



Abell Point
Yacht Club

ROUND THE MOLLES YACHT RACE

SUNDAY 12 JULY 2026

AIRLIE BEACH WHITSUNDAYS

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NOTICE OF RACE

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The Organising Authority is Abell Point Yacht Club Inc.

1. RULES

- 1.1 This race will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing – RRS – (2025 – 2028), the prescriptions and special regulations of Australian Sailing (AS), except as either of these is changed by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Attention is especially drawn to **Fundamental Rule 3** which states:

The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.
- 1.3 By entering the race, the owner or operator of a boat acknowledges that the various terms of the Notice of Race, the Entry Form and these Sailing Instructions, shall be complied with.

2. SAFETY

- 2.1 The series is designated category "5" (AS Special Regulations Part 1), or category "5N" for boats continuing to race after sunset. Equipment Audit forms must be current (copy attached). Yachts with transom-mounted engines shall have such engines in place for the duration of the race.
- 2.2 A boat that retires from the race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

3. ENTRIES

- 3.1 Yachts shall be sailed by a minimum of two crew, of whom all shall be a financial member of a yacht club affiliated with AS or one of its subsidiary associations, and each crew member shall have a current AS membership number. Proof may be required.
- 3.2 Completed entry forms accompanied by the prescribed entry fee shall be lodged with Abell Point Yacht Club not less than one hour prior to the Warning Signal.

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices shall be posted on the APYC Website and Whitsunday Sailing Club noticeboard.

5. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions shall be posted on the notice board not less than one hour prior to the Warning Signal for each race, except that a change to be notified on the water will be communicated via VHF Channel 73. In the latter event, the Committee Vessel will display Code Flag "L".

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore shall be displayed on the flagstaff on the Marina wall and the flagstaff at Whitsunday Sailing Club.

7. DIVISIONS

There may be three Divisions depending upon entries. Allocation to divisions will be at the sole discretion of the Race Committee.

Division 1 – Multihulls – White Flag

Division 2 – Monohulls with spinnakers – Purple Flag

Division 3 – Monohulls without spinnakers – Pink Flag

8. RACING AREA

The race will be sailed within the bounds of charts AUS252.

9. MARKS

The starting and finishing buoy will be the same inflatable orange buoy.

10. THE COURSE

All Divisions. From the start line to Daydream Island (West Molle) (port), Denman Island (port), Planton Island (port) Hannah Point (port) to the finish line. Approx 20.9nm)

NOTE: Daydream Island (West Molle) shall be kept to port. Competitors shall not pass between Daydream Island and Mid Molle Island.

11. HANDICAPS

Shall be allocated at the discretion of the Race Committee according to the speed potential of each yacht. Protests regarding handicaps will not be accepted.

12. THE START

12.1 Races shall be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal being given 5 minutes before the starting signal.

12.2 The **Warning Signal** for each Division shall be its Division Flag. The Warning Signal for the first division start shall be hoisted not before **1055 hours**.

12.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

GENERAL START

If, in the opinion of the Race Committee, the number of entries warrants a General Start, all boats shall start together. The decision to conduct a General Start will be announced by the Start Boat prior to the warning signal on the day of the race. **If no such announcement is made, the published handicap start times shall apply.**

13. THE FINISH

The finish line will be an imaginary line between the club finish boat and the inflatable start/finishing buoy. Leaving the mark to starboard.

IF THE COMMITTEE VESSEL IS NOT ON STATION (On Water Finish)

The finish will be an imaginary line forming a transit of the Port and Starboard lead lights into the Port of Airlie Channel and an orange or yellow inflatable buoy located approximately 200 metres to the west of the Starboard Lead Light. Boats will leave the Starboard lead light to PORT (do not enter the channel). Each boat shall record its own finish time and submit that time via the WSC Offshore Racing WhatsApp group as soon as practicable after finishing.

If WhatsApp unavailable, competitors shall text their finish time to the APYC Sailing Captain on 0408 182 822.

The Race Committee reserves the right to request supporting evidence of a finish time, including a photograph of a GPS, chart plotter or mobile device showing the recorded time.

14. SHORTENED COURSE

If conditions state, a radio call of warning, then a radio call of about face will be made on VHF 73 to turn the race into a stern chasing finish.

15. TIME LIMIT

Yachts crossing the Finish Line after 1700 hours will be deemed to have not finished. This alters Rule 35.

16. PENALTY TURNS

For all divisions, only one 360 degree turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.

17. PROTESTS

Protests shall be written on forms available at the clubhouse and delivered there within one hour of the time of the last boat finishing the race. Protests will be heard as soon as practicable after the completion of the race.

18. RADIO

All yachts shall call in their intention to race and number of POB between 1030hrs and the first warning signal and shall monitor VHF Channel 73. (Refer Clause 5). A yacht shall neither make radio transmissions whilst racing nor receive radio communications not available to all yachts. This instruction applies also to mobile communications. The penalty for non-compliance with this instruction may be 5% on handicap.

19. TROPHIES AND PRIZES

As awarded from time to time by the sponsors and/or the Club.

20. PRIZE GIVING

Prize giving will be held at the Whitsunday Sailing Club, following the conclusion of the race at approximately 5.30pm.

21. LIABILITY

21.1 All persons taking part in races organised by Abell Point Yacht Club do so entirely at their own risk and responsibility.

21.2 Abell Point Yacht Club, Whitsunday Sailing Club and their organising and race officials, are not responsible for any loss, damage or injury either afloat or ashore, howsoever arising, nor for the seaworthiness of any yacht whose entry is accepted, nor for the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. Refer Clauses 1.2 and 2, above.

22. RIGHTS

The sailing/race committee reserve the right to alter sailing instructions at any time in the interests of fair sailing and safety. All endeavours will be made to give fair and just notification to all competitors.