



# Sunferries Magnetic Island Race Week 2008 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> September 2008 Magnetic Island, Townsville QLD.

## Notice-of-Race

### 1. Invitation

The Magnetic Island Race Week and the Townsville Cruising Yacht Club, as Organising Authority, invites owners of suitably found yachts to apply for entry in Sunferries Magnetic Island Race Week 2008, on Cleveland Bay and nearby waters from 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> September 2008.

### 2. Rules

- 2.1 The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in the 2005 – 2008 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of the International Sailing Federation (ISAF), the Yachting Australian Special Regulations Part 1, the current class rules of each Class, the Australian Sportsboat Association Rules. For yachts entered in the IRC Division, the IRC Rule Parts 1, 2 and 3 will apply.
- 2.2 For protests involving an alleged breach of the rules of Part 2 of the RRS, an arbitration hearing may be held prior to a protest hearing. This modifies Part 5, Section B of the RRS.
- 2.3 Backstay pennants and hull stickers may be provided by the organisers. Boats are required to display these throughout Sunferries Magnetic Island Race Week.
- 2.4 Each yacht shall be crewed by at least two persons.
- 2.5 Attention is drawn to the RRS Part 1 and especially drawn to Fundamental Rule 4.
- 2.6 Sports boats and Trailable Yachts will not be hauled out once the series has commenced, except in the case of emergency and after permission of the Race Committee has been obtained in writing and in accordance with any conditions attached to that permission.
- 2.7 RRS 50.2 is amended by adding an extra sentence to read "Fixed and retractable spinnaker poles not attached to the foremost of the masts shall be permitted for the purpose of setting asymmetrical spinnakers" RRS 51 is amended by deleting the first sentence. RRS 52 shall not apply. Yachts shall NOT carry anchors protruding beyond the bow whilst racing.
- 2.8 A yacht chartered or on loan may carry national letters or sail numbers in contravention of her class rules. A yacht without identification numbers on the main and headsail and spinnaker shall display bow numbers on each side of the hull, placed no more than one metre from the bow, for the duration of the event. This amends RRS 77. Bow numbers may be available at registration.

### 3. Safety

- 3.1 This regatta is classified as a Category "6" event (YA Special Regulations, Part 1).
- 3.2 Sports boats may carry a hand held VHF radio in lieu of a fixed radio. The radio shall be turned on at all times when racing.
- 3.3 All yachts shall carry sufficient fuel at the start of each race for two hours of motoring.
- 3.4 Officials may inspect any yacht entered for compliance with safety regulations.

### 4. Classes and Handicaps

- 4.1 Racing will be provided in the following Classes subject to at least six entries being made or accepted in that Class. Should there be insufficient entries to form a particular Class, yachts entered for that Class may be allocated to another Class at the discretion of the Race Committee. The Race Committee may at its discretion form additional Classes as required.
- 4.2

Class	Handicap System
IRC Racing	IRC
PHS Racing	Performance Handicap System
Cruising with Spinnaker	Performance Handicap System
Cruising – Non Spinnaker	Performance Handicap System
Sports Boats	SMS (Sportsboat Measurement System)

Other Divisions may be formed if there is sufficient interest.

- 4.3 More information on the type of racing offered in the above divisions can be found under the "Event Info" tab on the event website.

## 5. Eligibility and Entry

- 5.1 Eligible boats shall enter no later than Friday August 1<sup>st</sup> 2008 via the event website [www.magneticislandraceweek.com.au](http://www.magneticislandraceweek.com.au).
- 5.3 Current IRC Certificates for IRC divisions shall be provided to the race office no later than 1700hrs on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September.
- 5.4 The minimum TCC rating for yachts entered in the IRC Racing Division shall be 0.980.
- 5.5 With the exception of valid errors or protest determination, no alteration to the above certificates shall be permitted after Registration, on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2008.

## 6. Entry Fees

- 6.1 The entry Fee will be AUS\$300 for sponsored boats or \$250 for non-sponsored boats. Non-sponsored boats will not be permitted to carry advertising material other than that stipulated under ISAF Regulation 20.
- 6.2 Entry Fees shall be paid by close of entries on Friday August 1<sup>st</sup> 2008. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee in which case an additional late entry fee of \$150.00 shall apply.

## 7. Registration

- 7.3 All boats shall register at the Regatta Headquarters, Nelly Bay on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September, between 900hrs and 1700hrs. A competitors' meeting shall be conducted at Regatta Headquarters, Nelly Bay at 1700 hrs Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2008.

## 8. Schedule of Events

- 8.1 Race Schedules and courses shall be displayed on the web site, and as described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 8.2 The racing format shall be a combination of round the buoys racing in Cleveland Bay, and racing around Magnetic Island. Multiple races may be held on some days.
- 8.3 The first race shall start no earlier than 1000hrs on Saturday September 6<sup>th</sup> from Nelly Bay, Magnetic Island. The last race of the series is scheduled for Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2008.
- 8.4 The awards presentation shall be held at the Nelly Bay Harbour Precinct as soon as practicable after the last race each day.
- 8.6

Date	Class	Event
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> August	All Classes	Close of Entries
900 hrs – 1700 hrs, Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	All Classes	Registration
		Welcome Function
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	All Classes	Bay Race
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	IRC, PHS Racing & Sports Boats	2 short races
	Cruising Classes	Bay Race
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	All Classes	Around the Island Race
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	All Classes	Bay Race
		Presentation

The Race Committee may make changes to the schedule at any time

## 9. Yacht berthing arrangements and facilities

- 9.1 Berthing for entered yachts that have paid the entry fee shall be at Nelly Bay Harbour (numbers limited) will be available for the period 1200 hrs Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September to 1000 hrs Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2008. This berthing is included as part of the entry fee however booking is still required. It is a condition of entry that yachts moor in accordance with the directions of the management of The Race Week. Information packs and berthage agreement forms shall be sent to each boat on receipt of completed entry.
- For a map of the marina go to [www.magneticislandraceweek.com.au](http://www.magneticislandraceweek.com.au)

9.2 Nelly Bay Harbour is within the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority designated area; no refuelling of vessels within the marina. Provision for refuelling outside this area will be made.

## **10. Handicaps**

10.1 Provisional handicaps for the first race of the series shall be posted on the event web site and the Official Notice Board by 1700hrs Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2008. The Race Committee shall consider applications relating to initial performance based handicaps if made in writing with supporting documentation during registration.

10.2 The decisions taken by the Handicap Committee are final and there shall not be cause for requests for redress from such decisions.

## **11. Sailing Instructions**

The Sailing Instructions shall be available from the event web site from Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August.

## **12. Scoring**

The "Low Point System" RRS Appendix A shall apply except if there are four or less races sailed for a class or division, all races shall be scored. One race will constitute a series.

## **13. Insurance and Liability Risk**

13.1 By lodging an entry, the owner/charterer agrees that :-

1.1 it is a fundamental condition of entry that he, she or it releases, holds harmless and Indemnifies the Sunferries Magnetic Island Race Week Committee, TCYC and its associates, its office bearers, servants, agents and members and the sponsors of The Sunferries Magnetic Island Race Week 2008 from all liability any of those persons has to the owner/charterer or any crew member on the owner/charterer's yacht, or to any person claiming through or under any such person arising from loss or damage how so ever caused, including negligent act or omission, arising out of or relating to: participation by the owner/charterer's yacht or any other yacht in a race; the conduct or course of the race in any respect including, without limitation, any act or omission (whether reasonably foreseeable or not) causing or relating to loss of or damage to any yacht or the death or injury of any person; or any of the matters referred to in the paragraphs above;

1.2 participation by the yacht and by the crew in Sunferries Magnetic Island Race Week 2008 is agreed by TCYC and the Sunferries Magnetic Island Race Week Committee on the basis that participation is entirely at the risk of the owner/charterer and each member of the crew on the owner/charterer's yacht.

1.3 the owner/charterer shall provide each crew member or proposed crew member with a copy of these Conditions of Entry.

13.2 It is a condition of entry that competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk (see RRS 4. Decision to Race), and that each yacht shall carry public liability insurance, with a sum insured of at least A\$10,000,000 or the foreign currency equivalent.

13.3 All those taking part in these races are reminded of their obligations as set out YA Special Regulations Clause 1.02 – "Owner's Responsibility."

## **14. Advertising**

Yachts may carry advertising as permitted by Rule 79 of the Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008. The Race Committee reserves the right to reject any advertising that may conflict with the interests of the sponsors of the event.

## **15. Prizes & Trophies**

Prizes or trophies shall be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places on corrected times in each class or division overall. Trophies may be awarded for each race by divisions.

## **16. Accommodation Bookings**

Bookings for accommodation are recommended through the organisations listed under the "Accommodation" tab on the event web site. Please note: Do not leave accommodation bookings to the last minute. Excellent Resort style accommodation is available at Nelly Bay. Future years will see the development of more restaurants, bars and accommodation, creating a world class regatta precinct. Up to 5 star accommodation is available on Magnetic Island and the mainland.

Check out [www.sunferries.com.au/packages.asp](http://www.sunferries.com.au/packages.asp) or [www.townsvilleholidays.info](http://www.townsvilleholidays.info) for information on places to stay and things to do on Magnetic Island.

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***Further Information***

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