

NOTICE OF RACE



2023 Townsville Sprint Regatta

September 30 to October 2, 2023

Including

North Queensland Sabot Traveller Series
Townsville Green Fleet Challenge
North Queensland Sabot Titles
Australian Sailing NQ Club Challenge – Round 3

Venue - Cleveland Bay, Townsville

Organising Authority - Townsville Sailing Club Inc., The Strand, Townsville

1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta/racing will be governed by the current rules as defined in Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024, the special regulations of Australian Sailing, formerly Yachting Australia, the class rules of any participating classes (except as any of these are altered by the sailing instructions) and by the sailing instructions.
- 1.2. The Junior Green Fleet will be governed by the World Sailing Introductory Rules of Sailing.

2. Alterations of Racing Rules

- 2.1. The racing rules will be modified in accordance with Rule 86 as follows:
 - 2.1.1. RRS 1.2: Personal Flotation Devices is amended that all competitors for off-the-beach boats must wear at all times approved PFD's whilst on the water. RRS 1.2 remains unchanged for trailable yachts.
 - 2.1.2. RRS 26: Starting Races - Is changed to "The signals used to start the races will be listed in the sailing instructions".



- 2.1.3. RRS 41: Outside Help will be altered by adding: '(e) that any Junior class dinghy in a position worse than 50% of the fleet in that race may receive coaching or advice from any official Townsville Sailing Club (TSC) safety boat or any other person approved by the race committee.
- 2.1.4. RRS 44.1: Taking a Penalty will be altered by changing the Two Turns penalty turn to a One Turn penalty turn for an infringement of Part 2 of RRS.
- 2.1.5. RRS 61.3: Protest Time Limit - Protests must be delivered no later than 60 minutes after the time of the last boat to finish the last race of the session of racing to which the protest relates.
- 2.1.6. RRS 66: Reopening A Hearing - is changed by adding the following: 'On the last day of racing, a party to a hearing may ask for a reopening only if the request is received within 30 minutes of receiving the protest decision.
- 2.1.7. RRS 90.2(c): Change to Sailing Instructions - is amended to allow briefings to be conducted at the TSC clubhouse prior to each race session. Briefings may or may not be made on the following days at the discretion of the Race Director. Verbal changes to the sailing instructions may be issued at briefings, and will be deemed to have been given to each boat.
- 2.1.8. Signals Made Ashore - Flag AP ashore with two sound signals (one when lowered) means 'The race is postponed. The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after AP is lowered.' Amends Race Signals.

3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1. The Townsville Sprint Regatta is open to all boats of any class holding an Australian Sailing (AS) yardstick (VYC) or Trailable Yachts holding a Class Based Handicap (CBH). Only Trailable Yachts or boats with a AS yardstick of **89 or less** will be eligible to undertake the Long Course for the Magnetic Island Race (MIR).
- 3.2. Each boat entering shall submit certification/declaration that the boat has current third party insurance and proof of skipper/crew holding a valid sailing club membership.
- 3.3. Eligible boats are to enter by completing the Entry Form online at the [Townsville Sailing Club website](#) before 5pm Friday 29th September 2023. Any entry lodged on the 30th September will be required to be carried out at the TSC Registration Desk and pay an administration fee of \$20. All competitors are encouraged, where possible, to enter online prior to the event and take advantage of the offered discount.
- 3.4. Remittance of the required fee, according to the schedule of nominations in Section 5 of this Notice of Race, are to be made online by following the above link or at the TSC Registration Desk between 9am and 11am on Saturday the 30th September 2023. No Registrations will be accepted on the day after 11am



- 3.5. The following restrictions on the number of boats apply: Where the number of boats entered in any one class is in the race committee's absolute discretion, insufficient to constitute a fleet, those entries will race in a mixed fleet and scored using yardsticks.
- 3.6. All entries in all classes may be required to carry an identifying bow number.
- 3.7. All beach launch craft must complete sign on and sign off requirements indicated in the Sailing Instructions.

4. Club Boats for Hire

- 4.1. Townsville Sailing Club has a number of Club Boats available for competitors to Hire. Hired Club Boats will be reserved on a first come first serve basis through the registration process.
- 4.2. The allocation of hire boats will be random for the regatta within each class, with the supplied boat allocated to the hiring competitor for the duration of the regatta.
- 4.3. Hiring competitors will be responsible for minor repairs during the course of the regatta to keep their allocated boat sailing.
- 4.4. Major damage is to be reported to the Club, and there is no guarantee made by the club that a boat can be provided for the full regatta in the event of major damage. Should a boat be unable to complete the regatta due to major damage, the club may consider a refund on a pro-rata basis depending on the nature of the incident leading to the major damage. Where possible an alternative Club Boat could be provided if major damage prevents sailing the full regatta in the originally allocated boat.
- 4.5. Hire fees for Club Boats are outlined in Section 5 of this Notice of Race and must be paid prior to the close of registration. Club Boats will not be able to be hired as part of the late registration process.
- 4.6. The number and class of available Club Boats for hire are:

Class	Number Available
Tackers Opti	12
Sabot	2
Pacers	6
Laser	1
Tasar	1
Topper Vibe	3



5. Schedule of Fees

5.1. Nomination fees for the event are:

Category	Amount Due
Registration Fees	
Green Fleet	\$40
Sabot / Bic (or similar)	\$50
Other fleets	\$70
MIR only	\$50
Sprints + MIR	\$90
Club Hire Boat Fees (3 days)	
Tackers Opti	\$30
Sabot	\$40
Laser	\$70
Pacers	\$90
Tasar	\$90
Topper Vibe	\$150

6. Schedule of Events

6.1. The schedule of events are as follows:

Event	When	Where
Registration	Saturday 30/9 9:00 – 11:00	TSC Clubhouse
Briefings	Saturday 30/9 – 12:00	TSC Lawn Marquee
Sprint Regatta – Session 1	Saturday 30/9 – not before 14:00	Cleveland Bay
Maggie Island Race -- Briefing	Sunday 1/10 – 09:00	TSC Clubhouse
Maggie Island Race	Sunday 1/10 – not before 10:00	Cleveland Bay
Sprint Regatta – Session 2	Sunday 1/10 – not before 10:20	Cleveland Bay
Sprint Regatta – Session 3	Sunday 1/10 – not before 14:00	Cleveland Bay
Sprint Regatta – Session 4	Monday 2/10 – not before 10:00	Cleveland Bay
Regatta - Presentation	Monday 2/10 – Approx 14:00 (as soon as practicable after racing)	TSC Lawn Marquee

7. Measurement

7.1. Measurement is not required but may be subject to random inspections.

7.2. All boats must be sailed in the one design measurement configuration for the appropriate yard stick. If alteration to a boat has been made yardstick changes may be made at the discretion of the regatta handicapper.

8. Sailing Instructions

8.1. The SI's will be available after 9.00am on 30/9/2023 at TSC, or earlier online if possible.



8.2. Green/Rainbow Fleet will have separate SI's.

9. Regatta Site

- 9.1. The regatta site will be at the Townsville Sailing Club, 3 Mariners Drive, Breakwater Marina Townsville.
- 9.2. Competitors should note that Mariners Drive is a private road and that parking is by permit only. Competitors should consider parking on The Strand. Adequate car and trailer parking is available in Fryer Street and Carter Street a short walk from the rigging area.
- 9.3. Drop and go access will be available for the rigging area. Vehicles are not permitted to be parked in the rigging area or access driveway. Vehicle access to the rigging area will be via the access driveway only.
- 9.4. Participants are reminded that the TSC licensed premises are within the fenced area of the club lawns and clubhouse and that Townsville City Council Local Laws prohibit the consumption of alcohol on The Strand (including the rigging park). Any competitor or supporters found contravening the Local Law, whether or not the alcohol was purchased from TSC, may be disqualified without a hearing, from future involvement in the regatta and have all points scored removed.

10. Racing Area

- 10.1. The racing area for the Townsville Sprint Regatta will be on Cleveland Bay, Townsville in the area within two nautical miles of The Strand. The racing area for the Magnetic Island Race will be the Partially Smooth Waters of Cleveland Bay in the vicinity of The Strand, Magnetic Island and West Channel.

11. Courses

- 11.1. Possible course configurations will be described in the sailing instructions. For the Townsville Sprint Regatta courses are likely to be windward leeward and Triangle short courses consisting of one or two laps, at the discretion of the PRO. The Magnetic Island Race will have a Long Course round Magnetic Island or a Short Course near shore marathon if conditions demand otherwise.

12. Scoring

- 12.1. The Low Point scoring system, Appendix A.4.1 will apply for the 2022 Townsville Sprint Regatta. If more than six races are completed each boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. If more than ten races are completed two races will be excluded.
- 12.2. The Magnetic Island Race is a single race series.

13. Radio Communications and Safety Equipment

- 13.1. For the Townsville Sprint Regatta, a boat shall neither make radio transmission while racing nor receive radio communication not available to all boats in her division. For the Magnetic Island Race, boats will be required to carry a hand-held marine waterproof VHF or waterproof mobile phone, a signal mirror and an orange smoke flare as a minimum.

14. Prizes

- 14.1. Prizes will be awarded to the first three boats in each fleet and where the number of entries is deemed sufficient by the sailing committee to such further placings as appropriate. The presentations are outlined in the schedule of events.

15. Entry Disclaimer

- 15.1. It is the Competitor's decision to enter the Regatta or to start or continue in any race. Competitors shall accept that their participation in the Regatta is at their sole exclusive risk in every respect. By way of entry to the Regatta competitors shall indemnify the Townsville Sailing Club Inc. its officers, members, servants and agents in respect of all claims and demands of whatever nature which may be made upon them in connection with or however arising from their participation or intended participation in the Regatta.
- 15.2. Competitors shall acknowledge that the Townsville Sailing Club Inc., its officers, members, servants and agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in the Regatta or howsoever arising in connection with this event. Attention is drawn to ISAF Fundamental Rules 3 & 4.

16. Further Information

For further information email TSC townsvillesailingclub@gmail.com

The 2023 Townsville Sprint Regatta

30th September to 2nd October 2023

Venue - Cleveland Bay Townsville

[Townsville Sailing Club website](#)