



Notice of Race

Hervey Bay Boat Club

45th Annual Bay to Bay Trailable Yacht Race
Saturday 2nd May and Sunday 3rd May 2026
Tin Can Bay to Hervey Bay Queensland Australia
Conducted by the Hervey Bay Sailing Club
On the country and waters of 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 the Snapper Creek 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 **All participants must personally accept** that each will sail entirely at their 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 marine turtles, dugong, shore birds and the potentially dangerous K'gari wongari (dingo), marine stingers (sting rays, stone fish, jelly fish [Irukandji], octopus [blue ringed]), sharks, crocodiles, snakes, goannas, spiders, etc. During the Bay to Bay you will be mostly distant from rescue services, medical services, shops, restaurants, ships chandlery, harbours, marinas, moorings, boat ramps, etc.
- 1.3 **All participants must accept** that during the Bay to Bay each will face **very real hazards** and **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. **The Bay to Bay will include** parking, rigging, launching, mooring, anchoring, wading between the boat and shore and onshore, sailing or motoring to and from and along the course, boat retrieval, derigging all of which will occur in often narrow channels, in often crowded close proximity with others including your crew, supporters, other Bay to Bay participants and boats, course officials, and commercial and public, persons and boats and equipment (including rigging, boom, mast, sails, sheets, propellers, anchors lines, etc), **potential encounters with** 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, obstructions, landscapes, etc. **all of which present hazards and risks that every participant must control to an acceptable level** of unlikely, non-disabling, only minor first aid injury or minor loss risk / consequence.
- 1.4 **Every participant must accept** (i) an **inescapable responsibility, obligation to** plan, implement control, take corrective action against the above said hazards, risks, (ii) **to ensure your boat carries** adequate lifesaving equipment for all persons onboard. **RRS 40.1 Personal Floatation Devices Basic Rule is changed to be applicable at all times** (flag Y will not be displayed) **so each competitor must wear a personal flotation device adequate for the prevailing conditions when racing and sailing to and from the course**, anchoring, anchored, mooring, moored (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 the finish, anchorage, landfall, 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 it

is 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 45th Annual Bay to Bay Trailable Yacht Race will be governed by these rules:

- a. **2025-2028 Blue Book 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 1 Safety, 1.1 Helping Those in Danger, 1.2 Life-Saving Equipment and Personal Flotation Devices, 2 Fair Sailing, 3 Decision to Race, 4 Acceptance of the Rules 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 other boats whether racing or not, public or commercial boats, especially through narrow channels, along suggested small craft tracks, ship navigation areas, at navigation marks etc.;
- c. **Australian Sailing 1 July 2024 Special Regulations Part 1** for Racing Boats 2.01.6 Category 5 Races with limited rescue availability, in protected waters, in daylight hours (*the HSC cannot guarantee that assistance will be available when needed, that Garrys Anchorage will be sheltered waters*) 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 – RRS Fundamental Rule 3.
- d. **Boat type / class custodian rules:**
 - a. The Australian Sailing (AS) Australian Class Based Handicap (CBH) Rating System for Trailable Yachts (Type 1) and Sports Boats (Type 2);
 - b. Multihull Yacht Club Queensland (MYCQ) Offshore Multihull Rule (OMR) for 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. Maritime Safety Queensland. [General safety obligation \(Maritime Safety Queensland\)](#)
- 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, 32.2, 35, 37, 42.3 (h) & (i), 44.1, 44.2, 44.3 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 11**.

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](https://www.revolutionise.com.au/herveybaysc/registration/) 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 45th 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 and agree to know, be guided by and obey the rules.

4.4 **Eligible boats must enter** by preferably (a) below **and return their pre-race check list** (by email) as early as possible and before one day after the close of entries as per **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 2026 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 3 April 2026 with a final entry list posted on the website about Monday 27 April 2026 with hard copies supplied at registration on Saturday 2 May 2026.

4.6 **Normal Entries** and bus seat reservations **with the required fee must** be received, online, email by midnight by Friday 17 April 2026. **Return Pre-race check list by** midnight Saturday 18 April 2026.

4.7 **Late Entries** and bus seat reservations **with the late entry fee must** be received, online or email by midnight Friday 24 April 2026. **Return Pre-race check list by** midnight Saturday 25 April 2026.

5 FEES

5.1 Race fees for all boats: **Normal Entry** - \$200 **Late Entry** - \$250 **Bus fee** \$40 per seat.

5.2 **Fees should be paid at** time of entry by Credit Card. **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 (non-readily planning hull) and **Type 2** - Sports Boat (readily planning hull) - 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 the NoR 2 Rules, 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:

- 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);
- 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 the HBSC (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 before final results are published.

7.2 Race Numbers:

- All boats will be assigned** a three digit race number, **the first digit indicates** the boat's division, each boat will be assigned its previous Bay to Bay race number unless the boat has not entered for more than 5 years or has been allocated to a different Division in which case the boat's race number may be allocated to another entry;
- 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;
- 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

To avoid disappointment:

- Book bus seats with entry**, confirm, make changes via HBSC mobile 0467 453 819;
- Tin Can Bay and Urangan marina berth, car and trailer parking**, make bookings and changes yourself early, prior to event directly with the facility operator, phone numbers on HBSC website.
- No bookings for** the Public Car/Trailer Park at Tin Can Bay and Urangan.

8.1 Friday 1 May 2026 –

- Launch Tin Can Bay**, Snapper Creek Public Car/Trailer Park Boat Ramps, moor in Tin Can Bay Marina, anchor in Temporary Anchor Permit area in front of Tin Can Bay Yacht Club;
- Drive car and trailer from Tin Can Bay to Urangan Hervey Bay**, allow sufficient time for travel, parking and boarding of the bus.
- Bus to Tin Can Bay Yacht Club**, departs from near MRQ Hervey Bay Buccaneer Drive Urangan Hervey Bay 1800hrs, 6:00pm.
- Pre-race bar, restaurant** Friday afternoon and evening The Tin Can Bay Yacht Club.

8.2 Saturday 2 May 2026:

- Launch Tin Can Bay**, Snapper Creek Public Car/Trailer Park Boat Ramps, moor Tin Can Bay Marina, anchor Temporary Anchor Permit area in front of Tin Can Bay Yacht Club;
- Drive car and trailer from Tin Can Bay to Urangan Hervey Bay**, allow sufficient time for travel, parking and boarding of the bus.
- Bus to Tin Can Bay Yacht Club** from Hervey Bay departs from near MRQ Hervey Bay Buccaneer Drive Urangan Hervey Bay 700hrs, 7:00am;
- Pre-race restaurant** The Tin Can Bay Yacht Club from about 0730hrs, 7:30am;
- Registration** and Race Headquarters 0800hrs to 0930hrs, 8:00-9:30am - all skippers must register their intention to participate, agree to abide by the event rules, pick up their bag with Entry List, Souvenir Program (includes NoR, SI), medallion, advertising stickers, etc – at the TCBYC;
- Competitors Meeting** at the Tin Can Bay Yacht Club at 930hrs, 9:30am, **notices will also be given by** Race Control Race headquarters VHF 77 from about 1000hrs, 10:00am;
- Leg 1** North of Snapper Creek from 1055hrs, 10:55am to South of Garrys Anchorage about

1600hrs, 4:00pm, Race Headquarters VHF 77 from 800hrs, 8:00am to about 1800hrs, 6:00pm;

- h. **On the water Sign On** (about the Red Beacon, entrance to Snapper Creek from 1015hrs, 10:15am, **Sign Off** (about the first red beacon going in the Southern Entrance to Garrys) from about 30minutes after the finish of 1st boat until about 1700hrs, 5:00pm;
- i. **Overnight stop over** at Garrys Anchorage, anchor only generally to the East of the Green Beacons generally in the vicinity of the camping area.

8.3 Sunday 3 May 2026:

- a. **Leg 2** from North of Garrys Anchorage 0725hrs, 7:30am to North East of the Urangan Boat Harbour about 1530hrs, 3:30pm, Race Headquarters VHF 77, Urangan Boat Harbour Ramp VHF 77 from about 1100hrs, 11:00am until about 1700hrs, 5:00pm;
- b. **On the water Sign On** about the last Red Beacon going out the Norther Entrance from Garrys from about 0645hrs, 6:45am, **Sign Off** from the Urangan Boat Harbour outer finger to your Starboard just inside the entrance from about 30 minutes after the finish of 1st boat until about 45 minutes after the finish of the last boat;
- c. **Results**, preliminary results will be posted on the HBSC website from about 1730hrs, 5:30pm.
- d. **Hervey Boat Club bar and restaurant** Buccaneer Drive Urangan 4655, Bay to Bay participants are encouraged to have post-race drinks and a meal prior to the Presentation of Trophies;
- e. **Presentation of trophies in The Boat Club Fraser Room at 1900hrs, 7:00pm;**

Sign on and off is on the water as per SI 18.3 preferably by positive sight confirmation, not radio.

9 MEASUREMENT

9.1 **Each entrant must** correctly declare on their boat type, class and measurement status on their entry and then strictly maintain it;

9.2 **Any person that gains knowledge of any mistake by** either themselves, the race committee or another entrant in the declaration, reading or understanding of a boat's entry details, and the allocation of boat type, division, class, CBH, OMR and PBH ratings that might affect the fairness of results **must** advise the race committee as early as possible, including from the posting of preliminary, final entry lists, at the competitor's meeting, after the posting of results on Sunday, at the latest 1800hrs, 6:00pm Monday 4 May 2026;

9.3 **Measurement checks** may be performed by relevant measurers;

9.4 **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 2026 and in the Bay to Bay Program given at the registration desk on Saturday;

11 SCORING, RESULTS & PRIZES

11.1 **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 only the elapsed times of the leg completed will be used;

11.2 **Prizes** will be awarded to eligible boats in categories (with 5 or more entries) of Boat Type, Division (by Harken Australia gift vouchers) 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;

12 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.

13 INSURANCE

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

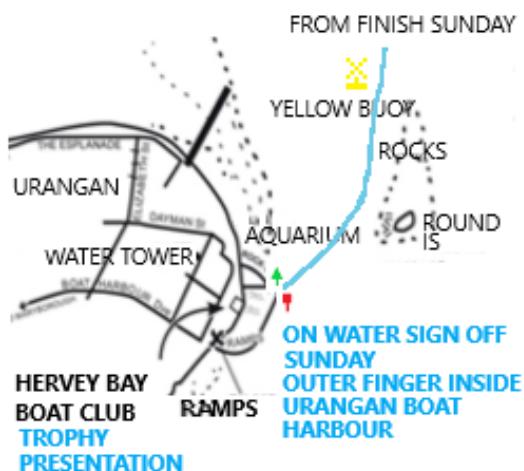
- a. **Obtain and carry sufficient, current** comprehensive insurance and third party personal and property insurance cover for the Bay to Bay against the very real hazards faced and very real risk said in **NoR 1, 4.3 above, elsewhere or in fact not mentioned. By lodging an entry, the owner/charterer confirms that** the entered boat is at least covered by suitable legal liability insurance of at least AU\$10,000,000.
- b. **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.

14 FURTHER AND LATEST INFORMATION

Go to the HBSC website – www.herveybaysailingclub.org.au Home page or downloads > 45th Bay to Bay 2026 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.

15 COURSE SKETCH MAP

This sketch map shows the Bay to Bay course and the marks to be rounded. You must use proper, up to date charts e.g. MSQ Beacon to Beacon Guide Great Sandy Strait for safe navigation.



GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION APPLIES

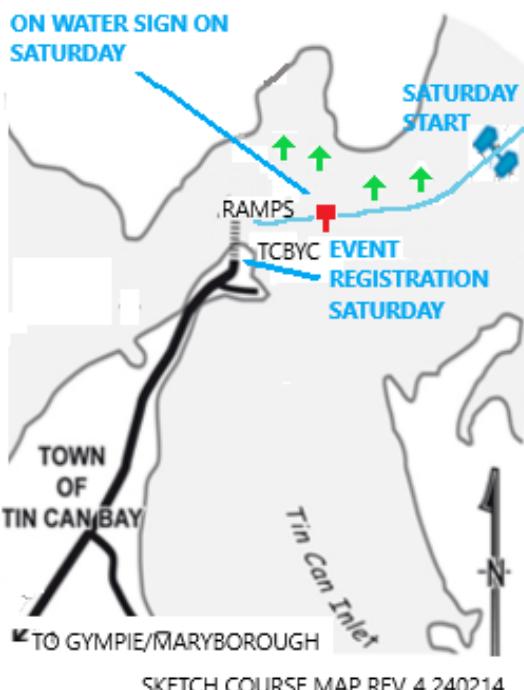
READ NoR 2.2

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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