



TRAILER SAILER CLUB of QUEENSLAND

TSCQ MORETON BAY CLASSIC

7-8 March 2020

NOTICE OF RACE

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1. INVITATION

- 1.1. The Trailer Sailer Club of Queensland Inc (TSCQ) invites entries from trailable monohull sailing boats to race on the waters of Moreton Bay in the TSCQ Moreton Bay Classic on the weekend of 7-8 March 2020. **There will be no entry fee.**
- 1.2. The Nev Schaffer memorial trophy will be the major prize for the overall eligible monohull trailer sailer winner (excluding sports boats). If there are at least five sports boat entries they will sail in their own division, otherwise they will sail with the faster trailer sailers.
- 1.3. The race format will be modified from previous years. There will be no official start or finish boats. All entrants will be given a start time and will be required to take their own finish time. Details will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

2. LOCATION

- 2.1. Racing will take place on the scenic waters of Moreton Bay. The courses will take competitors from Manly, north past the Coffee Pots (Brisbane River Channel), past the Redcliffe foreshore to the Moreton Bay Boat Club (MBBC) at Scarborough. Competitors stay overnight in the marina **at no cost to competitors.** The return is held on Sunday. The likely courses are in the Sailing Instructions and the exact details of the courses will be announced at the briefings.

3. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 3.1. The Organising Authority (OA) is TSCQ. The OA is assisted by MBBC at Scarborough.

4. RULES

- 4.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing, and the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australia Sailing (AS) Part 1 Category 5.
- 4.2. All boats competing in the event including boats from interstate shall comply with the safety equipment regulations of the Queensland Department of Transport. Details are available from www.qld.gov.au/transport/boating
- 4.3. Sailing Instructions will be available for download from the TSCQ website (www.tscq.org.au) no later than five days prior to the event.

5. ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1. Trailable monohull boats over 4.8m in length and meeting the following requirements are eligible to compete in this event.
 - 5.1.1. Crew must be capable of handling the boat safely under racing conditions.
 - 5.1.2. All trapeze and leverage devices must be declared on the application form at the time of submitting the entry.
 - 5.1.3. Boats must be owned and/or skippered by members of AS affiliated clubs (AS number is required with entry).
- 5.2. Trailable monohulls, except sports boats, meeting the following requirements are eligible for the TSCQ Nev Schaffer Memorial Trophy (overall winner's trophy).
 - 5.2.1. The boat must be capable of being transported on its own trailer and be capable of being launched and retrieved without the assistance of external equipment or requiring detachment of the trailer from the towing vehicle.
 - 5.2.2. Neither the boat, nor its trailer, shall require a special permit or permission for road transportation.

6. ENTRIES

- 6.1. Enter online at www.tscq.org.au. All sections of the entry form must be completed for the entry to be accepted. There is **no entry fee** for the event.
- 6.2. The closing date for all entries is **Wednesday 4 March 2020.**
- 6.3. Berthage on the Saturday night at MBBC is provided **at no charge** for all entrants.

7. EVENT FORMAT AND SCHEDULE

- 7.1. It is the Race Committee's intention to make the racing format as fair as possible for the number of competitors.
- 7.2. The event will be sailed in two or three separate divisions – Division 1 (faster trailer sailers); Division 2 (slower trailer sailers); Division 3 (sports boats). The number and make up of divisions will depend on the entries received.
- 7.3. All Divisions will sail the same courses. Course selection will be announced on the day of each leg of the race.
- 7.4. The event is a single race, sailed in two legs, with the first leg on the Saturday and the return leg on the Sunday.
- 7.5. Saturday's leg will start off the Manly Boat Harbour and navigate a course on Moreton Bay to finish off Scarborough Boat Harbour, a distance of approximately 20 nautical miles.
- 7.6. Sunday's return leg will finish off the Manly Boat Harbour.
- 7.7. Courses are subject to weather conditions on the day and may be shortened if necessary.
- 7.8. There will be a briefing at 0900 on **Saturday 7th March 2020** at Manly outside the entrance to the MBTBC.
- 7.9. The time limit for Saturday will be 1700.
- 7.10. There will be a briefing at 0830 on **Sunday 8th March 2020** at MBBC.
- 7.11. The time limit for Sunday will be 1600.
- 7.12. Boats failing to finish within the time limit will be scored Did Not Finish.

8. RACE COMMUNICATIONS

- 8.1. VHF 72 will be monitored over the weekend.
- 8.2. Fixed or handheld radios are allowed.
- 8.3. VHF 12 must be monitored by all boats when approaching and crossing the Brisbane River shipping channel entrance.

9. HANDICAPS

- 9.1. This event is a Performance Based Handicap (PBH) event.
- 9.2. Handicaps will be assigned on the basis of previous known performance and known class ratings (where supplied).
- 9.3. Handicaps will be at the handicapper's discretion.
- 9.4. Handicaps will be advised immediately prior to the Saturday briefing, and are not subject to protest.
- 9.5. Handicaps may be altered if a large discrepancy in stated performance is indicated following Leg 1.

10. INSURANCE

- 10.1. The owner or charterer of a boat entered to race 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 AU\$10million (or its equivalent in another currency).
- 10.2. 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.
- 10.3. The policy will be in effect throughout the Moreton Bay Classic.

11. ENTRY DISCLAIMER

- 11.1. The skipper of each boat is entirely responsible for the safety of the boat and crew, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.

- 11.2. It is for the skipper to decide whether the boat is fit to sail in the conditions in which it will find itself. By launching, the skipper confirms that it is fit for the prevailing conditions and that the crew is competent to sail in them.
- 11.3. Nothing done by the organizers can reduce the responsibility of the skipper, nor will it 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/cruising. The organizers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the OA, the race committee, the race officer, umpires, support boats and dockmasters.
- 11.4. The provision of support boats does not relieve the skipper and crew of their responsibilities.

12. OVERNIGHT/CATERING & SOCIAL EVENT

- 12.1. A public ramp and parking are available immediately north of MBTBC in Fairlead Crescent, Manly.
- 12.2. It is a condition of entry that yachts must moor in accordance with the directions of the Marina Managers in Scarborough.
- 12.3. 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.
- 12.4. Alcohol not purchased at MBBC must not be taken onto the licensed premises.
- 12.5. Food and drinks will be available for purchase from the MBBC Bar and Dining Room.
- 12.6. Breakfast will be available for purchase from the MBBC Dining Room on Sunday morning.

13. PRIZES

- 13.1. The results for all races will be decided on the basis of the allocated PBH.
- 13.2. Results will be posted on the TSCQ web site within a few days of the event.
- 13.3. All prizes will be presented at the TSCQ presentation night in November.
- 13.4. Race prizes will depend on the number of entries received for each division. Prizes may be awarded as follows:
 - 1st, 2nd and 3rd for each Division overall (Saturday and Sunday) provided there are at least five boats eligible.
 - Overall winner (Saturday and Sunday) for eligible trailable monohulls (see 5.2) will be awarded the perpetual TSCQ Nev Schaffer Memorial Trophy.

14. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The TSCQ extends thanks to our host club and sponsors whose support makes this annual event possible.