



QUEENSCLIFF-LONSDALE YACHT CLUB INC.

AROUND MUD ISLANDS RACE 2017

Noon on Saturday FEBRUARY 25th

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- a. The rules are as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing. (This includes class rules and Australian Sailing (AS) CBH rules)
- b. AS Special Regulations Part 1 Cat 7 applies to Couta Boats and Cat 5 applies to all other boats.
- c. The Couta Boat Association (CBA) has approved changes to class rule 14.3 to allow the use of electronic navigational aids in this race. The Internet may be accessed to view weather observations.
- d. Appendix T – Arbitration applies

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS & CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Notices to competitors and any changes to sailing instructions shall be posted on the official Notice Board by 10:30 hrs. Sat. 25/02/17 at **Race Headquarters** located in front of the Marina Office, Queenscliff. For Couta Boats they will be repeated on www.SSCBC.com.au

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed at Race Headquarters.

5. SIGN ON AND BRIEFING

Skippers shall sign on at Race HQ between 09:30 and 10:30 hrs. After which a briefing will be held to relay any changes to the sailing instructions or course.

Couta boats will be deemed to have **signed on** by entering the Start Area and contacting the Officer of the Day (OOD) on **VHF 72** or mobile as listed below.

6. RACE SCHEDULE & DIVISIONS

Division 2 will start at 1200 hours; the divisions shall be as follows.

Division / Class flag	Couta Boat Div / CBH Range	First Warning Signal
Numeral 2	Couta Boat Division 2	12:00
Numeral 3	Trailables 0.640 to .719	12:10
Numeral 1	Couta Boat Division 1	12:20
Numeral 4	Keel / Trailable 0.720 to and above	12:30

7. THE START

The race will be started in accordance with rule 26

- a. The start line will be approximately 500 meters ENE of the Queenscliff entrance (*see course diagram*), between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Vessel (RCV) and an orange mark.
- b. In addition to rule 24, boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose warning signal has been made[.DP]
- c. RRS 29 will be used for recalls.

9. THE COURSE. (*refer also to the course diagram and section 13. Hazards*)

- Start
- Round West Channel Pile No.3 **to port**
(Next mark approx. 060°T.)
- Round an Orange mark 100 meters east of the Symonds Channel pile **to starboard** .
(Next mark approx. 175°T)
- Round an Orange mark at the North-East end of the Pinnacle Channel. **to starboard**. (Approx 38°16.80'S 144°48.80'E)
Next mark approx 240°T

- Pass through a gate: South Channel No.6 and staff displaying Blue flag on SSCBC RCV 100 meters to the North (SC 6 is a black pile with a port hand channel top mark)
- **This gate is also the SSCBC Aggregate Couta Boat Finish Line**
- **QLYC Boats - Continue down the South Channel**
- Gate South Channel Pile No.4 and orange mark 100 meters to the North.
- Finish line North of the Queenscliff Creek.

10. THE FINISH.

- Except for SSCBC Aggregate Couta Boats. The finish line will be between an Orange buoy, and the staff displaying a blue flag on the RCV in the vicinity of the start line.
- Boats are requested not to re-cross the finish line following their finish.

11. RETIRING AND SIGNING OFF

- Boats retiring MUST notify the Race Committee prior to leaving the racecourse on VHF channel 72 (alternatively phone the Officer of the Day).
- Skippers shall sign off at Race Headquarters within one hour of the last boat finishing. Signing off in the appropriate manner shall be a declaration of observance of the rules.
- Couta Boats shall sign off via VHF 72 or mobile as listed below.

12. HAZARDS

- Hazards in the form of sandbars, reefs, etc. occur over the course with extensive sandbars and tidal flats in the vicinity of Swan Island, Symonds Channel and around Mud Islands. Refer to AUS158 for detail. Shoaling in some areas may mean the location and depth of sandbars may not be as exactly indicated on the chart.
- The course is in an area, which experiences strong tidal currents. This can be a particular hazard in the vicinity of fixed structures and piles.
- Drapers Reef lays approximately 100m inshore of Drapers Pile.
- Skippers are warned that the course passes across and along shipping channels and should keep a watch for vessels at all times.
- The Sorrento-Queenscliff car ferry's** approach Queenscliff at approximately 10:40; 11:40; 12:40 etc. and is scheduled to depart on the hour at 11:00; 12:00; 13:00 etc.
- A smaller blue passenger ferry may also operate at this time of year.
- A number of Dive Charter boats operate in the area with snorkel groups common around the Caisson and the Annulus (the rocks SW of the Wedge.)

13. TIME LIMIT

Boats still racing when the Time Limit expires at 17:00 shall be scored TLE – 2 points more than the number of boats that finish.

14. SHORTENED COURSE

The Course may be shortened using rule 32

15. PROTESTS

- Appendix T Arbitration applies.
- Protests shall be lodged at Race Headquarters (Couta Boats may lodge at SSCBC) within one hour of the last boat in that division finishing. Forms are available at Race Headquarters.
- Protest notices will be posted at Race headquarters (or SSCBC) within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors that there is a hearing to which they are a party or named as witnesses. This shall constitute official notice to all parties.

16. SCORING

- Current, Keel / Trailable performance Handicaps and Performance Handicaps of the SSCBC at race day shall apply.
- Where a boat does not have a current Handicap the OOD will allot a provisional handicap. No correspondence will be entered into over any allotted handicap.
- Results will be displayed at Race Headquarters as early as possible.

17. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES, COUTA BOATS

- For Couta Boats rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only a part-turn is required.

- b. On a leg to a windward mark, a part turn is a gybe and luffing to a close-hauled course as soon as reasonably possible.
- c. On other legs a part turn is a tack and bearing away as soon as reasonably possible to more than 90 degrees from the true wind.

18. PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

Presentation of trophies will be presented at each club’s presentation night during the year.

19. TROPHIES

The Borough of Queenscliffe Perpetual Trophy (Performance Handicap Trailable yachts_1st, 2nd and 3rd.)

Divisions. _1st, 2nd and 3rd (Min 5 starters).

1st on overall elapsed time (Couta or Keel / Trailable)

20. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- a. Boats may be inspected for compliance with the safety regulations.
- b. Crew shall be at least one adult and one person over 14 years of age.
- c. The appropriate Chart for this race is AUS 158 and should be carried.
- d. Crews of boats without lifelines shall wear PFDs
- e. Weather reports will be available from Queenscliff Coast Guard **VMR 369**.
- f. Skippers are reminded of RRS Rule 1, Rendering Assistance. Redress for time so lost may be requested using a protest form

21. RADIO

The Queenscliff Lonsdale Yacht Club Committee boat rescue boat “**Swan**”, and other craft will maintain radio watch on channel **72 VHF**.

23. CONTACT NUMBERS

POSITION	NAME	NUMBER
OFFICER OF THE DAY	Ian Lee	0407 524 865
Commodore	Jill Golland	0409 562 976
Club Captain	Brian Golland	0417 772 220