



COFFS HARBOUR YACHT CLUB LIMITED



2015-2016



**Audi** Bellbowrie Motors – Audi Summer Twilight Series

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### Indemnity

All those taking part in any Club events do so at their own risk and responsibility. The Club is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted or for the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. **The Club reserves the right to refuse any entry.**

### Strong Wind Warning

If there are strong wind warnings on the BOM website or the wind is blowing 25 knots or over before a race, the race will be CANCELLED. If the wind exceeds 25 knots during a race, it will be at the skipper's discretion whether his/her boat retires from the race.

**Attention is drawn to ISAF fundamental Rule 4, (Decision to Race) which states:**

**The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.**

### **1. Racing Rules**

The Bellowrie Motors – Audi Summer Twilight Series will be governed by "The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013 – 2016" (RRS) and the By-laws and Articles of Association of the Coffs Harbour Yacht Club Limited and the Prescriptions and Safety Regulations of Yachting Australia as modified by the following instructions.

### **2. Eligibility**

Eligible boats may be entered by lodgement of a completed registration form with the Coffs Harbour Yacht Club Ltd. Not later than 1700 hours on the day of the race and payment of the appropriate entry fee. Races will be open to any division yachts, cruising yachts, IMS, IRC and one design keel yachts. Entries from other yachts may be accepted at the absolute discretion of the Sailing Committee. The acceptance of an entry from any yacht shall not create a precedent for consideration of any entry by any other yacht.

### **3. Notices to Competitors**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board at the C.H.Y.C.

### **4. Changes in Sailing Instructions**



Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board at least 45 minutes before the start of the affected race(s). Attention will be drawn to any change by a sound signal and the hoisting of code flag "L" or by official announcement from Race Control.

## 5. Courses

Will be set on the day and broadcast by Race Control 10 minutes prior to starting sequence on VHF channel 77.

All yachts will sail the same course. .

**N.B. No offshore division yacht shall sail between Korfs Islet (Pig Island) and Corambirra Point (South wall) during a C.H.Y.C. race.**

## 6. Format

Racing will be conducted in two (2) Divisions:

Division One – Boats over 35ft

Division Two – Boats under 35ft

A yacht's ability to change divisions is at the discretion of the Sailing Committee based on the yacht's performance.

Spinnakers shall NOT be used during twilight racing.

- 7. Starting Line:**
- a. Inshore (inside harbour) radio controlled start: A transit line between the end of the jetty and a buoy in the harbour starting in an easterly direction.
  - b. Inshore boat start: Windward start as set by the official start boat.
  - c. Offshore (outside harbour) start: Windward start as set by official start boat.

Inshore/Offshore starts will be notified by Race Control at the time the course is given.

Any boat crossing the starting line when there is less than one minute to start must return to the pre-start side of the line (around one end of the line). Failure to comply will mean disqualification.

## 8. Starting time

The 5 minute warning signal for Division Two shall be made no earlier than 1715 on day racing.

The 10 minute warning signal for Division One will be the start of Division Two. Starting times can only be changed by the Offshore Captain or in his absence, Rear Commodore of Sailing.

**8.1** In the case of a radio controlled start calls will be given on VHF channel 77 at 5 minute and 1 minute with a 10,9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1, racing countdown to start. With handicap starts each boat will be given their start time and will receive only their 1 minute notification plus 10 second countdown.

**8.2** In the case of boat controlled starts: Starts will be notified by the start boat in accordance with starting procedures set out in Yachting Australia Rule Book (i.e. display of code Flag "P" indicates 5 minutes to start and will be dropped to indicated start of race).

## 9. Handicap Starts



Start times for each boat will be posted on Club notice board preceding a handicap start race.

#### **10. Finishing Line**

A transit line between Coffs Harbour Yacht Club southern veranda white bollard on jetty and white painted rocks unless otherwise stated at briefing. Finish times will be taken by Race Control with all yachts to notify Race Control prior to crossing finish line.

#### **11. Radio Control**

Calling and working frequency: VHF channel 77. All yachts must report of their intention to race to the Race Control no later than 1705 and indicate number of persons on board. All yachts must report to race control on completion of or retirement from race.

#### **12. Infringements**

Penalties applicable in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 apply.

#### **13. Retirement**

Any yacht retiring from a race must notify Race Control immediately. If this is not possible contact the offshore captain as soon as possible.

#### **14. Time Limits**

The time limit for the first boat to finish will be 1930 hours. Where the first boat finishes before 1930 hours yachts will be timed to 2000, boats failing to finish by 2000 will be scored "Did not finish".

#### **15. Course Shortening**

Offshore captain to advise Race Control who will then advise all boats by radio – each boat must confirm.

#### **16. Abandonment**

The offshore captain may declare the race abandoned prior to the start also a race may be abandoned after the start by the same procedure as course shortening.

#### **17. Hailing**

It is recommended that when claiming right of way a yacht should hail the other yacht to minimise misunderstandings.

#### **18. Race Fees**

All yachts must pay race fees prior to the start of the series as per schedule below:

*Twilight 2013-14 Series*                      \$220

**Note:** All money raised goes to the offshore committee to pay for boat fuel, prizes and the sausage sizzles etc. Raffles raise most of the money to keep the offshore sailors sailing.

#### **19. Racing Crew**



All racing crew must be Full Sailing Members of the Coffs Harbour Yacht Club Ltd. Guests are welcome and may sail in three (3) club races before becoming Full Sailing Members of the C.H.Y.C. It is the responsibility of Yacht Owners to ensure all crew are Full Sailing Members.

**20. Scoring:** The scoring system for all Club races shall be as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup>	1 point
2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	3 points..... etc
DNF	Points equal to number of starters.
Disqualified	Points equal to number of starters plus 1.
DNS	Points equal to the number of competitors (i.e maximum number of starters in that series) plus 1.

The Twilight Series will consist of two (2) events a Pre-Xmas Pointscore and Post-Xmas Pointscore. **Pre-Xmas Pointscore** will consist of a ten (10) race series commencing Thursday 10 October 2013 and finishing on Thursday 12 December 2013.

**Post-Xmas Pointscore** will consist of an eleven (11) race series commencing Thursday 16 January 2014 and finishing on Thursday 27 March 2014. A social ladies skipper race may be held on 3 April 2014.

Two (2) races may be discarded. A minimum of six (6) races will constitute a series.

To be eligible to win the Overall Twilight series a yacht must complete in a majority of Twilight Races during both Pre-Xmas and Post-Xmas Pointscore.

## **20. Safety Regulations**

Offshore yachts shall conform to the prescribed 2013-2016 YA category 4 short courses.

- a. All yachts must carry a radio transceiver capable of transmitting and receiving messages on all VHF Marine Frequencies.
- b. All yachts must notify Race Control as soon as possible if retiring from a race.
- c. The Secretary of Sailing must sight current copies of Insurance Policies, Registration and Safety Certificates prior to the start of the race series otherwise all races sailed by that yacht will be null and void.

## **21. Handicapping**

Each competing yacht will have a handicap. Each competitor must complete 3 races to qualify for a handicap. A yachts handicap will be subject to variation at the handicapper's discretion.

## **22. Intention to Race**

Club burgee must be displayed by all yachts intending to participate in a race 10 minutes prior to start.

## **23. Sponsorship**

All yachts must display bow stickers promoting the Series Sponsor.





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