



TRAILER SAILER CLUB of QUEENSLAND

TSCQ MORETON BAY CLASSIC

2-3 March 2019

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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The Trailer Sailer Club of Queensland Inc (TSCQ) as the organising authority will conduct the TSCQ MORETON BAY CLASSIC 2019 on the waters of Moreton Bay on the weekend of 2-3 March 2019.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The Moreton Bay Classic 2019 will be governed by the "rules" as defined in the 2017 - 2020 ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the current Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) Part 1 Category 5.
- 1.2. All yachts competing in the event shall comply with the safety equipment regulations of the Queensland Department of Transport.
- 1.3. Unless in use, no part of any anchor may project forward of the bow at any time whilst racing.

2. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on Saturday, 0830 on Sunday, except that any change to the schedule of races may be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect and may also be posted on www.tscq.org.au.
- 2.2. Changes to the Sailing Instructions made afloat will be indicated by the display of Code Flag "L" accompanied by two sound signals. The change may be communicated either orally, with yachts coming within hailing distance, on the designated course VHF channel 72 and/or in writing.

3. RACE COMMUNICATION and SIGN-ON

VHF Channel 72 will be used as the Race Communications channel. Physical sign-on is required by all entrants at the Saturday briefing. There will be no sign-on by radio on the water. You must advise one of the official vessels if you withdraw from either day's racing. Please sail close to the finish boat if there is any doubt about confirmation your finish has been recorded accurately.

4. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DAY/DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Saturday 2 March	0800	Registration opens / sign-on	MBTBC
	0900	Information Session and briefing	MBTBC
	1055	Warning Signal for first start	
	1700	Time Limit (all Divisions)	
	1900	Dinner available	MBBC
	2000	Saturday presentation	MBBC
Sunday 3 March	0700	Breakfast available	MBBC
	0830	Information Session and briefing	MBBC
	0955	Warning Signal for first start	
	1600	Time Limit (all Divisions)	
	<1730	Prize presentation (to commence as soon as possible after the completion of racing)	MBTBC

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

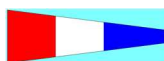
5.1. Start times are planned as follows:

DIVISION	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Multihulls – Division 4	Not before 1100hrs	Not before 1000hrs
Sports boats – Division 3	Not before 1100hrs	Not before 1000hrs
Slower Trailer Sailers – Division 2	Not before 1110hrs	Not before 1010hrs
Faster Trailer Sailers – Division 1	Not before 1120hrs	Not before 1020hrs

Depending on the number of entries, sports boats may be included in Division 1.

6. DIVISION FLAGS

The Regatta is to be sailed in up to four divisions (depending on number of entries).





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DIVISION	CLASS FLAG
Division 1	Numeral pennant 1
Division 2	Numeral pennant 2
Division 3	Numeral pennant 3
Division 4	Numeral pennant 4

7. RACING AREA

Moreton Bay – between Manly and Scarborough

8. COURSES AND MARKS (unless advised otherwise at briefing/s)

8.1. SATURDAY

- 8.1.1. Course A: **Start – Green Island (S) – Hope Banks (P) – Mud Island (P) - Coffee Pots (P) - Fisheries Beacon off Sandgate (S)– North Reef (P) – Finish** (approx. course length 32 nm).
- 8.1.2. Course B: **Start – St Helena Island (P) – Mud Island (P) - Coffee Pots (P) - Fisheries Beacon off Sandgate (S) – North Reef (P) – Finish** (approx. course length 27 nm).
- 8.1.3. Course C: **Start – St Helena Island (S) - Coffee Pots (P) - Fisheries Beacon off Sandgate (S)– North Reef (P) – Finish** (approx. course length 21 nm).
- 8.1.4. Course D: **Start – Green Island (S) – Hope Banks (P) – Mud Island (P) - Coffee Pots (P) - North Reef (P) – Finish** (approx. course length 28 nm).
- 8.1.5. Course E: **Start – St Helena Island (P) – Mud Island (P) - Coffee Pots (P) - North Reef (P) – Finish** (approx. course length 24 nm).
- 8.1.6. Course F: **Start – St Helena Island (S) - Coffee Pots (P) - North Reef (P) – Finish** (approx. course length 18 nm).

All vessels must cross the Brisbane River Entrance Channel leaving the Coffee Pots to Port, and between the Coffee Pots and the next set of seaward entrance beacons.

ALL navigation marks are to be observed.

(P) leave mark to Port

(S) leave mark to Starboard

Subject to confirmation at the briefing or by the starter prior to the start, likely courses for Saturday are Division 4 – course A; Divisions 3 & 5 – course B; Divisions 2 and 1 – course C.

8.2. SUNDAY

- 8.2.1. Subject to confirmation at the briefing or by the starter prior to the start, likely courses for Sunday are Division 4 – course D reverse; Division 3 – course E reverse; Divisions 2 and 1 – course F reverse.

8.3. ENTRANCE CHANNEL

The courses cross the Brisbane shipping Entrance Channel in the general vicinity of the Coffee Pots. All boats must give way to commercial vessels using the channel. It is the skipper's responsibility to ensure they cross the channel safely without causing any concern to shipping.

CAUTION: Ships can travel very fast – faster than they might appear. Ships can accelerate particularly when leaving port. If a ship is approaching and there is any doubt, set a course to pass behind the ship.

All boats with VHF radios are to keep a radio watch on Channel 12 when approaching and crossing the shipping channel so they can communicate with commercial shipping if necessary.

The first and last boats in each division, when safely across the shipping channel, are



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requested to call "TSCQ Race Committee" on VHF channel 72 to advise the time of crossing. One of the Race Committee boats will respond and acknowledge. Alternatively, please call the finish boat by mobile phone – telephone number/s to be provided at the briefing/s.

No time deduction can be allowed for time lost, if any, to pass behind shipping (just another interesting aspect to this event!).

9. OFFICIAL VESSELS

Official Vessels, including the Start and Finish boats, will display a green and yellow "TSCQ" pennant for identification.

Vessel names, skippers and contact details of Official Vessels will be provided to competitors at the Race Briefing/s.

10. THE START

10.1. Races will be started as follows:

MINUTES TO START	FLAG UP	FLAG DOWN	SOUND SIGNAL
5	Division/Class		Short
4	"P"		Short
1		"P"	Long
Start		Division/Class	Short

This changes RRS Rule 26.

10.2. The starting line will be a line between a buoy to port and the flag mast of the Start boat to starboard.

On Saturday, the Start line will be in an area NE of Manly Boat Harbour.

On Sunday, the Start line will be in an area NE of Scarborough Boat Harbour.

In the event of little wind the start line may be moved along the course. Be prepared to motor without delay to follow the start boat to a new location.

10.3. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other divisions.

10.4. A boat starting later than fifteen minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.

10.5. Sound signals may be either a horn or gun, however visual signals take precedence. Audible signals are provided as a courtesy. A failure to sound should be disregarded.

10.6. Individual recalls will be in accordance with Rule 29.1.

10.7. General recall shall be signaled in accordance with Rule 29.2. When a General Recall has been signaled, the starts of succeeding divisions will be postponed accordingly.

11. THE FINISH

11.1. The finishing line will be a line between a buoy to starboard and the flag mast of the Finish boat to port.

On Saturday, the Finish line will be in an area NE of Scarborough Boat Harbour.

On Sunday, the Finish line will be in an area NE of Manly Boat Harbour.

SHORTENED COURSE

11.2. The course may be shortened by displaying Code Flag "S" on the finish boat and a broadcast on Channel 72 to all boats. The finish line for a shortened course shall be, if possible, adjacent to a mark of the course; between that mark and the flag mast of the Finish boat.



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12. TIME LIMIT

12.1. The time limit for:

Saturday will be 1700 hrs for all Divisions
Sunday will be 1600 hrs for all Divisions

12.2. Boats failing to finish within the time limit will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 32.1.

13. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

Infringing yachts may undertake one 360° turn as an alternative penalty for all breaches. This changes the provisions of RRS 44.1 and 44.2.

14. PROTEST AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS

14.1. Protests are to be lodged with the Race Committee, in writing together with a protest fee of \$50 (refundable if the protest is upheld) within 60 minutes of finishing the race.

14.2. In accordance with RRS 64.1(a), for a breach of a rule other than of RRS Part 2, the Jury may award any other penalty at their discretion.

14.3. Prizes may be awarded irrespective of the results of any pending protests or appeals.

15. MEDIATION

15.1. At the discretion of the Jury, a mediation hearing may be heard prior to a protest hearing involving an alleged breach of a rule of RRS Part 2 (affecting Rule 63). After the written protest is properly lodged, one representative from each boat will meet with the mediator, no witnesses will be permitted. Protests not resolved by mediation will be heard by the Jury.

15.2. A boat that accepts fault at a mediation hearing will be penalised at the discretion of the Race Committee. This decision is not subject to reopening or appeal. This alters RRS 63, 64.1(a), 66 and Appendix A.

15.3. The mediator may be a member of any subsequent Jury or may observe and give testimony to the Jury. This changes RRS 63.3(a).

16. HANDICAPS

16.1. This is a Performance Based Handicap (PBH) event.

16.2. Handicaps will be assigned on the basis of previous known performance and known class ratings (where supplied).

16.3. If not supplied, handicaps will be at the Handicapper's discretion.

16.4. Handicaps will be advised immediately prior to the Saturday briefing. The decision of the Handicapper on any handicap matter will be final and will not be grounds for requests for redress. This alters RRS 60.1 (b).

16.5. Handicaps might be altered if a large discrepancy in stated performance is indicated following Race 1.

17. RESULTS

17.1. The elapsed time, multiplied by the boat handicap for each day will be added together to give a total corrected time.

17.2. Results will be based on corrected times.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1. The following AS Special Regulations (SR) Part 1 Categories shall apply: Category 5.

18.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS



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A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the sailing instructions.

20. ADVERTISING

- 20.1. Competitor advertising is restricted to any event advertising the Organising Authority may require. See ISAF Regulation 20.
- 20.2. The Race Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry which displays names or logos in conflict with race sponsors, or for any other reason.
- 20.3. Sponsored boats are required to be cleared by the Race Committee prior to entry.

21. MEDIA RIGHTS / PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

- 21.1. In participating in the Regatta, a competitor grants to the TSCQ, the right in perpetuity, to make, reproduce, edit, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and other reproductions of them without compensation.

22. RUBBISH DISPOSAL

All rubbish must be retained on board to be disposed of ashore.

23. SCHEDULE OF PRIZES

- 23.1. The results for all races will be decided on the basis of the allocated PBH.
- 23.2. Race prizes will depend on the number of entries received for each division. Prizes may be awarded as follows:
 - 1st place for each Division for Saturday's race
 - 1st place for each Division for Sunday's race
 - 1st, 2nd and 3rd for each Division overall (Saturday and Sunday) provided there are at least five boats eligible
 - 1st, 2nd and 3rd overall (Saturday and Sunday) for eligible trailable monohulls (see NOR) – winner is awarded the perpetual TSCQ Nev Schaffer Trophy
- 23.3. Lucky draw prizes may be awarded to those present at Sunday's presentation.
- 23.4. The announcement of provisional results on Saturday will commence at MBBC at approximately 2000.
- 23.5. The Presentation on Sunday will commence at MBTBC approximately 1 hour after the last boat has finished, or at 1730 at the latest.
- 23.6. The Organising Authority may alter this schedule of allocation of prizes.

24. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 24.1. All those taking part in the regatta do so at their own risk and responsibility.
- 24.2. TSCQ is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.
- 24.3. TSCQ is not responsible for any damage or injury, either ashore or at sea to persons or boats which might result from participating in races conducted by the club.
- 24.4. Attention is drawn to ISAF Fundamental Rule 4: Decision to race "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".

25. INSURANCE

- 25.1. The owner or charterer of a boat entered in the Moreton Bay Classic shall hold a marine legal liability insurance policy with respect to the boat, current when racing and not racing, with an adequate sum insured of not less than AUD\$10 million (or its equivalent in another currency).
- 25.2. The policy will state that the boat is covered for races in which it is participating or that it is covered for races of a length greater than the length of the race in which it is participating.



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25.3. The policy must be in effect throughout the Moreton Bay Classic.

26. OVERNIGHT / CATERING & SOCIAL EVENT

- 26.1. Competitors are reminded that anchoring in the Manly Boat Harbour is prohibited.
- 26.2. A public ramp and parking is available immediately North of Moreton Bay Trailer Boat Club (MBTBC) in Fairlead Crescent - Manly.
- 26.3. Ample public trailer parking is available immediately north of the Club.
- 26.4. It is a condition of entry that yachts must moor in accordance with the directions of the Marina Managers in Scarborough.
- 26.5. All facilities of the Moreton Bay Boat Club (MBBC) at Scarborough will be made available to competitors on the Saturday evening and Sunday morning however everyone must sign-in as a visitor.
- 26.6. Alcohol not purchased at MBBC must not be taken on to the licensed premises.
- 26.7. Provisional placings for Race 1 will be posted at MBBC if possible.
- 26.8. Food and drinks will be available for purchase from the MBBC Bar and Dining Room.
- 26.9. Breakfast will be made available at a cost from the MBBC Dining Room on Sunday morning.

27. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Trailer Sailer Club of Queensland Inc. extends thanks to our host clubs and sponsors whose support make this annual event possible.