

PORT DOUGLAS RACE WEEK

May 18th to 23rd 2026

Port Douglas Yacht Club Inc

Port Douglas, Queensland

NOTICE OF RACE

The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-2028.

1.2 The Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations, Category 6 for Division 2, Trailerable Yachts and Sports Boats classes and Category 5 for Division 1, non-spinnaker, and Multi-Hull classes shall apply.

1.3 The sailing instructions will consist of instructions in the RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions and supplementary sailing instructions that will be posted on the official notice board located at the Port Douglas Yacht Club.

2. ADVERTISING

2.1 Competitor advertising will be restricted as follows: Advertising to conform to World Sailing Regulation 20 www.sailing.org/tools/documents/2020AdvertisingCode-25929.pdf with reference to Prescription of Australian Sailing to rule 6.1

2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies. [DP]

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 The regatta is open to all boats as follows:

Division 1: Performance Handicap (boats over 9 metres)

Division 2: Performance Handicap (No spinnakers or Code Zeros)

Division 3: Multihulls

Division 4: Sports Boats, J24's & similar boats under 9 metres

3.2 Eligible vessels may enter online at <https://topyacht.com.au/db/kb2/1945> together with the payment of the required fee from Monday 19th March until Friday 16th May 2026.

3.3 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee (RC) prior to 16:30 hours Monday 18th May 2026.

3.4 A minimum of three vessels is required to constitute a division. Vessels may be transferred to another division at the discretion of the RC.

3.5 Provisional handicaps for the first race will be determined by the Handicap Committee (HC) and posted on the Regatta Notice Board before the first race.

3.6 The Race Committee may consider applications relating to initial performance-based handicaps if made in writing, with supporting documentation, prior to the first race.

4. FEES

4.1 The required fees are as follows:

All division entry fee \$200

4.2 Other fees.

All divisions late entry fee: \$250

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

5.1 Registration:

Monday 18th May 2026 from 15:00 to 16:30

5.2 Welcome:

Monday 18th May 2026 17:00

5.3 Dates of Racing

Tuesday 19 th May:	All classes	Racing
Wednesday 20 th May:	All Classes	Racing
Thursday 21 st May:	All Classes	Reserve Day at the discretion of RC
Friday 22 nd May:	All Classes	Racing
Saturday 23 rd May:	All Classes	Racing

- 5.4 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race of each day is 09:55
5.5 On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal shall be made after 12:00
5.6 The Race Committee may make changes to this schedule at any time.

6. SAFETY AUDIT

Random audits of vessels may be carried out by the Race Committee to ensure compliance with applicable Australian Sailing Special Regulations.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Supplementary Sailing Instructions will be available after 17:00 on Friday 15th May 2025 at Port Douglas Yacht Club or at www.portdouglasraceweek.com.au

8. VENUE

8.1 Locations of the regatta harbour and racing areas are available from rear.commodore@portdouglasyachtclub.com.au if needed.

9. COURSES

Courses shall be described in the SSI

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

For all Divisions RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two Turns Penalty is replaced by the One Turn Penalty.

11. SCORING

11.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

11.2 (a) When fewer than five races have been completed, a vessels series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When five or more races have been completed, a vessels series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12. BERTHING

Vessels shall be kept in their assigned places while they in harbour. [DP]

13. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

Keel boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta, except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee. [DP]

14. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keel boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta. [DP]

15. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

15.1 Except in an emergency, a vessel that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all vessels. [DP]

16. PRIZES

16.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

1st, 2nd and 3rd on points score overall for each division.

Overall winner in each division will be recognised by a plaque affixed to the Clipper Cup.

16.2 Other prizes may be given out at the discretion of the organiser.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organising 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.

18. INSURANCE

Each participating vessel shall be insured with a third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000 per incident or equivalent.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

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