



PORT DOUGLAS RACING FOR THE 2015 CLIPPER CUP RACE WEEK 25 - 29 MAY 2015

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Notice of Race

Mickey Ink Port Douglas Race Week

24th to 29th May, 2015

Port Douglas Yacht Club, as the organising authority, invites the owners of suitable yachts to apply for entry to the Port Douglas Race Week.

1. Rules

1.1 All races shall be governed by the rules as defined in the 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Yachting Australia (YA) - Category 5 for all Divisions except Div 4 which shall comply with Cat 6, and this Notice of Race, except as any of these are modified by the Sailing Instructions.

1.2 Changes made to this Notice-of-Race prior to 24th May 2015 may be published on the event web site and details of the changes made after that date will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board at Port Douglas Yacht Club.

2. Venue

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

3. Entries

3.1 Entries shall be lodged at The Port Douglas Yacht Club before 1700 on Monday 11th May 2015

3.2 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee.

3.3 Entry fee is \$150.00

3.4 Entry may be made on line after Monday 19th January 2015, at www.portdouglasraceweek.com.au and the fee paid at time of entry.

3.5 Entry may also be made by downloading a manual entry form from the event website and sending to the Club with payment. Payment options are detailed at bottom of form. (Direct debit, cheque, credit card or cash at the Club.)

4. Divisions

Division 1: Performance Handicap (yachts over 9 metres)

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

Division 3: Multihulls

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

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

The allocation of competitors into each division may be posted on the Regatta website and the Official Notice Board by 1700hrs Sunday 24th May 2015.



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5. Handicaps

5.1 Provisional handicaps for the first race of the series will be determined by the Race Committee (RC) and posted on the PDYC notice board before the 1st race. A boat's TCF (AHC) may be adjusted after 2 races at the RC's discretion. Thereafter adjustments will be made in accordance with the Topyacht scoring system.

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

5.3 The decisions taken by the Race Committee are final and shall not be cause for requests for redress.

6. Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be available at registration on Sunday 24th May at Port Douglas Yacht Club and may be posted on the Regatta website prior the regatta.

7. Schedule, intended program, but as always, subject to the weather.

Sunday 24 th May	Registration & Welcome at PDYC at a time to be announced.
Monday 25 th May	Div 1, 2, 4 - two short races. Div 3 - short passage race.
Tuesday 26 th May	Passage race for div 1, 2, 3. Two short races for Div 4.
Wednesday 27 th May	Layday. WAGLS evening race. NOT part of the regatta.
Thursday 28 th May	Two short races.
Friday 29 th May	Long triangle/W&R race. Presentation of Prizes in the evening.

8. Scoring System

The scoring system shall be the Low Point System, each boats score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her single worst result except if there are four or less races sailed then all races shall count.

9. Prizes and Trophies

8.1 Prizes and trophies shall be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place on corrected time overall in each division.

8.2 Prizes may be awarded for each race each day by divisions. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

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

10. Insurance

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

11. 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.

Abbreviations :- NOR – Notice of Race. SI – Sailing Instructions. RRS – Racing Rules of Sailing
TCF – Time Correction Factor. AHC – Allocated Handicap. RC - Race Committee.
OA – Organizing Authority (i.e. PDYC). W&R – Windward & Return (course).