

Far North Queensland J24 Match Racing Championship

27 Aug 2011

Conducted by the Cairns Yacht Club in conjunction with NQ Sailing

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Rules – Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* 2009– 2012 Parts 1 – 7, with amendments as indicated in these sailing instructions, and the *J24 class rules*.

Advertising – Boats may carry event and individual sponsor logo(s) as supplied.

Eligibility – Racing is open to members of Yacht Clubs within the North Queensland Region. All competitors shall be members of clubs affiliated with the Queensland Yachting Association (ie. Silver card holders). Each crew shall consist of five persons.

Boats – Racing shall be sailed in NQ Sailing's fleet of J24s. All **competitors** shall sail in the boats provided and **shall sail the boats exactly as provided**. The race organizers reserve the right to stipulate which sails may be used. i.e. smaller head sails may be stipulated in the interest of fairer and more competitive racing.

A draw for yachts will be conducted at the **briefing:- 0900hrs on Sat 27 Aug**.

All sails and equipment are to remain on board each yacht as provided by NQ Sailing. It is expected that **all equipment will be returned to the original location on each yacht at the conclusion of racing**.

Regatta Site – The Cairns Yacht Club Marlin Marina Cairns 4870 ph: 4031 2750.

Notices to Competitors – Notices to competitors will be available at the Skipper's briefings and from the race committee, and will be displayed on the notice board at CYC Boatshed.

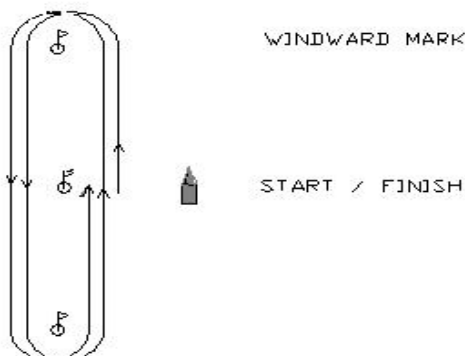
Changes to Sailing Instructions – Any changes to the sailing instructions will be notified at the Skipper's briefing, except any changes to the schedule of races will be notified on channel 72 VHF before the start of any given race.

Schedule of Events - Date 27 Aug. Round Robin first heat warning signal approx 0955hrs.

Warning signal for successive heats (in groups of three) is expected to be at approximately seven minute intervals.

Successive heats of three to start after crews have had approximately ten minute breather from the end of the last group of three races. With the exception of a lunch break of approximately one hour at the end of the second set of three heats, this process will continue until all fifteen heats are finalized.

Courses and Racing Area – Courses shall be of a windward leeward configuration. The number of laps (Generally two) may be altered dependent on weather and time constraints and signaled from the start boat. Course Location will be to the North of Marlin Marina Sailfish Quay.



THE START:

The **start line** shall be sighted between the Starter (CYC flag) located on the CYC start boat and the outer start mark. There may be clearance marks near the start vessel. All starters must not pass between the start boat and clearance marks.

The **starting sequence** will be as per Rule 26 with times taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

Boats will be assigned either port or starboard entry to the start line (at the briefing) and, at the preparatory signal for her heat, will cross and clear the starting line the first time, from the course side to the start side of the line. At all times, boats not yet racing will stay clear of all boats which are racing.

SCORING & FORMAT – The scoring system will be:

First boat to finish:.....1 point Second boat to finish:..... 0 points

Each boat's score shall be the total of her race scores:- all races to count (no dropped races). The contestant with the highest score wins. Tied scores will be broken using Appendix C 11.

Each crew will compete in the boat they draw at their briefing, and start entry positions as advised at the briefing, for all heats on the first day. A further draw for boats and start entry, will occur ASAP after racing on the first day.

PROTESTS & REQUESTS for REDRESS -

Protest will be indicated by participating skippers by holding up a yellow flag, to which an umpire will respond, or by umpires signalling a breach by blowing a whistle and pointing either a black or red flag at the offender. Umpire's decision will be final.

Penalties: As per Appendix C 7.1; 7.2 (a), (c), (d), (f); 7.3 (a),(b), (c); 7.4 (a), (b); 8.1 (a), (b); 8.3; 8.5

Umpire flags: (All with sound signal and flag pointed at yacht.)

GREEN = No penalty; **RED** = Penalty; **BLACK** = DSQ ("Go to start area. This race declared.")

Penalties: As per Appendix C 7 & C 8.

Prize Presentation – A presentation will be held as soon as possible after racing has completed on Sunday 04/04/10. Presentation to follow the last heat when **all equipment has been returned to the original location on each yacht.**

Support Boats – Boats carrying umpires will carry a **red flag**.. Team support boats and spectator craft, other than those provided by the organizing authority, must remain outside the course area which is defined as each mark of the course and any possible point of competing boats at all times. Support boats may carry photographers and TV camera persons.

Disclaimer – Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. The Organizing Authority, its officers, members, servants, and sponsors, shall not be liable for any material loss or damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with their participation or intended participation or after the regatta howsoever arising in connection with the regatta.

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