



QCYC 48th Vintage Yacht Regatta 2023

INVITATION AND NOTICE OF RACE

Friday 14th to Sunday 16th July 2023

The Regatta also fondly referred to as 'The Gaffers' will be held over the 14th, 15th and 16th of July 2023.



The Regatta is open to sailing yachts and dinghies. Motor boats are encouraged to participate in the Navigation Trial competition. Berthing for all vessels is free from the Friday evening throughout the weekend.

The event will commence with a welcome party on the Friday evening from 6.00pm.

Racing commences on the Saturday and concludes on the Sunday.

On both days, two races are held with a short break in between. Three of the races are an 'around the cans' format. All boats use the same start/finish line but, the faster boats start 10 minutes earlier than the smaller and slower ones. They also sail a longer course than the smaller boats to keep the fleet together and add to the atmosphere.

Race two of the Sunday will be a short passage race, the Otter Rock Chase, once again with a shorter course for the smaller boats.

Whilst all the courses may have upwind legs, the focus is one of close reaching and downwind runs rather than long beats to windward. Each yacht's handicap changes after each race based on their performance keeping results close and everyone in the hunt for good placing's.

On shore the restaurant and bar are open throughout the weekend for Breakfast Saturday and Sunday and

Dinner Friday and Saturday. Dinner bookings are essential on both evenings.



The festivities continue into Saturday evening with live music from six o'clock.



Concours d'Elégance judging takes place over the course of the weekend and awards are given out in a number of categories

The weekend concludes with the Presentations on Sunday afternoon at approximately 15.30.

This is a great weekend for all classic boats, big or small. If your boat dates from or pre 1980 or is a Spirit of Tradition vessel built in the 'Classic' style come along for some relaxed social racing and great festivities.

A Motorboat Navigation Trial Event is proudly again on the list of activities for the 2023 Gaffers, following on from the success of the Event in recent years. Vintage motorboats are most welcome to join the fun at QCYC.

1. RULES

- i. The Regatta will be governed by:
 - i. the Invitation to Enter and Sailing/Event Instructions

- ii. for sailing boats, the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, as amended.
- iii. the Australian Sailing Prescriptions and Special Regulations Part 1, Category 6, as amended below.
- iv. whilst a yacht is operating under its engine, the International Regulations for Prevention of Collision at Sea will apply.
- ii. Should a Strong Wind Warning be current, non-self-righting boats will be unable to compete.
- iii. The Organising Authority (QCYC Inc.) reserves the right to amend this document and the Sailing/Event Instructions up until the start of Race 1 of the Regatta.

2. AMENDMENTS TO SAFETY CATEGORY

The following amendments are made to the Safety Regulations for OFF THE BEACH BOATS competing in the Vintage Yacht Regatta:

- i. The requirement to carry anchor, chain and rope is deleted.
- ii. The requirement to carry a first aid kit is deleted.
- iii. 3.01.3 is deleted and replaced with the following:
Boats shall be capable of floating and supporting a mass of not less than 25 kg for each crew member when swamped after a capsize.
 - i. Buoyancy may be achieved by boat structure, compartments in the hulls or by additional buoyancy bags.
 - ii. Buoyancy that is not built into the boat shall be enclosed in compartments or by all-round straps or other equally secure fastening.
 - iii. Buoyancy shall be distributed as to float the boat on an even keel when swamped following righting after capsize.
 - iv. Boats fitted with bag buoyancy shall be able to support the required mass with not less than half of the number of buoyancy bags deflated.

- v. Boats with enclosed hulls divided into at least two separate compartments shall be able to support the required mass with not less than half of the number of compartments flooded.
- vi. Boats with enclosed hulls not divided into compartments shall be able to support the required mass with the whole hull flooded.
- iv. All crew members shall wear, whilst afloat, a lifejacket secured about their persons in a manner appropriate to the design of the device.
- v. Inflatable lifejackets shall not be used.

3. ADVERTISING

- i. Competitor advertising is restricted to no advertising other than any supplied by the Organising Authority

4. ELIGIBILITY

- i. The racing element of the Regatta is open to:
 - i. Classic Yachts and Sailing Dinghy's - a monohull designed and built for recreational purposes in wood or steel to a 1980 or earlier design by traditional build methods.
 - ii. Modern Classics – a Spirit of Tradition Yacht or yacht that the Organising Authority considers to be built with the appearance of a 'Classic'.
 - iii. Yachts not fitting into the above categories may apply with documents and photographs or drawings to support their application.
- ii. The navigation trial event of the Regatta is open to:
 - i. Classic Motorboats built for recreational purposes in wood or steel to a 1980 or earlier design by traditional build methods.
- iii. The Concours d'Elégance element of the Regatta is open to:
 - i. All craft outlined in 4.i and 4.ii

5. CLASSIFICATION FOR RACING

- i. At the time of entry, Skippers are asked to nominate for a division based on the characteristics of their boat and whether they wish to sail on the longer courses or the shorter courses. Skippers should consider factors such as year built, size and speed and consult last year's results, which are available on the Regatta website, as a guide.
- ii. The following divisions may be used:
 - i. Pre-1968 Vintage – long course
 - ii. Classic & Spirit of Tradition – long course
 - iii. Small Keel Boat – short course
 - iv. Open Boat - short course
- iii. The divisions are subject to modification by the Organising Authority.
- iv. The Organising Authority reserves the right to change a boats nominated division.

- ii. Any amendments to this document and the Sailing/Event Instructions will be posted on the Vintage Regatta website and at the Administration Office window at the QCYC clubhouse.

9. SCHEDULE

DATE	EVENT	TIME	
Friday 14 th July	Welcome Party - Bar & Restaurant Open	1130 till late Table bookings essential in Restaurant	
	Saturday 15 th July	Bar & Restaurant	0730 till late Table bookings essential in Restaurant
		Navigation Trial One	1030
		Race One	1045 first start
		Race Two – Otter Rock Chase	Following short break after Race One
	Live Music	1800	
Sunday 16 th July	Bar & Restaurant	0730 till 1800	
	Navigation Trial Two	930	
	Race Three	945 first start	
	Race Four	Following short break after Race Three	
	Presentation	Approx. 1530	

6. ENTRY

- i. Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form on the QCYC Vintage Yacht Regatta website section and paying the required fee, no later than 1700hrs Wednesday 12th July 2023.
- ii. All entrants must have current insurance showing the yacht is insured against damage to third party vessels and personal injury or death of the crew and third parties, in the sum of at least \$10,000,000
- iii. The Regatta Officer reserves the right to refuse any entry.

7. FEES

- i. Required fees are as follows:
Vessels wishing to enter the Racing and Concours d'Elégance: \$75
Vessels wishing to enter the Navigation Trial and Concours d'Elégance: \$50
Vessels entering the Concours d'Elégance only: \$25

8. SAILING/EVENT INSTRUCTIONS

- i. Sailing/Event Instructions will be available on the Vintage Regatta website from Wednesday 12th July 2023.

10. VENUE

- i. The regatta will be held at Queensland Cruising Yacht Club, Sinbad Street, Shorncliffe, QLD, 4017.
- ii. The racing area is within Bramble Bay.

11. THE COURSES

- i. The courses will be laid out in the Sailing/Event Instructions. Refer to page one of this document for further information.

12. RACE SCORING

- i. The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A4 shall apply.
- ii. One race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
- iii. There will be no discard, no score will be excluded.

13. SHORE FACILITIES

- i. Access to the slipway will be available.
- ii. Members must park their vehicles and trailers in their allocated hardstand spaces. Non-members parking for vehicles and trailers is available in the public parking area next door to the Club and on the other side of the road from the Club.
- iii. Marina berthing facilities will be available for competitors. Individual berths will be limited therefore, competitors should expect to be rafting up on the outside pontoons. All skippers should stow extra warps and fenders for the regatta. Visiting yachts **MUST NOT** enter individual berths unless they have received prior permission.
- iv. The Bar and Restaurant will be open throughout the event.

14. DEPTHS IN CHANNEL INTO CABBAGE TREE CREEK

- i. Depths though the channel are good with at least 2m LAT available except in one area outside of the VMR Brisbane slipway.
- ii. The QCYC Marina has good levels of water. Deep draft vessels should check with the Club before entering a berth.

iii. Tides:

15 th July	16 th July
High 07:41 1.67m	High 08:30 1.68m
Low 13:41 0.47m	Low 14:24 0.46 m

15. PRIZES

- i. A list of prizes and/or trophies to be awarded will be given in the Sailing/Event Instructions and will also be available on the Vintage Yacht Regatta website.

16. DISCLAIMER OF ENTRY

Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk. See Fundamental Rules of Racing Rule 3, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.