

Townsville Sailing Club Inc.

Cleveland Bay

Townsville

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2024

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024* (“RRS”) and any amendments of those rules during the season.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of Australian Sailing will apply
- 1.3 Directions given at an oral briefing approximately one hour before the scheduled start time of the first race for the day will apply
- 1.4 The Racing Rules of Sailing that have been changed by these Sailing Instructions are notified in the individual instructions herein.
- 1.5 Under rule 87, the Class Rules of any class having a Townsville Sailing Club (‘TSC’) fleet will apply except where there is conflict with these Sailing Instructions wherein these Sailing Instructions will prevail.
- 1.6 These Sailing Instructions shall apply year by year until amended.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located on the TSC balcony. Notices may also be published on the TSC website <https://www.townsvillesailing.com.au/home/>, the TSC Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/TownsvilleSailing>, and the SailorApp provided that in the event of any conflict in the information, the official notice board shall prevail.
- 2.2 The SailorApp is freely available for download and install for both iOS and Android:

iOS:



Android:



3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board and may be published on the TSC website, Facebook page and SailorApp. A change to the schedule of races will be emailed to current financial members by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect. It is the competitor's obligation to ensure the TSC Registrar has a current email address for the member. The start time of any race may be postponed by oral instruction at the race briefing.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the TSC flagpole adjacent to the clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes for the race signal AP "All Postponed "'

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The Schedule of Races will be published separately on the website, Facebook page, SailorApp and may be emailed before the commencement of the relevant season to all current financial members.

6 CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 Class flags will be the class emblem for one class in that fleet except that the class flag for a mixed fleets where the flag will be described at the briefing. The race committee may start more than one class at a time. The class flag to be used may be modified by oral instruction at the race briefing.

7 RACING AREAS

- 7.1 Attachment A shows the intended location of racing areas for off the beach boats. For special races this may be altered and notified orally at the briefing.
- 7.2 For Trailer Sailor vessels, the racing area will be within the area comprising the fixed marks denoted in Attachment B.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 For off the beach boats, the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left will be notified orally at the briefing for that day of racing.

- 8.2** For Trailer Sailor vessels, the course will be a combination of fixed marks identified in Attachment B, with a designated rounding direction, that will be confirmed no later than 90 minutes before the designated start time as a notice to competitors.

9 MARKS

- 9.1** For of the Beach rounding marks will be coloured conical marks approximately 1.5 meters tall. Start and finish marks may be smaller spherical marks. Further description of the marks may be given orally at the briefing.
- 9.2** For Trailer Sailor vessels, rounding marks will be fixed marks identified in Attachment B.

10 THE START

- 10.1** Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made five (5) minutes before the starting signal. This may be reduced to three (3) minutes by oral instruction at the briefing for that day of racing.
- 10.2** The starting line will be between windward side of the buoy at one end of the line and staff displaying the orange flag on the starting boat or jetty if so described at the briefing or in these instructions.
- 10.3** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 10.4** Multiple fleets may start in the same start.
- 10.5** For pursuit starts the boat's handicap number will be displayed one minute before its start time and will be removed at the start time. The preparatory signal will be made four minutes before the start time of the first starter. The Race Committee's decision as to a boat's handicap will be final.
- 10.6** At an unspecified time before the first warning signal, the start vessel may draw attention to the impending start by making a series of sound signals.

11 THE FINISH

- 11.1** For off the beach boats, the finishing line will be between a blue flag on the official boat or jetty and the adjacent mark.
- 11.2** For Trailer Sailor vessels undertaking a race away from the Off-the-beach racing area, the finish line will be between port and starboard lateral channel markers at the outer breakwall entrance to the Breakwater Marina channel as shown in Attachment C. Trailer Sailor vessels, will be required to record their own finish from GPS time.

12 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 12.1** A boat trailing a long distance behind the second to last boat may be notified that it will be scored last place and advised it need not complete the course. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13.1** Protest forms are available at the TSC clubhouse or can be downloaded from the [World Townsville Sailing Club website](#). Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

14 SCORING

- 14.1** The scoring system is the Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A to the RRS.
- 14.2** Where back-to-back races are held in one programmed heat, each race that day shall be scored as one heat in the series.
- 14.3** Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 14.4**
- (a) When five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - (b) When eight (8) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst two scores.
 - (c) When eleven (11) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her three worst scores.
 - (d) When fourteen (14) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her four worst scores.
 - (e) When seventeen (17) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her five worst scores.
 - (f) When twenty (20) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her six worst scores.
- 14.5** For the purposes of RRS Rule A5, a boat that signs on, rigs their boat for the day's sailing and pays its nomination fee, but does not arrive at the starting area will be scored DNS (Did Not Start).
- 14.6** Where a boat is unable to compete in a Championship or Handicap heat due to the skipper or crew personally fulfilling his obligations to the TSC safety boat roster, his boat will be scored CD (Club Duty) and will be awarded 1.5 points, providing the

skipper or crew emails the Townsville Sailing Club office ahead of time, or advises the registration desk on the day of sailing.

- 14.7** A maximum of 2 CD scores will be permitted per boat for the season.
- 14.8** A boat that has a DNS (Did Not Start), Did Not Finish (DNF), On Course Side (OCS), Did Not Sail the Course (NCS) result, or either Retires (RET) or is Disqualified, will be scored the number of starters for that race, plus 1
- 14.9** A boat that has a DNC (Did Not Compete) result for a given race will be scored the number of entrants in the series, plus 1
- 14.10** A boat that misses a club race day due to competing in state, national or world titles, and notifies the TSC office via email at least 7 days prior to the club race day, will be entitled to a score for the races on that day equal to the average points across all races up to the race in question. The score will be denoted Redress Given (RDG) similar RRS A9(b), though no hearing will be required.
- 14.11** The Trailer Sailor Division will race under a Performance Based Handicap based on Class Based Handicaps. The handicapper's decision about a handicap is final.
- 14.12** Where a class of boat has been sailed by more competitors and more frequently the Cleveland Bay series rather than the Championship series, the Sailing Committee may choose to award the Club Championship for that class based on the Cleveland Bay series results. The Sailing Committee must notify competitors no later than 1 week prior to the final race of the Cleveland Bay series of the decision to score it as the Championship Series.

15 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 15.1** All boats from all fleets must complete sign on requirements before the start of the first race for that day and sign off after the last race for each day within one hour of the finish time. Failure to do so may result in a scoring penalty. A boat that retires from a race or does not intend to compete in a second or subsequent race that day shall notify the race committee as soon as possible either verbally or through the signing off.
- 15.2** The Trailer Sailor Division must meet Category 7 safety requirements and include a working VHF radio. All racing transmissions will be on Channel 71.

16 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

Championship and Non-Championship Heats:

- 16.1** Points for championship races shall be awarded to the competing boat whereby the skipper will collect points by the class of boat sailed for the season. A skipper may

choose to sail multiple classes of boats in the championship, however each class of boat sailed by the skipper will be considered a separate entry in the championship.

16.2 The skipper may replace a boat with an alternative boat of the same class during the season and continue to collect points as if it is one entry in the championship.

16.3 By prior written notice to the TSC either by email to the TSC office or by request to the registration desk on the day of sailing, a skipper may nominate a replacement skipper for two scheduled days of racing where the skipper is completing safety boat roster duties and one additional day of racing where the skipper is unable to compete for personal reasons. Where the skipper is on safety boat duty the boat will score the points for its place in the race instead of the 1.5 points referred to in clause 14.6 hereof.

16.4 Substitution of crew in a two-person boat is allowable at any time without notice.

Club Boats:

16.5 Points for any race competed for by a club hire boat will be awarded to skipper of the boat. Where the skipper competes in different boats of the same class in different races, points will be awarded irrespective of which club boat the skipper sails. However, a skipper that sails multiple classes of boats, each class of boat sailed by the skipper will be considered a separate entry and collect points accordingly in the series.

16.6 If the skipper is substituting a Club boat for his/her own boat due to absence of the private boat, the club boat points will be awarded to the private boat.

Notification of a Replacement:

16.7 If a skipper is replacing equipment that needs to be notified as Part of Clause 16 or using a different sail number that is not its regular registered number, the skipper, **MUST** submit a Change of Details form via email to TSC office or to the registration desk on the day of sailing. Failure to do so may result in points not being allocated to the correct boat and the TSC scorer will not be required to make any further investigation. Change of Detail forms can be found on the [Townsville Sailing Club website](#).

16.8 The Trailer Sailor Division does not need to comply with the requirements of Clauses 16.1 to 16.6. If a Trailer Sailor does not have sail numbers, they must display bow numbers of 300mm high minimum and advise the club of the bow numbers.

17 INSURANCE

17.1 Each participating boat shall be insured for third party risks. Evidence of cover may be required to be provided to the club.

18 EVENT ADVERTISING

- 18.1** Boats shall display event advertising supplied by the TSC as organizing authority, if requested to do so.

19 SUPPORT BOATS

- 19.1** Any boat in a position worse than 50% of the fleet in that race may receive coaching or advice from any official TSC safety boat or any other person approved prior to the race, by the protest committee or the principal race officer. This changes RRS Rule 41.

20 RUBBISH DISPOSAL

- 20.1** Rubbish must not be disposed of into the water and may be placed aboard support or official boats.

21 CLUB MEMBERSHIP

- 21.1** In addition to the requirements of RRS Rule 75 any skipper or crew member who sails more than three races in any one season must also be a member of TSC. Failure to comply will mean the skipper and boat score no points and are not eligible for prizes and for rescue purposes will be treated as a member of the general public, with the potential of being sent a bill for the cost of rescue efforts.
- 21.2** The TSC may nominate certain races or events during the season as “open events” in which case the skipper need only be a member of a club affiliated with Sailing Australia. Such races will not count as one of the three races referred to in this instruction.

22 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 22.1** Except in an emergency or unless altered at the oral briefing, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

23 PRIZES

- 23.1** Prizes for a series will be presented at the annual Presentation Night. Prizes for one off races and minor prizes for series heats may be presented at the conclusion of that day's sailing. Sprint race days will be stand-alone events and prizes may be presented at the end of that day.
- 23.2** Results will be published on the TSC website and via the SailorApp and may be announced

at the conclusion of each day's racing.

24 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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



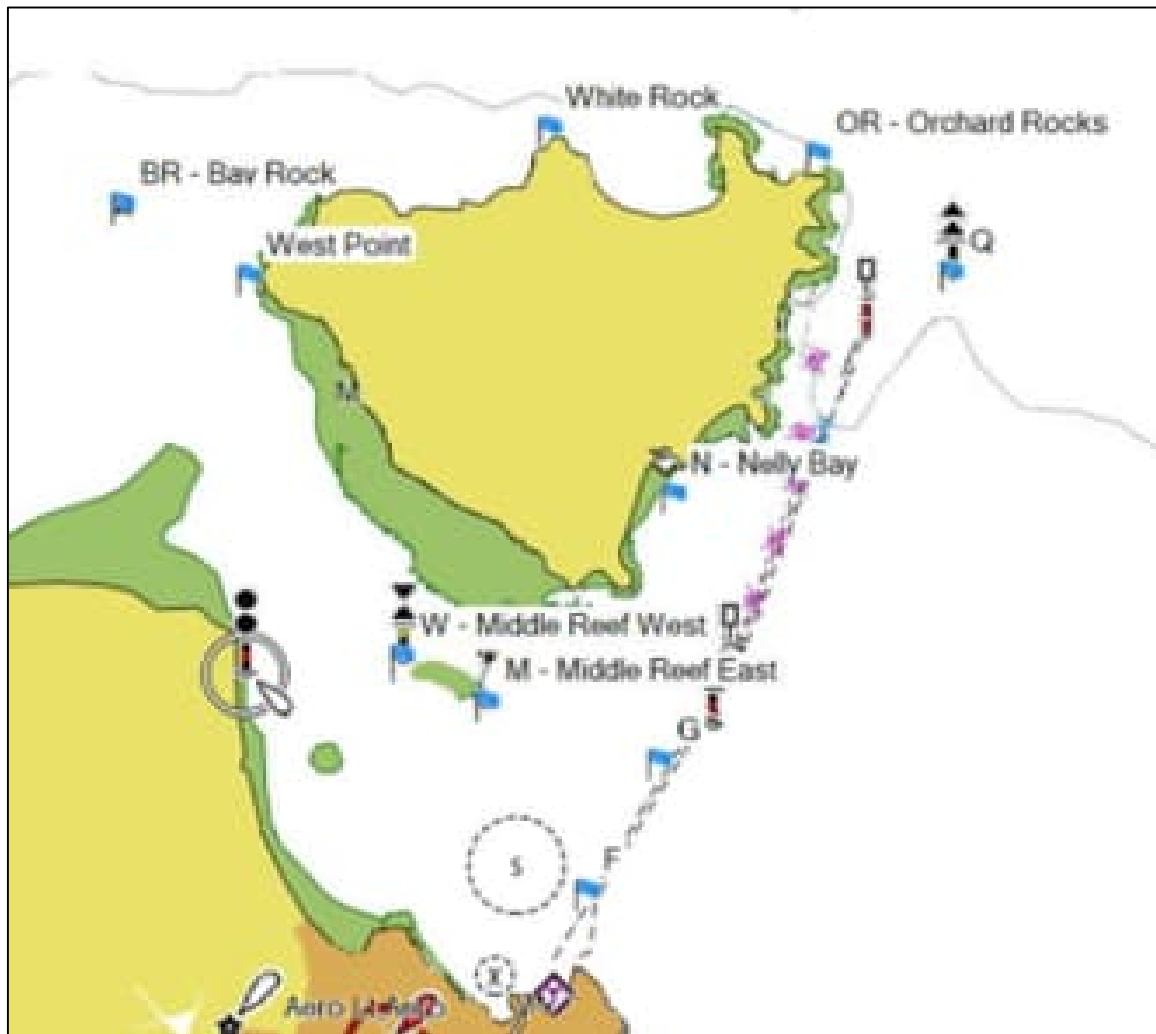
Attachment A

Racing area for off the Beach Boats



Attachment B

Trailer Sailor – Fixed Marks



Attachment C

Trailer Sailor – Finish Line

