



Notice of Race

Hervey Bay Boat Club

44th Annual Bay to Bay Trailable Yacht Race

Saturday 3rd May and Sunday 4th May 2025

Tin Can Bay to Hervey Bay Queensland Australia



Conducted by the Hervey Bay Sailing Club
Under the authority of Australian Sailing
the Butchulla people

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1 EVENT, VENUE, HAZARDS, RISKS, SAFETY

- 1.1 **The Hervey Bay Boat Club Annual Bay to Bay Trailable Yacht Race** (Bay to Bay), conducted by the Hervey Bay Sailing Club, sailed over the Queensland Labour Day long weekend, is a two leg approximately 50nM/92km long two day Category 5 (limited rescue availability in daylight hours) race for eligible monohull and multihull trailable yachts **through the often remote, wilderness waters of the Tin Can Inlet, Wide Bay Harbour, Great Sandy Strait and Hervey Bay Queensland** from north of Snapper Creek Tin Can Inlet to east of the Urangan Boat Harbour Hervey Bay with an overnight stop in Garrys Anchorage (Garrys) between K'gari and Stewart Island.
- 1.2 **You must accept** that you will sail entirely at your own decision and risk in the company of a large fleet of trailable yachts, through the Great Sandy Marine Park, Great Sandy Strait Ramsar Wetland Area, the K'gari World Heritage Area and the Great Sandy National Park all of which provide critical habitat to vulnerable and potentially dangerous marine turtles, dugong, shore birds and deadly K'gari wongari (dingo) and marine stingers (sting rays, stone fish, jelly fish [Irukandji], octopus [blue ringed]), sharks, crocodiles, snakes, goannas, spiders, etc. You will be mostly distant from rescue services, medical services, shops, restaurants, ships chandlery, harbours, marinas, moorings, boat ramps, etc.
- 1.3 **You must accept** that during the Bay to Bay you will face **very real hazards** and obviously **unacceptable risk** of death, serious injury, illness, loss of, serious damage to boat, equipment, possessions, trauma, loss for yourself, crew, families, friends, dependants, supporters, associates, affected participants, others, etc., **during activities including** mooring, anchoring, walking to and from shore and onshore, parking, rigging, launching, retrieving, sailing or motoring to and from and along the course, working in close proximity with yours, other competitors, course officials, commercial, public, persons, boats, equipment (including rigging, boom, mast, sails, sheets, propellers, anchors, lines, equipment, etc), **potential encounters with** the above said dangerous marine and land animals, plants, organisms, etc. and reefs, rocks, rocky shores, wrecks, navigation marks, infrastructure, etc, and natural systems of shifting narrow channels, shoals, sandbanks, lee shores, strong wind, strong tides, large steep, breaking close dangerous waves, strong currents, poor visibility, whiteouts, dark unlit overnight anchorages, waterways and obstructions, landscapes, etc. **all of which you must be adequately control** the above said hazards and risk **to an acceptable level** of unlikely non disabling, minor first aid injury or minor loss risk consequence.
- 1.4 **You, your crew, your support must accept** (i) an **inescapable responsibility, obligation to plan**, implement control of, take corrective action against the above said hazards, risk, (ii) **ensure your boat carries** adequate lifesaving equipment for all persons onboard, **RRS 40.1 Personal Flotation Devices Basic Rule is changed to be applicable at all times** (flag Y will not be displayed) **each competitor must wear a personal flotation device adequate for the conditions especially when racing and sailing to and from the course**, (iii) **take out adequate insurance against** all hazards, risks, accept all adverse outcomes suffered, (iv) **report any person or vessel you are aware of in danger or unable to make progress to finish, anchorage, landfall or has not made anchorage or landfall in a timely manner** (Buddy System) to course officials, Water Police, marine rescue organizations, **assist such persons or vessels** when safe to do so, (v) **ensure your race number is**

clearly visible at all times from the time you arrive at Tin Can Bay and until you leave Urangan.

2 RULES

2.1 The Boat Club 44th Annual Bay to Bay Trailable Yacht Race will be governed by these rules:

- a. **2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing** with particular attention to (i) **the Basic Principles Sportsmanship and the Rules** Competitors in the sport of sailing are governed by a body of rules that they are expected to follow and enforce. A fundamental principle of sportsmanship is that when a boat breaks a rule and is not exonerated it will promptly take an appropriate penalty or action, which may be to retire, (ii) **Environmental Responsibility** Participants are encouraged to minimize any adverse environmental impact of the sport of sailing. *The nearest sewage pump out, oil disposal station, trash disposal facility may be at the Urangan Boat Harbour* (iii) **Fundamental Rules** for Safety, Helping Those in Danger, Life-Saving Equipment and Personal Flotation Devices, Fair Sailing, Decision to Race, Acceptance of the Rules (iv) Also **Part 2** When Boats Meet **Part 3** Conduct of a race **Part 4** Other Requirements When Racing etc.;
- b. **The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea**, any government right of way rules replaces RRS Part 2 in times of restricted visibility and when Bay to Bay boats meet Bay to Bay boats not racing, non Bay to Bay boats, especially through narrow channels, suggested small craft tracks, ship navigation areas, in the vicinity of navigation marks etc.;
- c. **Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1** for Racing Boats Category 5 Race in daylight hours with limited rescue availability (*the HBSC cannot guarantee assistance will be available when needed*) with particular attention to **1.02.1 responsibility for safety of a boat and its crew**, the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy, the crew has the experience and physical fitness to face the conditions of the race, bad weather, **the soundness of hull, rudder/centreboard fittings, spars, rigging, sails and all gear, all safety equipment** is properly maintained, stowed, accessible and that the crew know where it is kept and how and when it is to be used, nomination of a person to take over the responsibilities of the person in charge in the event of incapacitation, **1.02.2 the use of these regulations** does not in any way limit or reduce the complete and unlimited responsibility of the person in charge, **1.02.3 the responsibility for a boat's decision** to participate in a cruising event or race, or to continue racing is theirs alone.
- d. **Boat type / class custodian rules:**
 - a. The Australian Sailing (AS) Australian Class Based Handicap (CBH) Rating System, Trailable Yachts (Type 1) and Sports Boats (Type 2);
 - b. Multihull Yacht Club Queensland (MYCQ) Offshore Multihull Rule (OMR), Multihulls (Type 3);
 - c. Class / manufacturer specifications / rules where they exist;
- e. **The Sailing Instructions (SI).**

2.2 **These legislated requirements apply:**

- a. Qld Transport Operations Maritime Safety Regulations for smooth, partially smooth waters;
- b. Qld Transport Marine Pollution Regulations for the Great Sandy Strait;
- c. Department of Environment and Science QPWS and EPA Regulations and Warnings for the Great Sandy Marine Park and the Great Sandy National Park
<https://parks.des.qld.gov.au/parks/great-sandy-marine/>; <https://parks.des.qld.gov.au/parks/kgari-fraser>
- d. Department of Transport and Main Roads Maritime Safety Queensland Consent to Hold Aquatic Event and Licence to Anchor in Snapper Creek Harbour;
- e. Queensland Recreational Boating and Fishing Guide 2019-2020.
<https://www.marinebusinessnews.com.au/resource/queensland-recreational-boating-fishing-guide/>
- f. Any Queensland Government Public Health Directions for Safe Events, restrictions for outdoor sport will apply. Unwell persons must stay away.

2.3 **These racing rules will be changed as follows:**

- a. RRS 26, 31, 35, 37, 40.2, 42.3 (h) & (i), 44.1 are changed **in the Sailing Instructions**;
- b. RRS 40.2 is changed by **NoR 1.4**;
- c. RRS 77 Identification on Sails is changed by **NoR 7.2 a. b.& c.**;
- d. RRS 78 Compliance with Class Rules is changed by **NoR 6 & 7**;
- e. Appendix **A Scoring** is changed by **NoR 12**.

3 ADVERTISING

3.1 Competitor advertising will be in accordance with **RRS 6.1**, World Sailing Regulations Advertising Code, and the **prescriptions of Australian Sailing (AS)**;

3.2 **Boats will be asked and be expected to** display major sponsor supplied advertising as directed;

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The Bay to Bay is open to monohull and multihull trailable yachts that **agree to comply with** all of the requirements of this NoR;
- 4.2 As per RRS 46 **Every person** (skipper and crew) on board each entered boat **shall be a member of** a Club affiliated to Australian Sailing **OR** be an Australian Sailing SailPass member. Both options give every participant an Australian Sailing (AS) Number. **To become an Australian Sailing SailPass member** (there is no fee) for each person follow the link [Become a Member - Hervey Bay Sailing Club - revolutioniseSPORT](#) or <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/herveybaysc/registration/> and follow these steps - Select New Member and I have never registered for sailing before, fill in first name, last name, DOB and how you identify, then select next step in the SailPass membership box, click in the select this membership box, next screen below and continue click the 44th Bay to Bay Radio button, and fill in the rest of the details..
- 4.3 **Particular attention is drawn to** the requirement that each boat owner, skipper, crew and supporter **will** on the submission of a boat entry, pre-race check list, registration of intention to race Saturday **agree to accept** all responsibilities, obligations to know, be guided by and obey the event rules.
- 4.4 **Eligible boats must enter** by preferably (a) or (b) below **and return their pre-race check list** (by email) before the close of entries **NoR** 4.6, 4.7.
- a. **Online** – on the www.herveybaysailingclub.org.au website (preferred);
 - b. Printed entry forms for those without internet access should be returned by: email to bay2bay@herveybaysailingclub.org.au;
- 4.5 **Entries** open on the www.herveybaysailingclub.org.au website about mid February 2025 and will be;
- a. Acknowledged by email;
 - b. Assigned boat type, division, race number, ratings, bus seats and given other essential information by reply email soon after receipt of entry;
- Provisional entry lists will be posted periodically on the HBSC website from about Friday 4 April 2025 with a final entry list posted on the website about Monday 28 April 2025 with hard copies supplied at registration on Saturday 3 May 2025.
- 4.6 **Normal Entries** and bus seat reservations **with the required fee must** be received, online, email by midnight by Friday 18 April 2025. **Pre-race check list** by midnight Saturday 19 April 2025.
- 4.7 **Late Entries** and bus seat reservations **with the late entry fee must** be received, online or email by midnight Friday 25 April 2025. **Pre-race check list** by midnight Saturday 26 April 2025.

5 FEES

- 5.1 Race fees for all boats: **Normal Entry** - \$200 **Late Entry** - \$250 **Bus fee** \$40 per seat.
- 5.2 **Fees should preferably be paid at** time of entry by Credit Card (cash may be accepted in exceptional circumstances). **All payments must be made by** the close of entries **NoR** 4.6, 4.7.
- N.B. All bus seat bookings are** non refundable, non transferrable and **cannot be used to** purchase Bay to Bay merchandise.

6 CLASSIFICATION

Entries will be classified by the race committee into the following Boat Types, Divisions and Classes **according to the details** submitted on the entry:

- 6.1 **Boat Types:**
- a. **Type 1** – Trailable Yacht and **Type 2** - Sports Boat - standard or open, Class (C) or One of A Kind (OAK) that meet the relevant 2.0 Definitions of the Australian Sailing (AS) Australian Class Based Handicap (CBH) Rating System for Trailable Yachts and Sports Boats;
 - b. **Type 3** Multihulls – as per the criteria of the MYCQ and OMR rules;
- 6.2 **Divisions** must have 5 or more entries:
- a. Division 1: Type 2 Sports Monohull Boats (typically Egan 6, Elliott 7, Leech 650, Melges 24 , Shaw 650, Thompson 8, Spider 550);
 - b. Division 2: Type 1 Monohull boats - typically Austral 8, Noosa 620, RL24 DK, Ross 780;
 - c. Division 3: Type 1 Monohull Boats - typically Noelex 25, RL24 SK, Ross 650;
 - d. Division 4: Type 1 Monohull Boats - typically Careel, Farr, RL28, Sonata;
 - e. Division 5: Type 3 Multihulls - typically Tramp, Jar Cat, Seawind 24, Corsair, Farrier, Grainger.
- 6.3 **Classes** must have 5 or more entries - typically Careel, Elliot, Farr, Masrm, Noelex, RL, Ross.

At all times a boat's owner and any other person in charge shall ensure that their boat is maintained in strict compliance with the entry details supplied and the requirements of her relevant boat type custodian rules, class rules, manufacturer specifications and ratings allocated for the duration of the race **NoR 6, 7, advise race control of** any known, discovered mistakes, anomalies in the allocation of their or other boat's type, division, ratings, results, etc. (as soon as possible as per **NoR 9.2** so mistakes can, will be corrected before final placings and prizes are published)

7 RATINGS AND RACE NUMBERS

7.1 Ratings and handicaps will be assigned as follows:

- a. **Type 1 boats and Type 2 boats** CBH from the relevant AS CBH ratings report current at close of entries and **Type 3 boats** OMR from the MYCQ validated list of OMR ratings (crew weights will need to be validated with the OMR Manager in the week leading up to the race);
- b. **Long Term Performance Based Handicaps (PBH)** will be assigned and moderated to each boat using past Bay to Bay results and other relevant information by a HBSC appointed panel (generally the average of the highest 3 of the last 4 or 5 Back Calculated Bay to Bay PBHs; highest 2 if only 3 BC PBHs, highest if only 2 or 1 BC PBHs. Unfair PHBs will be corrected

7.2 Race Numbers:

- a. **All boats will be assigned** a three digit race number, **the first digit indicates** the boat's division;
- b. **The number must be supplied by the owner** and must consist of durable numbers **at least 300mm high and 40mm thick on a distinctly contrasting background of rigid material** (preferably black numerals on a light background) (cloth or cardboard background material are not acceptable). **Numbers stuck directly** on the hull bow that meet the **NoR 7.2** are acceptable;
- c. **The number** must be displayed outside the cabin, on each side of the boat, **clearly visible and easily read from** each side of the boat, will not wash away or be obstructed by sails, rigging, hand rails, hulls, persons, heel of boat, etc. at all times including trailer parks, at mooring, at anchor, sailing to and from the course, sailing the course.

8 SCHEDULE

The Annual Bay to Bay Trailable Yacht Race schedule is:

8.1 Friday 2 May 2025 – bus to Tin Can Bay Yacht Club

from Hervey Bay departs from near VMR Hervey Bay Buccaneer Drive Urangan Hervey Bay 6:00pm.

The Tin Can Bay Yacht Club pre-race bar, restaurant Friday afternoon and evening.

8.2 Saturday 3 May 2025:

- a. **Bus to Tin Can Bay Yacht Club** from Hervey Bay departs from near VMR Hervey Bay Buccaneer Drive Urangan Hervey Bay 7:00am;
- b. **Registration** and Race Headquarters 0800hrs to 0930hrs - all skippers must register their intention to participate and agree to abide by the event rules and pick up their bag with Entry List, Souvenir Program (includes NoR, SI), medallion, advertising stickers, etc – at the TCBYC;
The Tin Can Bay Yacht Club pre-race restaurant will open Saturday morning 0730hrs
- c. **Competitors Meeting** at the Tin Can Bay Yacht Club at 9:30hrs, **notices will also be given by** Race Control on radio VHF 77 from about 10:00hrs;
- d. **Leg 1** 1055hrs to about 1600hrs with the course Race Headquarters on VHF 77;
- e. **On the water Sign On** from 1015hrs and **Sign Off** from finish of 1st boat (map **NoR 16, SI 18**);
- f. **Overnight stop over** at Garrys with Race Headquarters on VHF 77 until about 1800hrs.

8.3 Sunday 4 May 2025:

- a. **Leg 2** 0725hrs to about 1530hrs with the course Race Headquarters on VHF 77 and Urangan Boat Harbour Race Headquarters on Urangan Ramp VHF 77 then in the Hervey Bay Boat Club;
- b. **On the water Sign On** from 0645hrs and **Sign Off** from finish of 1st boat (map in 16, SI 18);
- c. **Results** will be posted Preliminary from about 1730hrs on the HBSC website, after presentation on a Notice Board at the Hibiscus Room and thereafter on the HBSC Bay to Bay website. Bay to Bay participants are encouraged to have post race drinks and a meal in Kondari bar and bistro prior to a **trophy presentation function commencing in** the Hibiscus Room of the Kondari Hotel & Resort 49-63 Elizabeth St Hervey Bay 4655 at 1900hrs. Adequate parking available for boats and trailers, overnight accommodation available for attendees of the function at 10% discount.

Any boat not intending to pass any sign on, sign off either day must advise Race Control VHF 77 of their intentions.

9 MEASUREMENT

- 9.1 **Each entrant is charged with the responsibility to** correctly declare on their entry and then maintain their boat type, class and measurement status described on their entry;
- 9.2 **Any person that gains knowledge of any mistake by** either themselves, the race committee or another entrant that might have occurred in the declaration, reading or understanding of boat entry details and the allocation of boat type, division, class, CBH, OMR and PBH ratings **is charged with the responsibility to** advise the race committee at the earliest opportunity, **preferable order** during the entry period, after the close of entries, before the end of registration, at the on water sign off Saturday or Sunday, within 30 minutes after the posting of Bay to Bay race results on Sunday or at the latest 1800hrs on Monday 5 May 2025;
- 9.3 **Advice will be accepted from** a boat's representative, other entrant, interested party, club and class / manufacturer, measurer, handicapper or custodian of a rating system **about the validity of** each boat's compliance with the declared / allocated boat type, division, class, rating and results;
- 9.4 **Measurement checks** may be performed by relevant measurers;
- 9.5 **Rating and result mistakes** that adversely affect reasonable fairness of the event will be corrected;

10 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available for download on the HBSC website from about mid March 2025 and in the Bay to Bay Program given at the registration desk on Saturday;

11 COURSE, LAUNCHING, MOORING, ANCHORING, RETRIEVAL, BUS SEATS

Refer to **NoR 15** Further Information and **NoR 16** Course Sketch Map and **SI 8 & 9** for more detail:

- Friday and Saturday** Snapper Creek Boat Harbour launching, temporary anchoring permit area, Tin Can Bay Marina berths, bus transport from Urangan to Tin Can Bay as per 8 Schedule above;
- Saturday Leg 1** - from north of Snapper Creek Tin Can Bay Inlet, Wide Bay Harbour, Great Sandy Strait to the vicinity of Fig Tree Creek and an overnight stop over at Garrys Anchorage (southern entrance, anchoring only);
- Sunday Leg 2** from Garrys Anchorage (northern entrance), the Great Sandy Strait, Hervey Bay to the vicinity of EU2 and on to the Urangan Boat Harbour retrieval, berthing facilities (no anchoring);

To avoid disappointment bus seats book on entry and **make changes** via HBSC mobile 0467 453 819, **marina berth and car and trailer make bookings and changes yourself** early, prior to event directly with the facility operator. Phone numbers are provided in on the HBSC website.

If launching at Tin Can Bay and driving car and trailer to Urangan be sure to **give yourself sufficient time** for travel, parking and Urangan boarding of the bus to Tin Can Bay.

12 SCORING, RESULTS & PRIZES

- 12.1 **Results** will be calculated by applying CBH or OMR ratings and PBH handicaps to the totalled elapsed times of Leg 1 Saturday and Leg 2 Sunday with places determined by the order of elapsed and corrected times. If for any Type, Division or Class no boat finishes a leg then then only the elapsed times of the leg completed will be used;
- 12.2 **Prizes** will be awarded to eligible boats in categories (with 5 or more entries) of Boat Type, Division and Class on overall elapsed time and CBH or OMR corrected time and PBH corrected time; Various safety, racing and participation prizes may be awarded;

13 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

All Bay to Bay Participants (and all associated, affected persons) agree to **indemnify the Hervey Bay Sailing Club and all associated in any way with the Bay to Bay** including but not limited to sponsors, organizers, organizations, clubs, associations, government agencies, paid and volunteer workers, helpers, supporters, and all others associated with Bay to Bay planning, organizing, executing, checking, enforcing, reviewing, reporting, supporting, etc. **from any claim from any person following** any adverse outcome sustained prior to, during or after the Bay to Bay.

14 INSURANCE

All participants must agree to be entirely responsible and accountable for ensuring they:

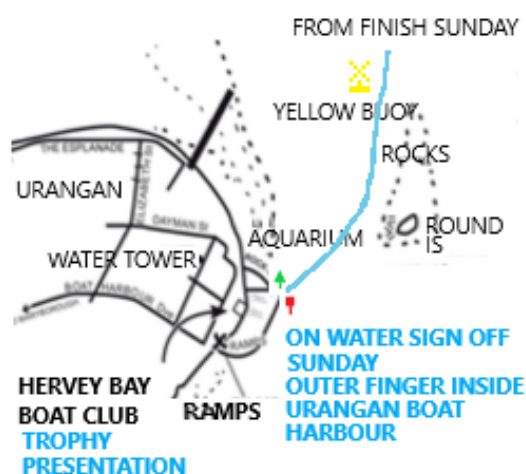
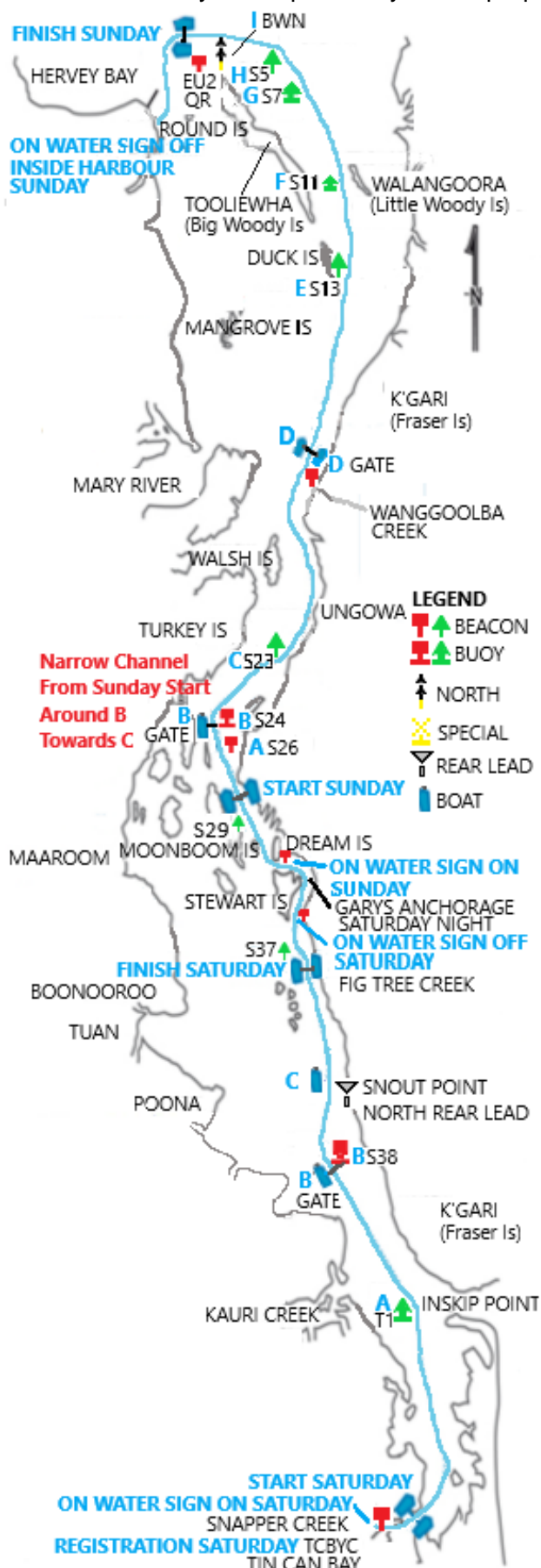
- Obtain and carry sufficient, current** comprehensive insurance and third party personal and property insurance cover for the Bay to Bay against the very real hazards faced and very real risk said in **NoR 1, 4.3** above, elsewhere or in fact not mentioned. **By lodging an entry, the owner/charterer confirms that** the entered boat is at least covered by suitable legal liability insurance of at least AU\$10,000,000.
- Participate entirely at their own risk and accept** responsibility for dealing with whatever personal or material losses that they or others may incur including those not adequately insured against.

15 FURTHER AND LATEST INFORMATION

Go to the HBSC website – www.herveybaysailingclub.org.au Home page or downloads > 44th Bay to Bay 2025 or **contact about, Non Race issues** enquiries@herveybaysailingclub.org.au or 0467 453 819 (buses, bookings), **Race issues** bay2bay@herveybaysailingclub.org.au or 0427 628 511.

16 COURSE SKETCH MAP

This sketch map is intended to show the area over which the event will be conducted and the marks to be rounded. It is your responsibility to use proper, up to date charts for safe navigation.



GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION APPLIES

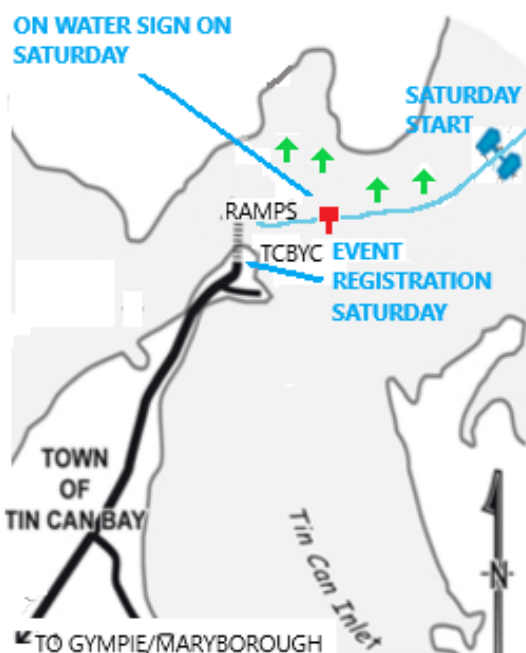
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SEWAGE & RUBBISH

YOU MUST PLAN TO TAKE ALL SEWAGE AND RUBBISH WITH YOU BACK TO URANGAN. THERE ARE NO SEWAGE OR RUBBISH DISPOSAL FACILITIES AT GARRYS FOR BAY TO BAY PARTICIPANTS.

SAFETY

SAFETY IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY. THIS IS A WILDERNESS AREA, YOU MUST STAY DINGO, SNAKE, CROCODILE (sea and land), GOANNA, SHARK, STONE FISH, STING RAY, ACHOHOL (and much much more) SAFE AT GARRYS AND ELSEWHERE ALONG THE COURSE (stay out of the water, do not swim, wade with caution, walk with caution)



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