

MANLY COMBINED CLUBS SERIES - 2020

NOTICE OF RACE

REVISED JULY 8TH 2020



1. INVITATION TO ENTER

- 1.1 The Manly Combined Clubs Series Committee takes pleasure in inviting owners and crew of eligible boats to participate in the 2020 Manly Combined Clubs Series.
- 1.2 The Series will be conducted on the waters of Moreton Bay and the invitation to enter is made on the conditions of this Notice of Race (NOR).
- 1.3 The race is organised and conducted by the Manly Combined Clubs Committee under the Organising Authority of the Moreton Bay Trailer Boat Club (MBTBC) Sailing Committee.
- 1.4 The series derives its name from the fact that most boats competing in the series belong to the clubs that sail from Manly Harbour. The Committee runs and co-ordinates the races with the co-operation of other Manly based sailing clubs and organisations.
- 1.5 The series is not exclusive, and at the discretion of the committee, boats from other Australian Sailing affiliated clubs are welcome to compete.

2. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- 2.1 **Entry Forms are submitted online along with the entry fee payment at: www.manlycombinedclubs.com.**

Entries must be supported by the provision of the following documents which can be downloaded from the website:

- Completed 'Accepting Terms and Conditions AS Cat 5 2017-2021 form; and
- Evidence of insurance which shall include Third Party and Public Liability cover with a minimum cover of \$AUD10,000,000.

- 2.2 **Both of these documents need to be scanned/emailed to manlycombinedclubs@gmail.com before proceeding to entering and paying.**

Failure to pay the required entry fee and/or complete a valid entry and Category 5 Safety Declaration and Insurance certificate will result in finish times not being taken and the yacht being scored as DNS.

- 2.3 Current Australian Sailing Memberships are required for all crew.
- 2.4 All participants intending to race shall pre-pay and enter with a Season Entry or Casual Entry. Casual Entries for a race may be made in writing either in person but must be submitted to the starter at least 15 minutes prior on that particular race day (an email to manlycombinedclubs@gmail.com is acceptable).
- 2.5 Further Documents for Race Entries can also be found on the website - these include:
 - MBTBC Sailing Group Crisis Management Plan
 - MBTBC Sailing Group Safety Management Plan
 - 2020 Notice of Races
 - 2020 Sailing Instructions
 - Manly Course Book

3. MANLY COMBINED CLUBS COMMITTEE – 2020

3.1 The 2020 Committee

- Sailing Group Captain Chris Eades
- Sailing Vice Captain David Moran
- Sailing Secretary Susan Lock
- Sailing Treasurer Lisa Palethorpe
- Sailing Race Committee Mike Mollison

3.2 Sailing Committee meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm, downstairs at the MBTBC Clubhouse. All are welcome to attend.

4. RULES

4.1 The series will be governed by the rules as defined in the Australian Sailing 2017 - 2021 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) Blue Book.

4.2 The Special Regulations Part 1 for Racing Boats (Special Regulations) shall apply. We draw your attention to the following specific requirements:

- (i) Section 1 - Fundamentals and Definitions
- (ii) Section 2.01.6 - Category 5 (and 5N for 24-Hr Race)
- (iii) Section 3.25 - Marine Radio
- (iv) Section 4.22 - Pyrotechnic Flares
- (v) Section 5.01 and 5.05.3 - Personal Equipment

4.3 RRS and Special Regulations can be downloaded at: www.sailingresources.org.au/class-assoc/racing-rules/

4.4 All Skippers have a responsibility to understand and comply with the following;

- (i) Sailing Group Crisis Management Plan (www.manlycombinedclubs.com)
- (ii) Sailing Group Safety Management Plan (www.manlycombinedclubs.com)
- (iii) Marine Safety Queensland (MSQ) Queensland Recreational Boating and Fishing Guide Handbook. (www.publications.qld.gov.au/dataset/recreational-boating-and-fishing/resource/a769f2d2-b7dc-41ad-829f-a586ed389d8b)

5. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

5.1 As per the Special Regulations, the safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the person in charge who shall do their best to ensure that the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew who have undergone appropriate training and are physically fit to face bad weather.

5.2 We draw your attention to the following specific requirements of Section 1.02 - Responsibility of the Person in Charge.

- 5.3 A lifejacket shall be worn by each member of the crew at, but not limited to, these times:
- (i) When on deck between the hours of sunset and sunrise;
 - (ii) When alone on deck;
 - (iii) When on deck when the true wind speed is 25 knots or above; and
 - (iv) When on deck when visibility is less than 1 nautical mile.
- 5.4 Where lifelines complying with Special Regulations Section 3 Rule 3.12 have not been fitted, all crew while racing shall wear a visible personal flotation device as per Australian Sailing Special Regulation Part 1 Section 5.
- 5.5 All boats using outboard engines shall comply with Special Regulations Section 3.24.4

6. ELIGIBILITY

- 6.1 Races are open to all Monohull and Multihull Yachts (both trailerable and fixed keel) on the register of a yacht or sailing club affiliated with Australian Sailing. Boats must comply with all requirements of this NOR.
- 6.2 Boats must be a minimum of 6 metres in length, although smaller boats may be accepted at the discretion of the Committee.
- 6.3 Most eligible boats for the Manly Combined Clubs Series are on the current register of one of the following clubs:
- Moreton Bay Trailer Boat Club (MBTBC)
 - Multihull Yacht Club Queensland (MHYCQ)
 - Wynnum Manly Sailing Club (WMSC)
 - Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron (RQYS)
 - Trailer Sailer Club of Queensland (TSCQ)
- 6.4 Entries from other Australian Sailing affiliated clubs may be accepted by the Committee.
- 6.5 Short-handed and single-handed sailing is permitted in the Manly Combined Clubs Series. (Needs prior advice and Committee Approval.)

7. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 7.1 All yachts entering the series must have a functional VHF radio. All boats are to monitor Channel 72 for race information and communication.
- 7.2 Except in an emergency, 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.

8. INSURANCE

- 8.1 Evidence of Insurance is required to be submitted online with the Entry Form.
- 8.2 Each participating boat must be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$AUD 10,000,000.

9. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 9.1 Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk; See Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) Fundamental Rule4, Decision to Race. The organising Authority (MBTBC) will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after the series.

10. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1 Sailing Instructions and Course Book will be available from the Manly Combined Clubs Series website: manlycombinedclubs.com

11. VENUE

- 11.1 The Manly Combined Clubs Series is conducted from Moreton Bay Trailer Boat Club (MBTBC) with racing conducted on Moreton Bay and Waterloo Bay.

12. THE COURSES

- 12.1 Courses are described in the Sailing Instructions and Course Book can be downloaded at www.manlycombinedclubs.com.

13. DIVISIONS

- 13.1 Boats competing in the race series are quite varied. The series is sailed by boats ranging from family trailer sailors to Sydney – Hobart competitors. Although many seasoned sailors regularly compete, first time racers and sailors more oriented to cruising are also able to enjoy competing with boats of similar type and speed.
- 13.2 Boats will compete in one of 4 divisions and skippers can choose to race with spinnakers or without but need to nominate that at the start of the season. As a guide, yachts generally race in the divisions as follows.
- Division 1. Race oriented keelboats
 - Division 2. Cruising keelboats
 - Division 3. Trailerable boats
 - Division 5. Multihulls and Rally Start (“GIVE IT A GO” - Novice Sailors)
- 13.3 Boats may race in whatever division they choose. The above is a guide only. If in doubt, skippers should consult with the Committee which will allocate a division suited to the yacht and its crew. The Committee will attempt to have approximately 20 boats per division.
- 13.4 RALLY START – Is intended for “Novice” Sailors who are new to Sailing and would like to experience competing to upskill boat handling and confidence. RALLY START – Will have leniency to start 5 minutes either side of the designated Division 5 that does not impede any other Division start.

14. FEES

2020 SEASON ENTRY FEE		INCLUDES
\$125 for 2020 Season Entry		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 11 Race Entries• Eligibility for end of race prizes• Eligibility for end of season trophies & prizes
2020 CASUAL ENTRY FEE		INCLUDES
\$15.00 per race		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eligibility for end of race prizes• Eligibility for end of series prizes
2020 BIG LAP AND 24-HR RACES ENTRY FEE		INCLUDES
\$20.00 per boat plus \$10 per crewmember All fees donated to charity		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eligibility for end of race prizes

15. SCHEDULE OF RACES & EVENTS

15.1 Amended Calendar - 2020

- R1 - Sunday, 9th February (completed)
- R2 - Sunday, 12th July
- R3 - Saturday, 25th July (and the Big Lap & 24-Hour Races for additional fee)
- R4 - Sunday, 26th July
- R5 - Sunday, 9th August
- R6 – Saturday, 29th August
- R7 – Sunday, 30th August
- R8 - Sunday, 20th September
- R9 - Sunday, 18th October
- R10 - Sunday, 1st November
- R11 - Sunday, 8th November
- MCC Presentation Dinner - Saturday, 21st November (combined with 'Bash around the Bay' Presentations.)

15.2 The schedule of races is also on the Combined Clubs Website:
www.manlycombinedclubs.com. Any updates will also be placed there.

16. PENALTY SYSTEM

16.1 For all boats RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty.

17. SCORING SYSTEM

17.1 Scoring and handicapping will be defined by the "Sailsys" system. SailSys is an online race management system.

17.2 For further information regarding Handicaps and scoring: <https://www.sailsys.com.au>

17.3 SailSys applies the Racing Rules of Sailing Low Point System for scoring.

17.4 In addition, SailSys will apply the following to MCC Races:

- A boat that does not start (DNS) will be scored points for the finishing place one (1) more than the number of boats entered in the series.
- A boat that is deemed to be on course side (OCS) and does not take the necessary corrective action will be scored by the race committee without a hearing points for the finishing place three (3) more than the number of boats entered in the series.
- A boat that is disqualified by protest committee (DSQ) will be scored points for the finishing place five (5) more than the number of boats entered in the series.
- A boat that did not finish (DNF) or retired (RET) shall be scored points for the finishing place one (1) more than the number of boats that finished the race.

18. SERIES AND OVERALL SCORING:

18.1 There are 3 series of races within the overall Combined Clubs Series

- Series 1 will be scored on the results of races 1 - 3
- Series 2 will be scored on the results of races 4 - 7
- Series 3 will be scored on the results of races 8 - 11

18.2 The overall result for the Series will be based on the total of the boat's race scores (Races 1 to 11), excluding the three worst scores.

19. PRIZES

19.1 Prizes will be awarded for first place for each Division where there are more than 6 boats competing in the series. Other prizes will be determined by the Committee.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

20.1 For further information please consult the Manly Combined Clubs Series website: manlycombinedclubs.com.