



Cruising Yacht Club of Hamilton Island **Sailing Rules**



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Elapsed Time

1.1 Any vessel that is unable to make their official start time must notify the committee prior to the scratch boat start.

1.2 Elapse starts will be accepted under the following circumstances:

- Engine failure
- Rigging failure
- Medical Emergency

1.3 Elapse times must be recorded on the day and within 1hr of the scratch boat start.

1.4 Vessels on elapse times will request an adjusted start time from the starter boat at least 15mins prior to their allocated start. Time from that vessel will be recorded from the new official start time.

1.5 All vessels will be notified via the radio start confirmation of any vessel requiring an elapsed start.

1.6 Vessel with elapsed time will be recorded as the average of all boats competing on the day from their start time to their actual recorded time, they crossed the start line.

1.7 Once an elapsed start time has been requested, the time stands and can't be changed for that race again.

Radio Start Confirmation

2.1 All vessels participating in the twilight race are required to radio in the following information (**channel 73**).

- Number of people on board
- Confirm official start time

2. Twilight / SheSails racing first boat (scratch boat) starts at 5pm.

3. Twilight / SheSails racing allocated time is 3hrs. **17:00 to 20:00**

4. All Skippers must have completed the POB form online via the website and submitted before they leave the dock to race.

5. If POB form has not been submitted prior to race that vessel will be DSQ

Vessels in Distress

3.1 If a vessel is in distress, all vessels in range must aid in some way or form, either by radio contact to the start boat or render assistance to the distress vessel.

3.2 In this situation the vessel providing the assistance will maintain their current position at the time they assist as a result.

3.3 Vessels behind will also pick up a place as a result.

3.4 Vessel that required assistance receive a DNF result.

Monthly Race Schedule

4.1 Racing occurs from the first Wednesday in September to last Wednesday of March weather permitting.

4.2 The first Wednesday of each month will be declared a SheSails with points going towards the main series. If you have no female skipper, no points will be awarded. SheSails will no longer be capped at 18 knots. Handicaps will remain constant and not be changed for SheSails races.

4.3 In order to achieve a monthly result a minimum of three races are to be completed each month, this can be three twilight races, one shesails race and two twilight races or two shesails races and one twilight race.

4.4 Should there be a non-result month a makeup race(s) is/are to be held when a month has 5 Wednesday's to complete that month. If a month has 5 Wednesday's than that 5th Wednesday will be in order of: - make up race from previous missed twilight race, missed SheSails race. If no races have been missed than the 5th Wednesday will be a Twilight race for points. If Twilight or SheSails races have not been completed after the end of series than we'll sail into April. Handicaps for any make up race will be of that race/s that was not raced that needs to be made up.



4.5 Results for these races will provide final monthly and season standings.

Adjustment to Time During Race

5.1 Should a vessel need to return to the start for a medical emergency a new start time will be given by the start boat should they wish to restart the race.

5.2 In the case of 5.1 an average race result can be obtained if the vessel withdraws from the race. In both cases vessels will be notified via radio.

5.3 Should a vessel return for any reason other than a medical emergency 1/2 the time from when they radio in will be added to their result should they wish to restart.

Adjustment to Course

6.1 In the event that the weather conditions are unfavourable the start may be postponed for up to 30mins, course may be altered either prior or during the race.

6.2 All vessels will be notified of any course changes at the time of radio start confirmations. Shortened course will be decided by 4pm on the day of racing. Shortened course can be determined with winds below 10knts.

6.3 In the event of the course being changed during the race due to light winds, postpone start, the start boat will notify all skippers via radio on channel 73.

6.4 Races will be postponed due to poor weather conditions. The decision to postpone will be made by the Race Officer when safety is paramount. If the Race Officer is not there, start boat, Safety Officer's or Commodore appointed on the day will make the call.

6.5 Rules 4.3 to 4.5 may apply to the results if races are cancelled.

6.6 In the event of the weather changing to severe during the race after it has started, a radio call will be put out on channel 73 to all skippers via the start boat to get a majority vote on whether to call the race off. If conditions worsen then the commodore overrules all votes and can cancel the race due to safety of all vessels and crew members.

New Vessel Handicap Allowance

7.1 Vessels who join the club during the season will be provided with an official start time issued by the handicapper. NB: Boat dimensions must be provided to handicapper prior to officially racing.

7.2 Vessels who join the club must participate in a minimum of six in order to be eligible for the overall series.

7.3 Three weeks of adjusting times by the handicapper is permitted for the new vessel to become competitive.

Race Results and Handicap Adjustments

8.1 Race results can't be altered after the race has concluded.

8.2 The following adjustments will be made to handicaps of the race results

- **1st Place = 3 minutes** added to start time
- **2nd Place = 2 minutes** added to start time
- **3rd Place = 1 minute** added to start time
- **Last place = 1 minute deducted** from start time.

8.3 A minimum of **(4) four vessels** must be racing for the last place boat to receive the minute off.

4. A minimum of **(2) Two vessels** must start the race for the handicap times to be added.

8.5 A minimum of **(2) Two vessels** are required in order to start a race

8.6 Race results will be posted via email prior to the next race.

8.7 Monthly results will be advised after each end of month race.

8.8 Any crew member that has sailed more than **(3) three races** without becoming a social member will be deducted **(1) one point per race** for that vessel they sailed on.



8.9 Any crew member that has sailed more than **(6) six races** without becoming a full member will be deducted **(1) one point per race** for that vessel they sailed on.

Points System

9.1 DNS - Did Not Start - Vessels qualified for the season plus **(1) point**.

9.2 DNF - Did Not Finish - Vessels started the race plus **(1) point**.

9.3 DSQ - Disqualified - Vessels started the race plus **(1) point**.

9.4 TIMED OUT - Failed to finish the race in the allotted time. Vessels finished the race plus **(1) point**.

9.5 START TIME - total based on average number of total sails at end of season

Race Fees

10.1 Race fees are to be paid each week or monthly invoice sent to Skipper.

10.2 Race fees will be **\$10.00** per crew member.

10.3 Owner's do not pay for race fees.

10.4 Capping vessel's for race fees. Small vessels at **\$20**, Larger Vessels **\$50**

10.5 POB forms must be filled in and sent via our website before the start of the race.

Membership

11.1 All crew **MUST** be either a Full, Social or SailPass member before anyone sails in their first race. All crew must have completed the membership form online via our website. All SailPass members can sail up to **(3) Three races**.

11.2 Should a SailPass member race more than **(3) three races** they are required to become a **SOCIAL** member of the club.

11.3 Should a Social member race more than **(6) six races** they are required to become a **FULL** member of the club.

11.4 All members will receive the YA benefits.

5. All vessels must have at least **1 full member** on board for each race.

6. Any member on the committee must hold a valid full or social membership.

Dropped Races

12.1 During the course of the twilight season each vessel will drop **two (2)** of their worst results.

12.2 Dropped races can include **DNF** and **DNS** results.

Amendments

13.1 Any amendments or additions to the CYCHI Sailing guidelines must be brought to a committee vote.

13.2 An announcement of any amendments or additions to allow for crew discussion is required before going to a vote.

3. A majority vote is to be obtained for any amendments or additions to be introduced.

Media Rights

14.1 By participation in the Twilight / Shesails series, a competitor automatically grants to the organising Authority and the sponsors of the event, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition for said event in which the competitor participated and in all material related to the said event without compensation.



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