



Crystalbrook  
Collection  
Superyacht  
Marina  
Port Douglas

# Notice of Race

Organising Authority, Port Douglas Yacht Club, Port Douglas, Queensland

Owners of boats suitable to compete in divisions as per NOR 4 are invited to apply for entry to Riddoch Insurance Port Douglas Race Week 2024.

## 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 13th May 2024 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 available at registration and 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](http://www.portdouglasraceweek.com.au) together with the required fee from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024
- 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 10<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

## 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 3 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 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024.
- 4.4. If five or more J24 entries are received, a separate J24 division may be run in conjunction with division 4.

## 5. Fees

- 5.1. The required fees are as follows: Required Fee \$100.
- 5.2. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee (RC).

## 6. Schedule of Events

Date	Division	First Warning
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	All Divisions: Registration – from 1400 to 1700 hrs at PDYC	
Tuesday 14 <sup>st</sup> May	Division 1, 2 & 4: Two short races	09:55
	Division 3: Short passage race	
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Division 1, 2 & 3: Passage race	09:55
	Division 4: Two short races	
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	All Divisions: Lay day Resail day if required	
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	All Divisions: Two short races	09:55
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	All Divisions: Long triangle/W&R race	09:55
	Presentation of prizes	

The Race Committee may make changes to this schedule at any time.

## 7. Handicap System

- 7.1. Event Time Correction Factor (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 Sailing Instructions will be available at registration on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024 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 Supplementary Sailing Instructions.

## **11. Scoring**

**11.1.** One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

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

**11.3.** 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.

## **12. Prizes**

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

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

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

**13. 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.

## **14. Insurance**

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

## 15. Internet Site

- 15.1.** The event web site for Riddoch Insurance Port Douglas Race Week 2024 is located at [www.portdouglasraceweek.com.au](http://www.portdouglasraceweek.com.au) and information regarding the event maybe obtained from this site. Entrants are advised to check the site regularly in order to keep up to date with the latest information.

## 16. Berthing

- 16.1.** A limited number of berths for competing boats will be available at Crystalbrook Superyacht Marina, Port Douglas for the period 14<sup>th</sup> May – 18<sup>th</sup> May at no charge. Subject to availability.
- 16.2.** A 50% discount is offered by Crystalbrook Superyacht Marina for competing boats from 12<sup>th</sup> May to 14<sup>th</sup> May.
- 16.3.** A 50% discount is offered by Crystalbrook Superyacht Marina for competing boats from 8<sup>th</sup> May to 14<sup>th</sup> May and from 18<sup>th</sup> May to 20<sup>th</sup> May.

## For Further Details

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