

2025 Musto Australian Optimist Dinghy Championship

10 – 17 January 2025

NOTICE OF RACE

Including [Amendment 1](#)

Organising Authority

Australian International Optimist Dinghy Association

In conjunction with **Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron**

MUSTO

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

The notation '[SP]' in a rule in the NoR or SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule will be a standard penalty which will be applied by the race committee without a hearing. This changes Appendix A5.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule in the NoR or SI means that the rule is not protestable by a competitor. This changes RRS rule 60.1(a).

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The current Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing Part 2 will apply.
- 1.3 Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply.
- 1.4 Green Fleet racing will be governed by the World Sailing Introductory Rules for Racing v1.01, as amended by the Sailing Instructions.

2 ADVERTISING [NP][DP]

- 2.1 Competitor advertising is permitted in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.3, as restricted by IODA Class Rule 2.8.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority. If required they shall be affixed in accordance with the instructions provided. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies.
- 2.3 The Organising Authority reserves the right to refuse advertising by a boat or competitor which conflicts with the laws of Queensland or Australia.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to boats of the Optimist class that fulfil the eligibility requirements stated below:
 - 3.1.1 The regatta is open to competitors who are:
 - a) A financial member of a National Optimist Association affiliated with IODA (All State Optimist Associations satisfy this requirement); and
 - b) A financial member of a Club affiliated with the Member National Authority (MNA eg: Australian Sailing).
 - 3.1.2 Competitors shall have been born in 2010 or later.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter online via <http://www.optimist.org.au/nationals> by completing the Entry details including Parent Declaration and Code of Conduct Acceptance by 2359 hrs on Friday 6 December 2024.
- 3.3 Late entries, subject to payment of the late entry fee, may be accepted after 2359 hours on Friday 6 December 2024 up until the close of registration at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 3.4 Competitors will only be considered "entered" when the online entry, payment and the on-site registration including measurement has been completed.
- 3.5 Volunteers, coaches, and support boats shall register online via the regatta website <http://www.optimist.org.au/nationals> by 1200 hours on Friday 3 January 2025.
- 3.6 Allocation of any sailor to Open Fleet, Intermediate Fleet or Green Fleet is subject to the approval of the Organising Authority and may only be varied during the event at the sole discretion of the Race Committee.
- 3.7 The 'Green Fleet' is open to less experienced Optimist Class sailors who may not be up to the competitiveness and rigors of racing in the Intermediate or Open Fleets. Further information about Green Fleet is contained in Attachment 1.

3.9 If you are unsure which fleet you should be racing in, please refer to the “Which Fleet?” document on the event website - <http://www.optimist.org.au/nationals>.

4 FEES

4.1 The entry fee for all fleets is: **\$ 350.00 AUD**

4.2 Late entry fee for all fleets is: **\$ 100.00 AUD**

5 REGATTA FORMAT

5.1 The regatta will consist of Open Fleet, Intermediate Fleet and Green Fleet.

5.2 The series for the Open Fleet will consist of up to 12 races and for the Intermediate Fleet will consist of up to 10 races. No more than four races will be sailed per day.

5.3 Depending on the number of entries for each of the Open and Intermediate Fleets they may be broken into flights and sail a Qualifying series followed by a Finals series.

5.4 Where a Qualifying and Finals series is used:

a) The qualifying series shall consist of a maximum of 7 completed races. If used, the qualifying series will be conducted on the 12 - 14 January 2025. If 3 races have not been completed by the completion of racing on 14 January the qualifying series will continue until 3 races have been completed and the reserve day may be used.

b) The finals series shall consist of a maximum of 5 completed races. If used, the final series will be conducted on the 16 and 17 January 2025. A minimum of 1 completed finals series race is required to constitute a finals series.

5.5 The series for the Green fleet may consist of up to 20 races with a maximum of 4 races per day. The Race Committee may conduct multiple racing sessions per day.

6 SCHEDULE

6.1

Date	Event	Open
Friday 10 th January	Teams Racing Measurement	1000-1700
Saturday 11 th January	Official Arrival Day Registration and Measurement Team Racing Competitors Meeting Teams Racing Championships Welcome function & AOTR Presentation	0900-1600 0930 1100 1730
Sunday 12 th January	Coach & Support Boat briefing (Compulsory) Regatta Briefing (Compulsory) Championship Racing (First Warning Signal)	0930 1000 1200
Monday 13 th January	Daily Briefing Championship Racing (First Warning Signal)	0945 1200
Tuesday 14 th January	Daily Briefing Championship Racing (First Warning Signal) AIODA AGM	0945 1200 1700
Wednesday 15 th January	Reserve Day	
Thursday 16 th January	Daily Briefing Championship Racing (First Warning Signal)	0945 1200
Friday 17 th January	Official Departure Day Daily Briefing Championship Racing (First Warning Signal) Closing & Presentation Ceremony	0915 1100 Approx 1700

*Green Fleet racing may be completed with an earlier start time forecast dependant.

*This schedule may be amended by the Sailing Instructions.

6.2 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500 hours.

7 MEASUREMENT

- 7.1** Each boat in the Open and Intermediate Fleets shall produce a Sail Measurement Certificate and IODA Measurement Book or Australian Sailing Measurement Certificate with the relevant sailor's details duly entered in the Australian Optimist Boat Register. Boats chartered from the official charter supplier are exempt from supplying a measurement book or boat registration.
- 7.2** Green Fleet boats shall comply with Attachment 1 of this NOR.
- 7.3** Competitors are allowed to use only one hull, dagger board, rudder (with tiller and extension), mast, boom, sprit and sail during the Championship. These parts of the equipment may be required to be stickered prior to racing with the stickers supplied by the organisers for that purpose.
- 7.4** Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved in writing by the Technical Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Technical Committee at the first reasonable opportunity. [SP]
- 7.5** Prior to approving a request for substitution of equipment - the Technical Committee may scrutinise both the damaged equipment and the replacement equipment.
- 7.6** If the substitution was made on the water between races, both the damaged and the substituting pieces of equipment shall be presented to the Technical Committee prior to the expiry of protest time at the end of the day's racing. In this case, the substitution is subject to the approval of the Technical Committee given retrospectively. [SP]
- 7.7** Charter boats may carry national letters or sail numbers in contravention of the Class rules as allowed by RRS G3.
- 7.8** The Technical Committee may spot check any boat throughout the regatta and may measure any equipment on or off the water at their discretion. A boat found to not comply with Class rules at the end of any day of racing will be deemed to have not complied for all races completed that day.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on the event website from the 8 January 2025.

9 COMMUNICATION

- 9.1** The online official noticeboard is located at <https://www.optimist.org.au/nationals>
- 9.2** Secondary to the Official noticeboard "instant messaging" system WhatsApp may be used to notify skippers of timely information, confirmation of days course, Protest Time limit etc. if in use a link to join the group can be found on the Official Noticeboard.

9 VENUE

- 9.1** The venue shall be the Royal Queensland Yacht Club. Attachment 3 shows the location of the regatta venue & location information.
- 9.2** Attachment 2 shows the approximate intended racing areas.

10 THE COURSES

- 10.1** The course for Open and Intermediate fleet racing will be a trapezoid with inner and outer legs.
- 10.2** The course for the Green fleet will be a modified windward/leeward course as described in the Sailing Instructions.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 RRS Appendix P will apply as amended in the Sailing Instructions.
- 11.2 Permission from Australian Sailing for an International Jury will be applied for. If granted, decisions of the International Jury are final as provided in rule 70.5.
- 11.3 A list of Discretionary and Standard penalties will be posted on the regatta noticeboard at the start of the regatta.

12. SCORING

- 12.1 For the Open fleet the series will consist of up to twelve (12) races and the Intermediate Fleet will consist of up to ten (10) races, three (3) of which are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.2 **For the Open Fleet**, the series will consist of up to twelve (12) races, three (3) of which are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.3 When a qualifying and final series are used:
- (a) The Qualifying Series shall consist of a maximum of seven (7) completed races.
 - (b) The Final Series shall consist of a maximum of five (5) completed races.
- 12.4 Open Fleet will be scored as follows:
- (a) When fewer than four (4) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - (b) When from four (4) to ten (10) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.
 - (c) When eleven (11) or twelve (12) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst two scores.
- 12.5 The racing for the Australian and Open Championships will be scored as one fleet.
- 12.6 **For the Intermediate Fleet**, the series will consist of up to ten (10) races, three (3) of which are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.7 Intermediate Fleet will be scored as follows:
- (a) When fewer than four (4) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores;
 - (b) When from four (4) to eight (8) races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score;
 - (c) When nine (9) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her two (2) worst scores.
- 12.8 For the Green fleet the series will consist of up to sixteen (16) races, two (2) of which are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- (a) When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - (b) When from six (6) to eleven (11) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - (c) When from twelve (12) to sixteen (16) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst two (2) scores.
 - (d) When seventeen (17) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her three (3) worst scores.

13 SUPPORT BOATS [NP][DP]

- 13.1** All Support/Coach boats shall register online with the Organising Authority. This can be done as per NOR 3.5 above.
- 13.2** All registered boats shall display a number available at registration upon completion of a Support/Coach Boat online registration form. This number must be clearly visible at all times whilst afloat.
- 13.3** All Support/Coach boats must carry a working VHF radio and monitor it on the appropriate course frequency at all times whilst afloat.
- 13.4** All Support/Coach boats must sign on and off and declare the number of persons on board. If a support boat is moving from one course to another it shall sign-off on the course it is leaving and then switch channels and sign-on on the course it is joining.
- 13.5** Support boats may be called upon to provide assistance by the Race Committee.
- 13.6** Except when requested by the Race Committee to participate in rescue operations, team leaders, coaches, parents and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing, from the time of the preparatory signal for a race to start until all boats have Finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement or abandonment. The areas the boats are racing in is defined as the area inside the course and within 100 meters of any mark, lay line, starting line, finishing line or any area where any boat that is racing is sailing or may sail.
- 13.7** When the wind is less than 10 knots all team leaders, coaches, parents and other support persons shall not exceed 5 knots within 200m of the area where boats are racing.
- 13.8** When Flag V (with a long sound signal) is displayed on a Committee vessel all support boats are required to remain afloat and assist all sailors until Flag V is lowered. Assistance may include towing boats ashore. Further requirements while Flag V is displayed may be advised in the Sailing Instructions.
- 13.9** The Race Committee or Jury may protest any boat whose support boat is in breach of NOR clause 16. Penalties imposed as a result of a protest under this clause may result in a penalty being imposed on the boat(s) supported by the support boat.

14 BERTHING [NP][DP]

- 14.1** Restrictions may be placed on where vessels may be stored or rigged by the RQYS Sailing or Marina office.
- 14.2** Boats may only be stored on the RQYS rigging lawn for the duration of the regatta & 24hrs before/after the regatta, unless otherwise approved by the OA.
- 14.3** No tie down restraints may penetrate the ground deeper than 300mm due to lawn irrigation systems.

15 ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION [NP][DP]

- 15.1** Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 15.2** Boats may affix cameras so long as they do not protrude from the boat.

16 PRIZES

16.1 The Perpetual Trophies for the Australian Optimist Championship will be awarded to competitors who are:

- (a) Australian Citizens or Australian Permanent Residents;
- (b) Financial members of an AIODA member State Association; and
- (c) A financial member of a Sailing Club affiliated with a Member Yachting Association (MYA) of Australian Sailing.

16.2 For the Australian Championship:

Age prizes will be based on a sailor's age as at 31 December 2025, and the following prizes will be awarded:

- Australian Championship perpetual trophy will be awarded to the 1st Australian regardless of gender
- Australian Championship perpetual trophy will be awarded to the 1st Australian Female.
- OziOpti Club Championship Cup – for the Club with the lowest total of the final regatta places of their best three Open Fleet sailors (only the first club listed on a sailor's entry will be counted).
- Peter Gilmour Trophy – for the sailor with the largest improvement in their Open Fleet placing since last year.
- Bennett Family Club Participation Trophy – for the Club with the largest number of entrants across all fleets (only the first club listed on a sailor's entry will be counted).
- Notable Sportsmanship
- Intermediate Fleet perpetual trophy will be awarded to the 1st Australian regardless of gender
- Natalie O'Brart Green Fleet perpetual trophy will be awarded to the 1st placed sailor.

16.3 The following prizes will be awarded to Open Fleet regardless of nationality:

- 1st to 3rd Boy and 1st to 3rd Girl
- 12 YO – 1st Place
- 11 YO – 1st Place
- 10 YO and under – 1st Place

16.4 Intermediate Fleet 1st to 3rd Boy and 1st to 3rd Girl,

16.5 Green Fleet 1st to 3rd Boy and 1st to 3rd Girl.

16.6 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

17.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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.

17.2 A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility. In this paragraph and the following paragraphs, wherever the context so permits, 'boat' includes the helm and their parents or guardians.

17.3 It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and that her helm is competent to sail and compete in them.

17.4 Nothing done or omitted to be done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will make the organizers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing or other parts of the event. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the events

and their associated activities, afloat or ashore and include the Organising Authority, the Race committee, the race officers, safety vessels, support boats and beach masters.

17.5 The provision of safety vessels does not relieve the boat of its responsibilities.

17.6 The Race Committee may hold a boat ashore, or require a boat to go ashore at any time when afloat, whether racing or not, if it considers that:

- (a) The boat, the equipment or the clothing of the helm, or
- (b) The physical condition of the helm is not adequate for the conditions.

18 INSURANCE

18.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of not less than AUD\$5,000,000.00 (recommend AUD\$10,000,000.00) per incident or the equivalent.

18.2 All owners/guardians who sign the entry forms are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover. Owners/guardians not holding this cover shall withdraw their entry. The skipper of each boat must be able to display proof of cover if requested to do so.

19 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

19.1 In participating, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authorities, the Coordinating Authorities and the sponsors, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition in which the competitor participates and, in all material, related to the said Event without compensation.

19.2 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the Organising Authority. Information from this equipment shall not be used by a boat as evidence in a hearing. This changes RRS 63.6.

20 AUSTRALIAN OPTIMIST SAILING TEAM SELECTION

This event will be used for selecting the 2025 Australian Optimist Sailing Team. For information regarding qualification and selection please refer to AOST section of the AIODA website <http://www.optimist.org.au/aost>.

21 FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information, can be found on the championship website via <http://www.optimist.org.au/nationals>.

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Host Club Information

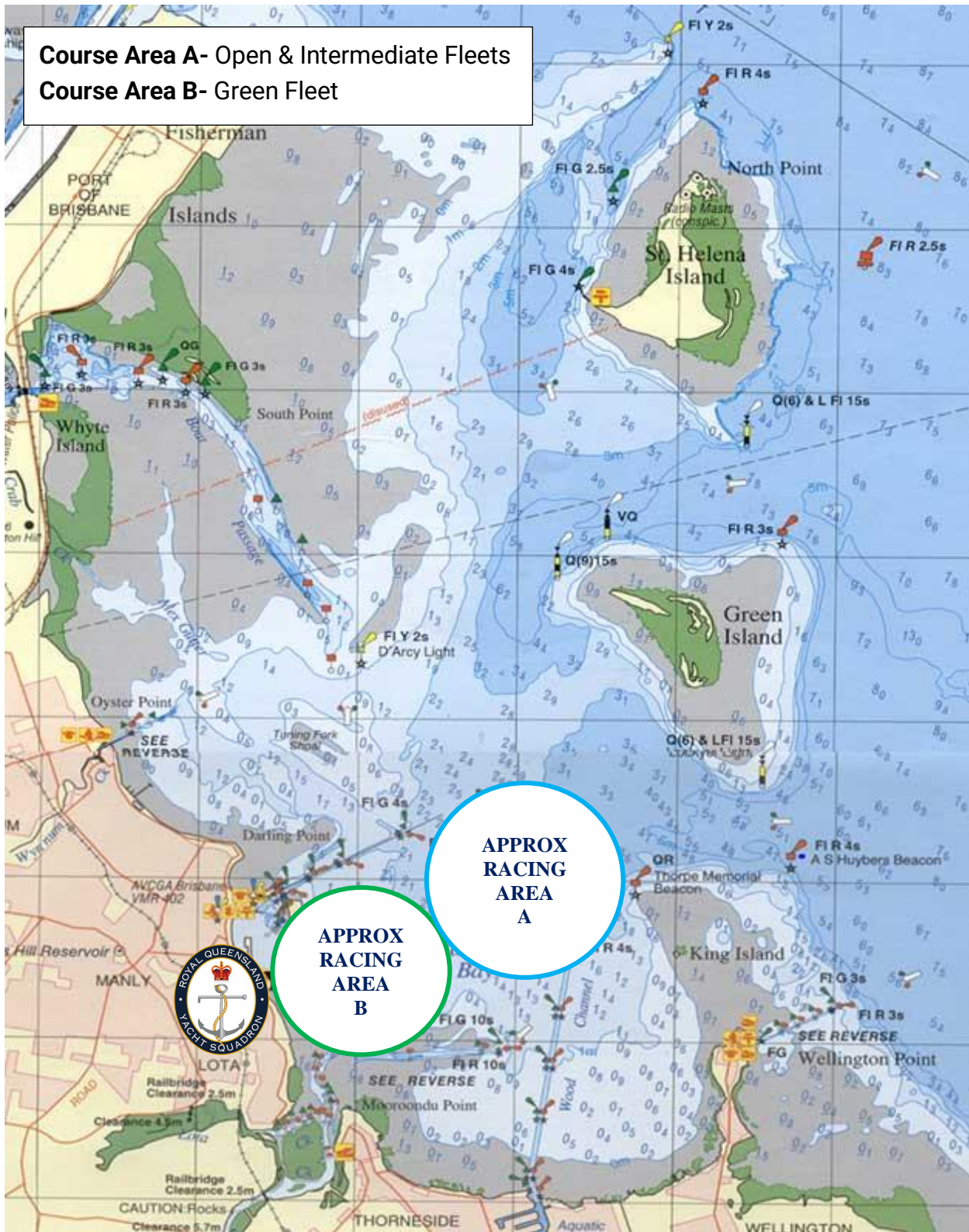
Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron
578 Royal Esplanade, Manly, QLD, 4179
(E) sailing@rqys.com.au
(W) www.rqys.com.au

Attachment 1

GREEN FLEET

1. In Green Fleet emphasis is on fun and the objective of this regatta is to offer younger and less experienced sailors the opportunity to sail and participate at the National Championship without feeling the need or burden to sail in the more competitive and arduous Open or Intermediate Fleets.
2. Sailors entering the Green Fleet should be competent at racing and have completed at least half a season of green fleet racing at club level.
3. Green Fleet racing is intended to align with Open and Intermediate Fleets but starting the Open and Intermediate sailors have launched to head out to their course area. In addition, on/off water activities are planned each morning as described in part 6. If weather forecasts or prevailing winds make it unlikely that Green Fleet will race in the afternoon, then the schedule may be reversed.
4. In the Green Fleet equipment used is not required to hold current measurement certificates (this alters Optimist Class rule 2.4.1) however the following measurement criteria still apply as a minimum:
 - a. **Hull:** the hull to be used shall carry a valid WS/ISAF/IYRU plaque;
 - b. **Sail:** the sail shall carry a properly allocated and registered sail number and an IODA sail button; and
 - c. **Equipment:** shall carry all safety equipment listed in the equipment checklist.
5. The Technical Committee may in their sole discretion refuse the entry of a boat which in their opinion does not satisfy the spirit or intent of a one-design international class regatta.
6. The Green Fleet will consist of a variety of activities, led by appropriately qualified activity leaders/rules advisors (in an approximate ratio of 1:15-20). These activities may include both shore based and on-water based skills coaching, shore and on-water games and scored racing governed by the WS Introductory Rules for Racing V1.01, as amended by the sailing instructions.
7. Racing for Green Fleet will be conducted on a separate course.

Attachment 2 – Approximate Racing Area



Attachment 3 – Regatta Site & Location Information

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Emergencies	000	
RQYS Sailing Manager	0424 101 732	
Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron	(07) 3396 8666	578 Royal Esplanade, Manly QLD
Manly Coast Guard	(07) 3396 5911	40 Trafalgar St, Manly QLD
Wynnum Police	(07) 3308 8100	82 Pine St, Wynnum QLD
Wynnum Fire & Rescue	(07) 3396 3297	2006 Wynnum Rd, Wynnum West
Brisbane Water Police	(07) 3895 0333	2 Howard Smith Dr, Port of Brisbane

Location, access & communication of Next of Kin Details

Sailing Office & SailSys Databases including information gathered from regatta registrations and/or indemnity forms.

Location of Nearest Emergency Medical Facilities

Redlands Hospital	(07) 3488 3111	21 Weippin St, Cleveland QLD
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Location of Nearest Medical Facilities

Wynnum Family Health Service	(07) 3893 0093	116 Edith St, Wynnum QLD
Doctors on Manly Road	(07) 3348 6111	12 Manly Rd, Manly QLD
Silky Oaks Medical Practice	(07) 3396 9855	218 Manly Rd, Manly QLD
Dental On Cambridge	(07) 3348 6661	4/99 Cambridge Parade, Manly QLD

LOCAL SERVICE

Sail Maker

North Sails

1/264 Tingal Rd, Wynnum QLD
3396 5822

Hood Sails

181 Wynnum Esplanade, Wynnum QLD
0419 799 958

Ullman Sails

112 Glenora St, Wynnum QLD
(07) 3348 7245

Chandlery

Muir Marine

453 Esplanade, Manly QLD
(07) 3396 9988

Road Tech Marine

20 Redland Bay Rd, Capalaba QLD
(07) 3914 9543

Boat Building / Repairs – Located at RQYS

JSA Marine

(07) 3348 5682

David Glenn Boat Building

0412 878 144

Physio

Manly Physiotherapy & Pilates

3/443 Esplanade, Manly QLD
(07) 3396 8137

Bounce Physio Birkdale

190 Birkdale Rd, Birkdale QLD
(07) 3822 2122

Pharmacy

Manly Village Pharmacy

9/222 Stratton Terrace, Manly QLD
(07) 3396 8999

Groceries

IGA Manly Village

Cnr Stratton Tce & Cambridge Parade
(07) 3396 1980

Woolworths Wynnum Central

145 Florence St, Wynnum QLD
(07) 3513 4416

Butcher

The Local Butcher

222 Stratton Terrace, Manly QLD
(07) 3396 2195

Bakery

Manly Bakery

222 Stratton Terrace, Manly QLD
(07) 3396 5688

Accommodation

[Manly Marine Cover Motel](#)

Located on the Grounds of RQYS
(07) 3348 1000

Limited Camping Facilities at RQYS

[Limited camping MAY be available](#)
(07) 3396 8666

[The Manly Hotel](#)

54 Cambridge Parade, Manly QLD
(07) 3249 5999

[Waterloo Bay Hotel](#)

75 Berrima St, Wynnum QLD
(07) 3893 2344

[Pelican's Nestle Inn](#)

149 Wynnum Esplanade, Wynnum QLD
(07) 3396 3214

[Wynnum Anchor Motel](#)

14 Adam St, Wynnum QLD
(07) 3396 3037

LOCAL WEATHER TIDE

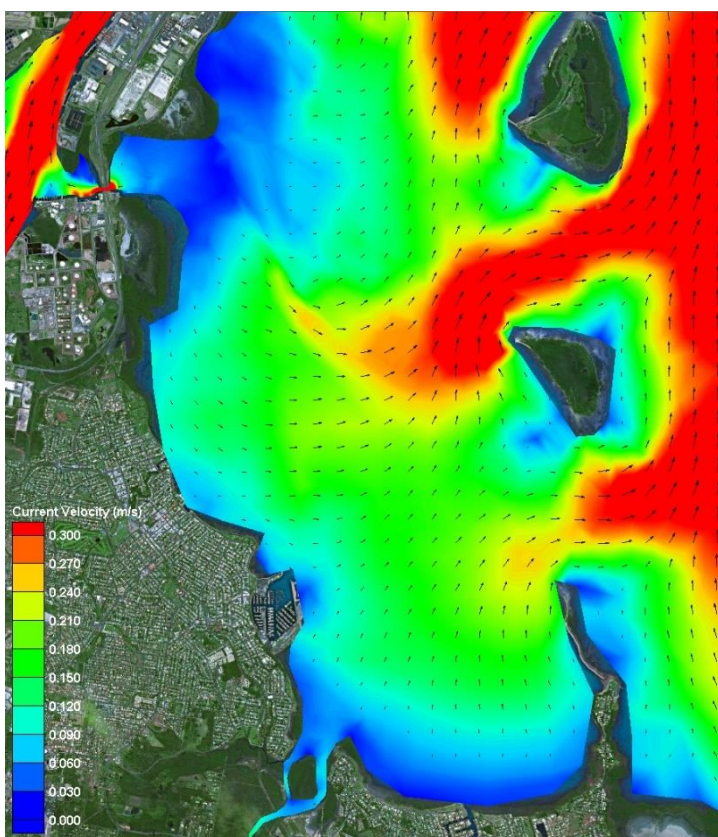
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The Weather Station records from above the club Bay Lookout.

BOM: Radar: <http://www.bom.gov.au/products/IDR663.loop.shtml>
Marine Forecast: <http://www.bom.gov.au/qld/forecasts/moreton-bay.shtml>

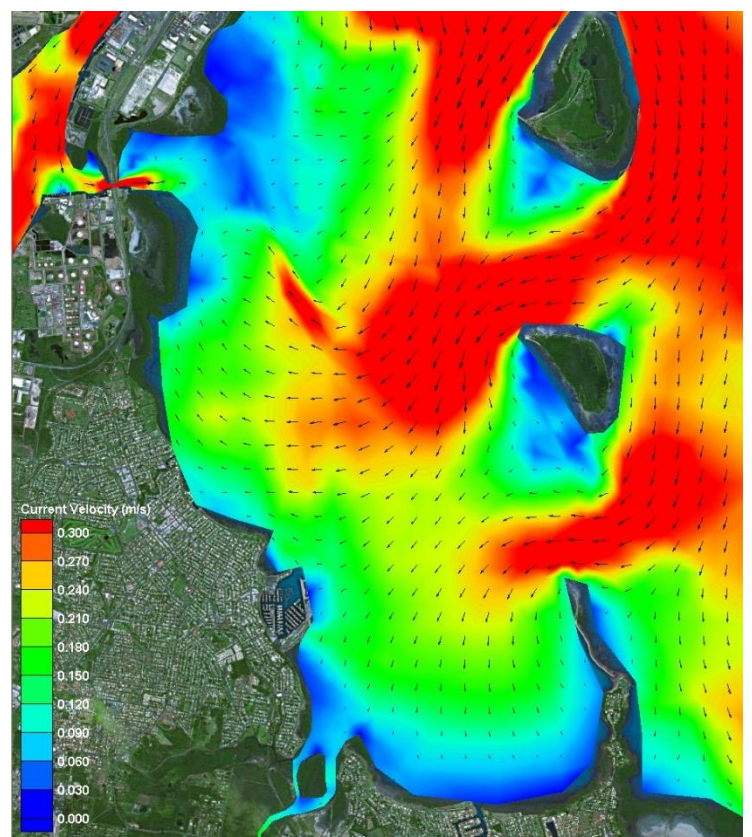
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Predict Wind: <https://forecast.predictwind.com/table/>
Seabreeze: <https://www.seabreeze.com.au/weather/wind-forecast/brisbane>
WillyWeather: <https://wind.willyweather.com.au/qld/brisbane/brisbane.html>

Waterloo Bay Ebb



Waterloo Bay Flood





ROYAL QUEENSLAND YACHT SQUADRON – THE SAILING GATEWAY TO MORETON BAY

Gold Coast

Sunshine Coast

75km

Brisbane CBD

100km

30min

50min

20min

International

BNE

Domestic

Manly Station

Manly Harbour Village

Wynnum Central

Brisbane Volunteer Coastguard

Protected migratory bird roost



Australian Sailing Office

Manly Marina Cove Motel

Clubhouse, coffeeshop & bistro
Function rooms

Main launching ramp & rigging lawns

Marina & Sailing Offices

Boat maintenance & chandlery

Boat storage

Showers / laundry

Eastern beach
Windsurfing

Bayview Lookout
Showers / laundry

Waterloo Bay



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