

# **BRIBIE ISLAND SAILING CLUB**

## **SAILING**

## **INSTRUCTIONS**

### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 All events will be governed by the International Rules for Prevention of Collisions at Sea (Collregs) and by these Instructions.
- 1.2 Principal rules are as follows:
  - All boats are required to avoid close encounters or collisions
  - When two boats are converging, on the same tack, the windward boat shall keep clear, and
  - When two boats are converging, on opposite tacks, the boat on port tack shall keep clear.

### **2 RESPONSIBILITY**

- 2.1 Racing may be cancelled by the club by a notice no later than 9.00am on the race day, if adverse conditions are forecast by BOM for the Passage. Notwithstanding this, it shall be sole responsibility of each boat to decide to start or continue in an event.
- 2.2 Skippers are required to advise of their intention to sail, and the number of persons on board, either in person, or SMS or VHF, to the Race Officer of the day.
- 2.3 Any boat retiring and not completing the course shall advise the club of their actions.
- 2.4 A minimum of three starters is required to constitute a race.

### **3 SAFETY**

- 3.1 All boats shall comply with the Marine Services Queensland General Safety Obligations.
- 3.2 Life jackets are to be carried on board if sailing north of Bribie bridge, and shall be worn by all competitors if sailing south of the bridge, unless the boat is equipped with compliant lifelines.

### **4 MARKS AND COURSES**

- 4.1 Courses will be advised in advance of each event, dependent on forecast wind and tide conditions.
- 4.2 All lateral marks shall be rounded in accordance with the “direction of buoyage”, except where otherwise defined as turning marks in the course instructions.

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### **5 STARTING PROCEDURE**

- 5.1 The start line at Bellara is defined as an extension of the transit from the three pylons at the ramp, through the yellow maker, for a distance of 100 metres.
- 5.2 Start lines for other events, starting away from Bellara, will be advised in the course instructions.
- 5.3 Boats shall cross the start line on or after their advised start time.
- 5.4 Boats not covered by an active starting sequence shall keep clear of the start line.

### **6 FINISHING LINE**

- 6.1 The finish line will generally be the same as described above. Boats should record their finishing time and advise this when returning to the ramp.

### **7 PENALTIES**

- 7.1 Boats may anchor, or beach, during an event without penalty, provided no propulsion other than the action of wind or water on the boat is applied.
- 7.2 Boats that impede a "stand on" boat, or hit a mark, or use a motor or paddles to re-enter the channel after stranding, may exonerate themselves by completing one 360° turn under sail, before continuing the course.