



TRAILER SAILER CLUB of QUEENSLAND

TSCQ MORETON BAY CLASSIC

7-8 March 2020

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 2020 on the waters of Moreton Bay on the weekend of 7-8 March 2020.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The Moreton Bay Classic 2020 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

Any change to the sailing instructions will be advised before 0900 on Saturday and before 0830 on Sunday, except that any change to the schedule of races may be advised by 2000 on the day before it will take effect and may also be posted on www.tscq.org.au.

3. RACE COMMUNICATION and SIGN-ON

VHF Channel 72 will be used as the Race Communications channel. There will be sign-on by radio on the water prior to the start on each day. You must advise one of the official vessels if you withdraw from either day's racing.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Start times will be staggered at five-minute intervals in small groups of boats with similar handicaps. All entrants will be advised of their start times at the briefing or earlier. There will be no official start boat. Skippers should use GPS time or the "timeanddate" website. Start times will be in the ranges as follows:

DIVISION	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Slower Trailer Sailers – Division 2	1050 - 1100hrs	0950 - 1000hrs
Faster Trailer Sailers – Division 1	1105 - 1115hrs	1005 - 1015hrs
Sports boats – Division 3	1120 - 1130hrs	1020 - 1030hrs

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

5. THE START

- 5.1. On Saturday the Start line is an imaginary line 30 m long projecting approximately SSE from the outer Manly red beacon (to be left to port) at right angles to the direction of the first leg of the course. Keep clear of vessels entering and leaving the harbour entrance channel.
- 5.2. On Sunday, the Start line is an imaginary line 30 m long projecting approximately eastward from the North Reef beacon (to be left to starboard) at right angles to the direction of the first leg of the course.
- 5.3. In the event of little wind, the start line may be moved along the course. Be prepared to motor without delay. This changes RRS Rule 26.
- 5.4. Any boat crossing the start line before her designated start time must return and start again.

6. THE FINISH

- 6.1. On Saturday, the Finish line is an imaginary line 30 m long projecting approximately eastward from the North Reef beacon (to be left to port) at right angles to the direction of the last leg of the course.
- 6.2. On Sunday, the Finish line is an imaginary line 30 m long projecting approximately SSE from the Manly red lead at right angles to the direction of the last leg of the course. Keep clear of vessels entering and leaving the harbour entrance channel.
- 6.3. All boats must record their own finish time on both days and notify it to the Scorer as soon as possible after completing the race on both days. Contact details for the Scorer will be provided at the briefings.



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

7.1. SATURDAY

7.1.1. Course A: **Start: Manly Red Lead (P) – St Helena Island (S) – Coffee Pots (P) – Fisheries Beacon off Sandgate (S) – Finish: North Reef (P)** (approx. course length 20 nm).

7.1.2. Course B: **Start: Manly Red Lead (P) – St Helena Island (S) – Coffee Pots (P) – Finish: North Reef (P)** (approx. course length 17 nm).

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

ALL navigation marks are to be observed. The Old Bar Cutting/Koopa Channel markers are NOT navigation marks for these courses.

(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 course for all Divisions for Saturday is Course A.

7.2. SUNDAY

7.2.1. Subject to confirmation at the briefing or by the starter prior to the start, the likely course for Sunday for all Divisions is course B reverse.

7.3. ENTRANCE CHANNEL

The courses cross the Brisbane shipping Entrance Channel between the Coffee Pots and the next set of seaward entrance beacons. 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 are to keep a radio watch on VHF Channel 12 when approaching and crossing the shipping channel so they can communicate with commercial shipping if necessary.

No time deduction can be allowed for time lost, if any, to pass behind shipping.

8. OFFICIAL VESSELS

Vessel names, skippers and contact details of Official Vessels will be provided to competitors at the briefings. Official Vessels are likely to be one or more of the competing TSCQ boats.

9. SHORTENED COURSE

The course may be shortened by radio notification. The finish line for a shortened course shall be adjacent to a navigation mark. Boats must pass within 30m of the mark and record their time as they cross an imaginary line projecting from the mark at right angles to the course from the previous mark.

10. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for Saturday will be 1700 hrs for all Divisions. The time limit for Sunday will be 1600 hrs for all Divisions. Boats failing to finish within the time limit will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF).

11. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

Infringing boats may undertake alternative penalties in accordance with the provisions of RRS 44.1 and 44.2.



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12. PROTEST AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS

- 12.1. Protests are discouraged and every effort should be made to avoid them by notifying any boat which may have breached the rules and encouraging them to undertake appropriate penalty turn(s) or other corrective action.
- 12.2. Protests are to be lodged with the Race Committee within 60 minutes of finishing the race. They may be communicated in person, in writing, by email, or by text message.
- 12.3. 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.

13. HANDICAPS

- 13.1. This is a Performance Based Handicap (PBH) event.
- 13.2. Handicaps will be assigned on the basis of previous known performance and known class ratings (where supplied).
- 13.3. Handicaps will be at the Handicapper's discretion.
- 13.4. 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).

14. RESULTS

- 14.1. The elapsed time, multiplied by the boat handicap for each day will be added together to give a total corrected time.
- 14.2. Results will be based on the total corrected times for the two days.

15. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 15.1. The following AS Special Regulations (SR) Part 1 Categories shall apply: Category 5.
- 15.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

16. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

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

17. RUBBISH DISPOSAL

All rubbish and waste products must be retained on board to be disposed of appropriately ashore.

18. PRIZES

- 18.1. The results will be decided on the basis of the allocated PBH.
- 18.2. Race prizes will depend on the number of entries received for each division. Prizes may be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd for each Division overall (Saturday and Sunday) provided there are at least five boats eligible.
- 18.3. Overall winner (Saturday and Sunday combined) for eligible trailable monohulls (see NOR 5.2) will be awarded the perpetual TSCQ Nev Schaffer Memorial Trophy.
- 18.4. There will be no presentation after the race. Results will be posted on the TSCQ website within a few days of the event. All prizes will be presented at the club's annual presentation night in November.

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 19.1. All those taking part in the event do so at their own risk and responsibility.
- 19.2. TSCQ is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.
- 19.3. 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.



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- 19.4. 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”.

20. INSURANCE

- 20.1. 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).
- 20.2. 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.
- 20.3. The policy must be in effect throughout the Moreton Bay Classic.

21. FACILITIES

- 21.1. A public ramp and parking are available immediately north of Moreton Bay Trailer Boat Club (MBTBC) in Fairlead Crescent - Manly.
- 21.2. It is a condition of entry that yachts must moor in accordance with the directions of the Marina Managers at the Moreton Bay Boat Club (MBBC) in Scarborough.
- 21.3. All facilities of the MBBC at Scarborough will be made available to competitors on the Saturday evening and Sunday morning, however everyone must sign-in as a visitor.
- 21.4. Alcohol not purchased at MBBC must not be taken on to the licensed premises.
- 21.5. Food and drinks will be available for purchase from the MBBC Bar and Dining Room.
- 21.6. Breakfast will be made available for purchase from the MBBC Dining Room on Sunday morning.

22. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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