

GLADSTONE PORTS CORPORATION

WINTER SERIES 2026

QUEENSLAND CRUISING YACHT CLUB

STARTS SATURDAY 13TH JUNE 2026

ENTRIES NOW OPEN



NOTICE OF RACE



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INTRODUCTION

The Queensland Cruising Yacht Club Winter Series consists of nine races over a mixture of short courses and passage courses. The series is open to both Monohulls and Multihulls.

The series includes a five race Travellers Series, the Otter Rock Plate Team Event and the Winter Bell Challenge, an Interclub Competition between QCYC and Sandgate Yacht Club.

SCHEDULE OF RACES

Saturday 13 th June 2026	Races 1 and 2 – Short Courses
Saturday 20 th June 2026	Races 3 and 4 – Short Courses
Sunday 28 th June 2026	Race 5 and Travellers Series 1 – Passage Race
Saturday 4 th July 2026	Race 6 and Travellers Series 2/Otter Rock 1 – Passage Race
Sunday 5 th July 2026	Race 7 and Travellers Series 3/Otter Rock 2 – Passage Race
Saturday 11 th July 2026	Races 8 and 9 and Travellers Series 4 and 5 Short Courses
Sunday 12 th July 2026	Winter Series Presentation Brunch 9:30am to 11:30am

Races 5 to 9 make up the Travellers Series

Races 6 & 7 make up the Otter Rock Plate Team Event

START TIMES

The warning signal for the first race on each day will be not before 1055Hrs unless otherwise notified. Should a race be required to be postponed for any reason the race may be re-scheduled to the next available date as specified by and at the sole discretion of the race committee.

COURSE AREA

Short course races will be conducted in the BRAMBLE BAY area around fixed or laid marks as described in the Sailing Instructions. Passage races use marks in the wider Moreton Bay area.

RULES

This series will be governed by the:

1. Current Racing Rules of Sailing ("RRS 2025-2028) of World Sailing;
2. Current Australian Sailing (AS) Prescriptions and Special Regulations Part 1, Category 5;
3. Notice of Race (NOR);
4. Sailing Instructions (SI);
5. Class Rules as applicable, subject to change by the NOR and SI;
6. Between sunset and sunrise, when a yacht cannot determine with certainty what tack the other yacht is on, she shall keep clear of that yacht.
7. Competitors are reminded that part of the definition of "room" includes taking into account the existing conditions (including visibility).

8. Whilst a yacht is operating under its engine the International Regulations for Prevention of Collision at Sea will replace the RRS, Part 2.

The Organising Authority (QCYC Inc.) reserves the right to amend this Notice of Race up until the start of Race 1 of the series.

SAFETY CATEGORY

The Safety Category for all Races is Cat 5 of the Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 1 Effective 1 January 2025. All yachts are required to submit an audited Cat 5 Safety Compliance form with their entry. Self-auditing is not accepted.

DIVISIONS AND CLASSES

All entrants will be allotted a PHRF (Performance Handicap Rating Factor) rating. Divisions may be formed on the basis of the PHRF's.

SCORING & DISCARDS

The RRS Appendix A - Low Points Scoring system will be used for all series results. Discards are applied as follows:

<u>Series Total Races Sailed</u>	<u>Discards allowed.</u>
7 to 9 race series	2 discards
5 or 6 race series	1 discard
1 to 4 race series	No discards.

Note: The Travellers Series will have no discards.

TRAVELLERS SERIES

Races 5 to 9 inclusive make up the Travellers Series. The winner of the Travellers Series will be the boat with the lowest total pointscore in each division. Yachts entering in the Travellers Series only will be eligible to win a trophy in each individual Winter Series race but will not be considered for overall Winter Series trophies nor will their results affect the overall Winter Series results.

OTTER ROCK PLATE

The Otter Rock Plate for monohulls will be awarded to the monohull team with the lowest total pointscore for Races 6 and 7 sailed on the weekend of the 4th and 5th July. Monohull teams are to consist of 2 yachts from any of the monohull divisions.

The Otter Rock Plate for multihulls will be awarded to the multihull team with the lowest total pointscore for Races 6 and 7 sailed on the weekend of the 4th and 5th July. Multihull teams are to consist of 2 multihull yachts from the multihull division.

Teams may consist of yachts which have submitted series entries or individual race entries.
Teams are to be nominated in writing to the race committee before 1600hrs on Thursday 3rd July.
No team nominations will be accepted after this time.

WINTER BELL CHALLENGE – QCYC & Sandgate Yacht Club

The Winter Bell Challenge will be awarded to the club (QCYC or SYC) with the lowest total PHRF points score for the series. The number of yachts who are eligible to contribute to the total points score for each Club will be determined by the lesser number of boats competing on behalf of either Club less one (Example: if SYC have 5 yachts competing in the series and QCYC have 6 boats then Challenge results will be based on the best four performing yachts from each club). If either Club only has three or fewer boats competing, the number of yachts scoring for the Challenge will be 3.

HARDSTAND AND MARINA STORAGE

Limited Hardstand and Marina storage is available for visiting yachts.

Winter Series Package:

- Period covered – Friday 12th June to Monday 13th July 2026.
- Cost – Marina \$300 / Hardstand \$120

Travellers Series Package:

- Period covered – Friday 26th June to Monday 13th July 2026.
- Cost – Marina \$150 / Hardstand \$60

Yachts must make a booking with QCYC on 3269 4588 and be able to provide proof of Comprehensive and Public Liability Insurance of not less than ten million dollars. Spaces are very limited and on a first come first serve basis. Storage outside these dates will be charge at standard hardstand rates plus temporary membership.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for acceptance each yacht shall:

1. Have fully completed the online entry form via SailSys.
2. Paid the entry fee via Credit/Debit Card online at time of entry.
3. Yachts must have submitted an AS Category Five Safety Compliance Form completed after the 1st July 2025.
4. Have current Public Liability and Third-Party insurance cover of not less than \$10,000,000 (ten million dollars).

The Organising Authority reserves the right to refuse any entry.

ENTRIES

Series entries are to be submitted online at SailSys before 1600hrs on Thursday 11th June 2026 and accompanied by the appropriate documents. Travellers Series entries may be submitted up until 1600hrs on Friday 26th June 2026.

Yachts may enter individual races online at SailSys before 1600hrs on the Friday prior to the race. Yachts entering in this manner will be eligible to win a trophy in that race but will not be considered for series trophies nor will their results affect series results.

ENTRY FEES

- Full Winter Series entry: \$150
- Travellers Series entry: \$75
- Otter Rock Weekend: \$50
- Single Race Day: \$30

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS & AMENDMENTS

Sailing Instructions will be available from Wednesday 10th June 2026.

Sailing Instructions will be posted on the series website, [QCYC Winter Series - Queensland Cruising Yacht Club \(qcyc.com.au\)](http://qcyc.com.au). A notification email will then be sent to all entrants. Limited copies will also be available from the Queensland Cruising Yacht Club Office.

Any amendments to Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions and Notice to Competitors will be posted on the series website, [QCYC Winter Series - Queensland Cruising Yacht Club \(qcyc.com.au\)](http://qcyc.com.au) and on the Administration Office window at the QCYC clubhouse.

ADVERTISING

Advertising on a yacht shall comply with World Sailing: Advertising Code 20.

TROPHIES

A list of prizes and/or trophies to be awarded will be given in the Sailing Instructions. Trophies will be presented on Sunday the 12th July 2026 at the Winter Series Presentations from 09:30hrs.

RESPONSIBILITY

All those taking part in this race do so at their own risk and responsibility. QCYC Inc. take no responsibility for the safety of competitors or the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. The Race Committee and QCYC Inc. reserve the right under World Sailing Rule 76.1 to refuse any entry.

RESPONSIBILITY OF PERSON IN CHARGE

The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the person in charge who shall do their best to ensure that the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew who have undergone appropriate training and are physically fit to face bad weather. He/she must be satisfied as to the soundness of hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. He/she shall ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that the crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used. He/she shall also nominate a person to take over the responsibilities of the Person in Charge in the event of his/her incapacitation.

Neither the establishment of the AS Special Regulations, their use by race organizers, or the inspection of a boat under these Special Regulations in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the person in charge.

The attention of every person is drawn to Special Regulation 1.02 and also to the importance of having suitable and adequate personal insurance. It is the responsibility of owners/ skippers/ charterers to ensure their crew have had this drawn to their attention.

DISCLAIMER

All those taking part in the races do so at their own risk and responsibility. Crew members are deemed to have acknowledged this, and released the Organising Authority, Sponsors and their respective officers, employees, volunteers, and members, from all liability. Specific attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 3, which states:

“The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a cruising event or race, or to continue racing is hers alone”