



Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions

Labour Day Short Course Sprints

Monday 1st May 2017

- 1. Invitation – NCYC** extends an invitation to owners/skippers of eligible yachts to compete in the 1st May 2017 Labour day short course sprint Yacht Races.
- 2. Rules –** The races will be governed by the **COLREGS** and this combined Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions. The Racing Rules of Sailing do **not** apply.
- 3. Eligibility –** All NCYC yachts satisfying the requirements of Maritime Safety Queensland for the type of boat sailing in partially smooth waters and capable of safely completing the course are eligible.
- 4. Entry fee –**
This is an NCYC members only event and therefore no entry fee applies.
- 5. Entering the event –** Yachts wishing to enter shall do so by logging on to “Race Control” via VHF77 at least 15 min prior to the start.
- 6. Notice to competitors –** Notices to competitors will be given on the day via VHF77.
- 7. Start –** The start time for all boats will be at precisely 11:00am GPS time. The start and finish line will be between the committee boat barging buoy and a laid buoy. The start finish line will be a length of approximately 200 metres. The start finish line will be at an approximate position of **27*09.4S 153*06.3E**. Boats that pass between the committee boat and barging buoy will be disqualified. Boats must not use their engine within 10 minutes of the start time.
- 8. Course –** Three short races. The first course to be sailed will depend on wind direction and will be called by the committee boat on station prior to the start of the first race.

8a. **Course one: start** then **Reef Point** to **port** then to the **Finish line** at the committee boat.

8b. **Course two: start** then **D/Bay red** to **port** then to the **Finish line** at the committee boat.

8c. **Course three: start** then **Caboolture River yellow** to **starboard** then to the **Finish line** at the committee boat.

9. Shortening of course – A shortened course or race cancelation will be announced via VHF77.

10. Finish – The finish will be as per the start line with a distance of 200 metres. Finish times will be taken by the finish boat but skippers must also record their own finish times. Any yachts finishing the race shall immediately leave the finish line area and keep well clear of any other yachts still finishing.

11. Spinnakers and or extras may be used. – There will be prizes for boats using spinnakers or extras and prizes for boats that do not use spinnakers. Spinnakers or Extras must be declared upon finishing to the committee boat.

12. Handicaps and Scoring – Handicaps will be assigned to yachts generally in accordance with the guide lines detailed in the NCYC hand book. Handicaps will be published prior to the event on our web site. The PerCS scoring system will be used to score the three races and a boat's club performance handicap will be adjusted between races.

13. Sailing instructions – All required sailing instructions are within this document.

14. Insurance – It is a condition of entry that each boat be covered by third party property and public liability insurance of at least \$10,000,000. For those choosing to use spinnakers or extras, consideration should be given as to whether your insurance policy covers you for this event.

15. Presentation of prizes – Results and the presentation of prizes will take place after the race. A BYO drinks and self-catered barbecue will take place after presentation. BBQ's will be available for all to use.