed above the boat(s) with the greatest penalty. (Changes RRS 44.3c).

## 22. DECLARATION FORMS

- 22.1. A Declaration Form shall only be required to be completed and submitted to the Race Committee in the event of any of the following:
  - 22.1.1. To declare a scoring penalty;
  - 22.1.2. To report a breach of the rules by their boat; including RRS, Rating Rules, Colregs, Special Regulations, Equipment Rules of Sailing or any other rules governing the race;
  - 22.1.3. To report discontinuation of racing;
  - 22.1.4. To report retirement from the race.
- 22.2. Declaration Forms may be submitted in person at Coffs Harbour Yacht Club reception, or by email: [sailing@rpayc.com.au](mailto:sailing@rpayc.com.au)
- 22.3. A Declaration Form is attached to these SIs and available on the event website.

## 23. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 23.1. The following protest time limits will apply. This amends RRS 60.3(b) and 61.2(a).
- 23.2. Protests or requests for redress by boats arising from the race shall be lodged within three hours of the finishing time of the protesting boat. If the CHYC Office is closed at the expiry of that time, the protest or request for redress shall be lodged by 0930hrs on the following morning.
- 23.3. Protests may be lodged by email: [sailing@rpayc.com.au](mailto:sailing@rpayc.com.au)
- 23.4. There is no time limit on protests by the Race Committee or the Protest Committee.
- 23.5. Notification of the details of protest hearings will be placed on the event website to inform competitors. In addition, they will be contacted by phone or email as to when and where a protest hearing will be held in which they are involved or named as a witness. These notices fulfil the requirements of RRS 63.1.

## 24. STANDINGS AND RESULTS

- 24.1. During the race, the RC may publish provisional standings on the event website.
- 24.2. Provisional and final results will be displayed on the event website as soon as practicable after the race.

## 25. PRIZES AND PRIZEGIVING

### 25.1. Perpetual Trophies

- 25.1.1. IRC Overall – The Pittwater to Coffs Carbon Sail Perpetual Trophy  
Line Honours Monohull & Multihull – The Bell Line Honours Perpetual Trophy

### 25.2. Prizes

- 25.2.1. 1<sup>st</sup> IRC, ORC and PHS Overall  
1<sup>st</sup> Handicap Multihull Overall  
1<sup>st</sup> IRC Two-Handed

25.2.2. Further trophies or prizes may be awarded for place getters.

25.2.3. The handicap and rating results may also be divided further for divisional prizes.

### 25.3. Navigators Prize

25.3.1. Navigators wishing to enter for the Navigators Prize, shall submit their estimated date and time of finishing before, 1100hrs Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

Email: [sailing@rpayc.com.au](mailto:sailing@rpayc.com.au) including the following: Boat Name, Sail No. Navigators Name, Estimated date and time of your finish.

25.4. Full details of the Prizegiving will be posted on the website and communicated to competitors by email and text (Provisionally 1400hrs Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2025).

## 26. DISCLAIMER

26.1. The OA, the RC, the event sponsors and their respective representatives, officers, members and volunteers accept no liability whatsoever for any loss of life, property, personal injury or damage caused by or arising out of the Pittwater to Coffs Harbour Yacht Race.

26.2. Once a boat has finished or retired from the race, the OA, the RC, the event sponsors and their respective representatives, officers, members and volunteers discharge any further Duty of Care.

26.3. Owner and or the Person in Charge and all crew are aware and acknowledge by entering the race that they compete entirely and at their own risk.

**Attention is drawn to the World Sailing Fundamental Rule 3, “Decision to Race”, which states, “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone”.**

## 27. INSURANCE

27.1. All boats shall have a current Marine Legal Public Liability Insurance Policy for the duration of the race, with a sum insured of not less than AUD\$10 million.

27.2. The Policy must state that the boat is insured for the race (or racing) in which it is participating and that it is covered for at least the distance of the Race.

## APPENDIX A – DISTRESS RESPONSIBILITY & COMMUNICATIONS

### A1. DISTRESS RESPONSIBILITY

- A1.1. There is an obligation upon persons in charge that they render all assistance within their power in cases where a person or persons are in distress at sea.
- A1.2. The immediate action required after receiving a distress call:
  - A1.2.1. Acknowledge receipt and, if appropriate, re-transmit the distress message;
  - A1.2.2. Communicate the following information to the boat in distress:
    - A1.2.2.1. Identity, Position, Estimate Time of Arrival (ETA)
    - A1.2.2.2. When available, magnetic bearing to the boat in distress;
  - A1.2.3. Maintain a continuous listening watch on distress frequencies;
  - A1.2.4. Post extra lookout if in the vicinity; and
  - A1.2.5. Relay Distress Messages to a Marine Rescue Unit and Rescue coordination control and update as necessary.

### A2. DISTRESS COMMUNICATIONS

<b>AMSA Maritime Search and Rescue</b> 24-Hour emergency helpline Within Australia: 02 <b>6230 6811</b>	<b>NSW Police Marine Area Command ('MAC')</b> <b>000 / 02 9320 7499</b>
<b>Marine Rescue NSW HQ P: 02 8071 4848</b>	

#### Race Committee Contacts

<b>Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club</b> M: +61 <b>427 477 854</b> / P: 02 <b>9998 3700</b>	<b>Coffs Harbour Marina</b> P: 02 <b>6651 4222</b>
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- A2.1. Emergency Contacts (Telephone 000 or Sat Phone 112)
- A2.2. **Mobile phone Communications**
  - A2.2.1. Mobile phones shall be turned on and be in a position where they can be heard when ringing and regularly checked for messages.
- A2.3. **VHF Radio Communications**
  - A2.3.1. All boats shall maintain a continuous listening watch on VHF Channel 16.
- A2.4. Automatic Identification System
  - A2.4.1. All boats shall carry an AIS Transponder. The Transponder shall be operational (transmitting & receiving) for the race duration.
- A2.5. **Marine Rescue Stations**



<https://www.marinerescuensw.com.au/find-a-unit/>

Coastal Station	Phone No.	Channels
Marine Rescue Lake Macquarie	Ph: 02 4972 7400	VHF 16
Marine Rescue Newcastle	Ph: 02 4960 0263	VHF 16
Marine Rescue Port Stephens	Ph: 02 4981 3581	VHF 16
Marine Rescue Forster Tuncurry	Ph: 02 5556 1600	VHF 16
Marine Rescue Port Macquarie	Ph: 02 5547 9100	VHF 16
Marine Rescue Coffs Harbour	Ph: 02 6650 4900	VHF 16

### A2.6. Radio Distress Calling

A2.6.1. A boat in distress must follow the Radio Telephone distress procedure in the *Marine Radio Operators Handbook*.

#### HF Radio (if installed):

- Charleville Radio (Call sign: CHARLEVILLE RADIO) maintains a 24-hour listening watch on **HF 4125, 6215, 8291 kHz** and (**12290 kHz** during daylight hours) distress and calling frequencies. Charleville Radio also broadcasts relevant navigation warnings and marine safety information (MSI) on **HF 8176 kHz** at **1025** and **2325** hours, and at such times, warnings are received from AMSA.

#### VHF Radio:

- Marine Rescue NSW maintains a 24-hour listening watch on VHF CH 16.

**All boats must maintain a 24-hour listening watch on VHF Channel 16 for the duration of the race and record all radio distress communications details heard in their boats' logbook.**

### A3. TRACKER FAILURE

A3.1. If a Tracker ceases to operate/transmit for a period longer than 60 minutes, a boat must provide position reports following the direction of the RC as per A3.2. The RC will contact a boat whose tracker fails. In addition, the RC will manually update the online electronic tracker system.

#### A3.2. Reporting via Satellite Phone Text (if carried) or Mobile Phone Text SMS

A3.2.1. Each boat shall report their position on a three-hourly basis (at the top of the hour) by text to mobile phone +61 427 477 854 notes in this order:

A3.2.2. Boat name

A3.2.3. Sail number

A3.2.4. Position - Latitude and Longitude in Degrees and Whole Minutes, NOT DECIMALS and whether proceeding North or South.

A3.3. The Race Committee will acknowledge that report by text SMS as 'Received'.

**Boats that fail to comply with the requirements of A3 shall explain the circumstances on the Declaration Form (refer to SI 22). Boats failing to report may be subject to protest by the RC.**

A3.4. All radio (and phone messages) received, transmitted, or attempted must be entered in the boat's log or a separate communications log.

## DECLARATION FORM

### Pittwater to Coffs Harbour Yacht Race

To be submitted in the event of a breach of the rules, reportable incident, or retirement.

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE OWNER OR OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE

Boat Name..... Sail No.....

I am a member of.....Yacht Club

I was in charge of the Boat in the **PITTWATER TO COFFS HARBOUR YACHT RACE**

I am taking a scoring penalty/penalties for the following incident(s)

Rules breached: .....

Boats involved: .....

Details of the Incident:

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Note: The boat may be subject to protest to ascertain whether the breach(s) were intentional and or whether an advantage was gained.

Date of Finish/Retirement .....

Finish Time (AEST) .....

(Owner/Representative) Signed .....

**To be submitted to:** [sailing@rpayc.com.au](mailto:sailing@rpayc.com.au) or photograph and send to **+61 427 477 854**