



## 2017 EASTER SHIELD

Incorporating

The WMYC Hart Cup (Manly to Mooloolaba Yacht Race)  
(MYC - Jim Craddock Memorial Race)  
(MYC - Anstee Memorial Race)  
Friday 14th - Sunday 16th April 2017

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**  
**ORGANISING AUTHORITY**  
Mooloolaba Yacht Club

Sponsored by The Wharf Tavern, Mooloolaba

### 1. RULES

The race will be governed by:

- (a) The rules, as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing ("RRS") of the International Sailing Federation (ISAF)
- (b) The Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) except for any which are modified by this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions.
- (c) The Sailing Instructions for this regatta.

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Before the Regatta notices to competitors will be posted on the MYC website. During the regatta notices to competitors will be posted on the MYC website.

### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0800 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 hours the day before it will take effect.

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#### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be flown from the flag mast outside the Wharf Tavern on the river side at the Wharf Complex.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the race signal AP.

#### 5. SCHEDULE

The Easter Shield for Performance Spinnaker, Cruising Non-Spinnaker, Multihulls, and Two Handed Divisions will consist of two (2) races scheduled as follows:

| Day and Date         | Race No. | Type of Race   | Times                        |
|----------------------|----------|--|------------------------------|
| Thursday 13th April  |          | WMYC's Hart Cup Briefing @ WMYC Clubhouse,   | 1830hours                    |
| Friday 14th March    | 1        | WMYC's Hart Cup - Manly to Mooloolaba Yacht Race<br>For: Performance spinnaker,<br>Cruising non-spinnaker and Multihulls | Warning<br>Signal<br>0755hrs |
| Saturday, 15th April |          | Lay Day – no racing  |                              |
| Sunday, 16th April   | 2        | Passage Race<br>For: Performance spinnaker,<br>Cruising non-spinnaker and Multihulls                                     | Warning<br>Signal<br>0955hrs |
|                      |          | Prize giving 1700 hours @ The Wharf Tavern   | 1700 hrs                     |
| Monday, 17th April   |          | Cruise in company back to Moreton Bay  |                              |

#### 6. CLASS FLAGS

| Division   | Class                  | Flag              |
|------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| Division 1 | Performance Spinnaker  | Numeral Pennant 1 |
| Division 2 | Cruising Non-Spinnaker | Numeral Pennant 2 |
| Division 3 | Multihulls             | Numeral Pennant 3 |
| Division 4 | Two Handed             | Numeral Pennant 4 |

#### 7. THE COURSE

- 7.1 The courses are described in Appendix A.
- 7.2 Laid Mark A, if required, will be laid approximately upwind of the start line at a distance and bearing that will be displayed by the start boat. Mark A will only be laid if a red/green rounding direction flag is displayed.

#### 8. MARKS

- 8.1 The Laid Finish Mark for the Manly-Mooloolaba Race will be a large yellow buoy with a yellow flashing light.
- 8.2 The Laid Finish Mark for the Easter Passage Race will yellow inflatable pencil buoy
- 8.3 Fixed North West Fairway Mark - GPS Position approximately 26° 48.721S | 153° 10.622E
- 8.4 The Gneerings East Cardinal Mark - GPS Position approximately 26° 39.280S | 153° 12.940E
- 8.5 The Mooloolaba Waverider (situated off Coolum) - GPS Position approximately 26° 33.960S | 153° 10.870E.  
Updated locations available from <http://www.qld.gov.au/environment/coasts-waterways/beach/waves-sites/mooloolaba/>
- 8.6 The North Moreton Waverider - GPS Position approximately 26° 53.910S | 153° 16.730E.  
Updated locations available from <https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/coasts-waterways/beach/waves-sites/north-moreton-bay/>

#### 9. THE START / FINISH

- 9.1 The Start line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat at the starboard end and the yellow pin mark at the port end.
- 9.2 An inner distance mark may be laid adjacent to the committee boat which may or may not be on the line. After the preparatory signal no boat shall pass between the inner distance mark and the committee boat which it guards.
- 9.3 The Orange on-station flag will be raised not less than 5 minutes before the Warning Signal.
- 9.4 All races will be started using RRS 26.

- 9.5 Boats not racing and whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS (Did Not Start).

## **10. TIME LIMITS**

For time limits of each race refer to Appendix A of these Sailing Instructions.

## **11. PENALTY SYSTEM / PROTESTS AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS**

- 11.1 The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 shall be a One Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe in the same direction) except that for infringements occurring within the Three Length Zone, the penalty shall be a Two Turns Penalty (two tacks and two gybes in the same direction). This changes RRS 44.1 and 44.2.
- 11.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 20 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the race office within the protest time limit.
- 11.3 Protest forms are available from the Regatta Racing Office (MYC Sailing Office). Protests shall be delivered there within 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the Race Committee and to requests for redress. This changes rule 61.3 and 62.2. The Time Limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 11.4 Notices will be posted within approximately 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. The posting of the notice is notice to the parties for the purpose of RRS 63.2. Hearings will be held in the Regatta Racing Office (MYC Sailing Office)
- 11.5 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 11.6 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
- (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
  - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.
- 11.7 Breaches of Instructions 11.2 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than DSQ if the Protest Committee so decides.

## **12. SCORING SYSTEM**

- 12.1 The Low Point scoring system of the RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 12.2 In the Performance Spinnaker, Cruising Non-spinnaker and Multihulls divisions, 2 races are scheduled, both races count.
- 12.4 Two races are required to be eligible for the MYC Easter Shield.

## **13. BRIEFING**

- 13.1 A briefing will be conducted at 1830 on Thursday 24th March 2017 at Wynnum Manly Yacht Club.
- 13.2 A further briefing will be held at 0845 on Sunday 16th April 2017 at the MYC office at the Wharf.

## **14. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

- 14.1 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.
- 14.2 The Race Committee may broadcast on VHF radio, information regarding race management and recalls, for the benefit of competitors, during race start sequences. For this purpose, boats may carry a handheld VHF radio.
- 14.3 Boats may transmit on VHF radio to communicate in the event of an emergency or upon retiring from a race or at the request of the Race Committee.
- 14.4 All competing boats must monitor VHF channel 12 while within the shipping lanes.
- 14.5 The working channel for all radio communication for Race 1 of this regatta south of NW3 will be on VHF Channel 72 and on VHF Channel 77 north of NW3. For the Easter Passage Race, the working channel for all radio communications will be VHF channel 77.

## **15. HANDICAPS**

Handicaps shall be allocated according to the speed potential of the individual yachts. TCFs shall be allocated at the sole discretion of the Race Committee or its nominee. The handicaps allotted to a yacht shall not be grounds for protest.

## **16. SAFETY**

- 16.1 The series is designated as:
- (a) YA Category 4 safety level for Divisions 1, 2 and 3 for Race 1 (Manly-Mooloolaba Race)
  - (b) YA Category 5 safety level for Divisions 1, 2 and 3 for Race 2.
- 16.2 Safety compliance forms issued by the Clubs which conduct offshore races and are affiliated with a National Authority will, as a rule, be accepted. The Race Committee shall refuse to accept an entry of any yacht unless the owner or skipper is able to demonstrate the yacht's safety compliance.
- 16.3 Radio: A serviceable VHF radio shall be carried as per yacht safety category.
- 16.4 Boats shall not carry anchors protruding from the bow while racing.

## **17. PRIZES**

- 17.1 Prizes shall be awarded for 1st in each Division for each days sailing subject to race entries. These will be presented at 1700hrs on the day.
- 17.2 Prizes for the Hart Cup will be awarded in accordance with the Hart Cup Sailing Instructions.
- 17.3 Additional Prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Sailing Committee. Trophies or Prizes shall be awarded for 1st place in each division at the MYC Annual Prize Giving 2017.
- 17.4 Perpetual Trophies for Jim Craddock Memorial Race will be awarded at the MYC Annual Prize Giving 2017.

## **18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY & INSURANCE**

- 18.1 All persons taking part in these races do so entirely at their own risk and responsibility. The organising authority, the sponsors, their servants and volunteers will not accept any liability for damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, or prior to, during, or after the race. The Race Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry.
- 18.2 It is required that all boats competing in this regatta hold current Third Party Property Liability of at minimum of \$10,000,000 per event. All competitors entering the event are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover.

## APPENDIX A

### RACE 1                    **MANLY TO MOOLOOLABA RACE**

**Fleets:** Performance Spinnaker, Cruising Non-Spinnaker, Multihulls

**Time limit:** 23:30 hours on Friday 3rd April 2015

**Start:** The start will be in the vicinity of the area outside the WMYC harbour entrance.

**Course:** Start (outside WMYC port entrance), Lockyer Light (p), Mud Island (p), M8 (s), M9 (p), EK1 & EK2 pass between; M3 & M4 pass between; M1 & M2 pass between, NW 12 (s), NW 3 (s), NW 8 (s), NW 6 (s), NW 4 (s), NW Fairway (p), Finish (s).

**Course Length:** 53Nm

**Shortened Course:** MYC Race Control will advise if the course is to be shortened.

**Finish:** The finish will be marked by a large yellow buoy with a yellow flashing light stationed on a transit with No1 and No 2 lateral beacons at the entrance of the Mooloolah River approximately 550 metres north of the Port Lateral Beacon No2 at approximately 26° 40.440S | 153° 08.045E. The buoy will be retrieved by 2330 or within 1 hour of the finish of the last boat, whichever is earlier.

**All boats to record their own finish time using GPS and to radio finish time to 'MYC Race Control' on VHF Channel 77.**

## **RACE 2                    EASTER PASSAGE RACE**

**Fleets:**                    **Performance Spinnaker, Cruising Non-Spinnaker and Multihulls**

**Courses:**

### **FAIRWAY Course**

Start, Mark A, Gneerings (s), Northwest Fairway (s), Finish Line leaving MYC Mark D (s).

**Distance:** approx. 23Nm.

**Time Limit:** 6 hours from the starting signal.

### **FAIRWAY REVERSED Course**

#### **Division 1 & 3**

Start, Mark A, NW Fairway (s), Gneerings (p), Finish Line leaving MYC Mark D (s).

**Distance:** approx. 23nm.

**Time Limit:** 6 hours from the starting signal.

### **MORETON BAY Course**

#### **Division 1 & 3**

Start, Mark A, North Moreton Waverider Buoy (s), Finish Line leaving MYC Mark D (s).

**Distance:** approx. 32nm.

**Time Limit:** 6 hours from the starting signal.

### **ISLAND CHALLENGE Course**

#### **Division 1 & 3**

Start, Mark A, Circumnavigate Mudjimba Is (p), NW Fairway (s),  
Finish leaving MYC Mark D (s).

**Distance:** approx. 29Nm.

**Time Limit:** 6 hours from the starting signal.

### **GNEERINGS CHALLENGE Course**

#### **Division 1 & 3**

Start, Mark A, Gneerings (p), Mudjimba Is (s), Mooloolaba Waverider (s), Gneerings (s),  
Finish leaving MYC Mark D(s).

**Distance:** approx. 26Nm.

**Time Limit:** 6 hours from the starting signal.

**Finish:** The Laid MYC Mark D will be marked by a yellow pencil buoy stationed on a transit with No1 and No 2 lateral beacons at the entrance of the Mooloolah River approximately 450 metres north off the Port Lateral Beacon No2 at approximately 26° 40.520S | 153° 08.020E.

**All boats to record their own finish time using GPS and to radio finish time to 'MYC Race Control' on VHF Channel 77.**

**Last MYC boat to complete the course to retrieve the buoy after the last boat in the fleet has finished- call 'MYC Race Control' on VHF Channel 77 if assistance is required with buoy retrieval.**