



Port Douglas Race Week
16th to 20th May, 2017
Port Douglas Yacht Club
Queensland, Australia.
Notice of Race

Owners of boats suitable to compete in divisions as per clause 4 are invited to apply for entry to the Quicksilver Port Douglas Race Week.

1. Rules

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and Australia Sailing (AS) Special Regulations, Category 6 for Division 4 and Category 5 for Divisions 1, 2 and 3.

1.2 Any change made to this Notice of Race prior to 16th May 2017 will be posted on the event website. Changes made after that date will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board at Port Douglas Yacht Club.

1.3 RRS 55 is amended adding the following sentence to the rule: 'However, discarding cotton, wool or any other biodegradable material when setting a sail is permitted.'

1.4 The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions that will be on the official notice board located at the Port Douglas Yacht Club.

2. Advertising

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies.

3. Eligibility and Entry

3.1 Eligible boats may enter online at www.portdouglasraceweek.com.au together with the required fee after Monday 16th January 2017.

3.2 Entry may also be made by downloading a manual entry form from the event website and sending the completed entry form to the Club with payment. Payment options are detailed on the entry form.

3.3 Entries close at 1700 on Friday 12th May 2017

4. Divisions

4.1 Division 1: Performance Handicap (boats over 9 metres)

Division 2: Performance Handicap (NO spinnakers or Code Zeros)

Division 3: Multihulls

Division 4: Sports Boats, J24's & similar boats under 9 metres.

4.2 A minimum of 5 boats is required to constitute a division. Boats may be transferred to another division, at the discretion of the Race Committee (RC).

4.3 Division entries will be posted on the event website and the Regatta Notice Board no later than 1700hrs Monday 15th May 2017.

5. Fees

5.1 The required fees are as follows:

Required Fee \$200.

5.2 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee (RC) The late entry fee is \$250.

6. Schedule, provisional program, subject to the weather.

		First Warning
Monday 15th May	Registration & Welcome 12:30 to 16:30 at PDYC	
Tuesday 16 th May	Div. 1, 2, 4 - two short races	09:55
	Div. 3 - short passage	
Wednesday 17 th May	Div. 1, 2, 3 - passage race	09:55
	Div. 4 - two short races	
Thursday 18 th May	Lay day	
Friday 19 th May	All divisions - two short races	09:55
Saturday 20 th May	Long triangle/W&R race	09:55
	Presentation of Prizes	

7. Handicap System

7.1 Event Time Correction Factors (EHC) handicaps will be issued by the Port Douglas Yacht Club Handicap Committee and will not be grounds for redress (this alters RRS 60.1(b) and 62).

7.2 Provisional handicaps for the first race will be determined by the Handicap Committee (HC) and posted on the Regatta Notice Board before the first race.

7.3 The Race Committee may consider applications relating to initial performance based handicaps if made in writing, with supporting documentation, prior to the first race.

8. Sailing Instructions

The supplementary sailing instructions will be available after 1800hrs on Sunday 14th at The Port Douglas Yacht Club. (Copies will be available to competitors on request)

9. Venue

Racing will be conducted on the waters off Port Douglas & Four Mile Beach and around adjacent islands – Snapper Is. & Low Islands.

10. The Courses

Courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

11. Penalty System

RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

12. Scoring

12.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

12.2 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

12.3 When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

13. Prizes

13.1 Prizes will be given to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place on corrected time overall in each division.

13.2 Other prizes may be given at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

13.3 The overall winner in each division is recognised by the addition of a plaque affixed to the Clipper Cup trophy to commemorate their win.

14. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta/race entirely at their own risk. See RRS rule 4, Decision to Race.

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. The Organizing Authority, Port Douglas Yacht Club, Sponsors, Volunteers, Agents, Employees and service providers, the Race Officer and the Race Committee will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Regatta for both on the water and on land activities. By participating in this event, each competitor (owners, skippers, and crews) agrees to release the race organizers and all persons and groups listed above from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

15. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000.

16. Internet Site

16.1 The event web site for Quicksilver Port Douglas Race Week 2017 is located at www.portdouglasraceweek.com.au and information regarding the event may be obtained from this site. Entrants are advised to check the site regularly in order to keep up to date with the latest information.

17. Berthing

17.1 A limited number of berths for competing boats will be available at The Reef Marina, Port Douglas for the period 16th May – 20th May at no charge subject to availability.

17.2 A 50% discount is offered by The Reef Marina for competing boats from 9th May to 15th May and from 21st May to 27th May.

For Further Details

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