



SEALINK MAGNETIC ISLAND RACE WEEK 2026

Notice-of-Race

1.1 Invitation

Sealink Magnetic Island Race Week and the Townsville Yacht Club (TYC), as Organising Authority, invite owners of suitably found yachts to apply for entry in Sealink Magnetic Island Race Week 2026, to be sailed on Cleveland Bay and nearby waters from 28th August to 2nd September 2026.

1.2 Special Entry

There will be special entry and berthing provisions available to a small number of boats. For details and conditions, please contact Mark Cruickshank - TYC Manager manager@townsvillyachtclub.com.au

2. Rules

- 2.1 The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in the 2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of the World Sailing (WS), the Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 1, the current class rules of each Class.
- 2.2 For protests involving an alleged breach of the rules of Part 2 of the RRS, an arbitration hearing may be held prior to a protest hearing. This modifies Part 5, Section B of the RRS.
- 2.3 Backstay pennants and hull stickers may be provided by the organisers. Boats are required to display these throughout Magnetic Island Race Week 2026.
- 2.4 Each yacht shall be crewed by at least two persons over the age of eighteen years at the start of the regatta.
- 2.5 Attention is drawn to the RRS Part 1 and especially drawn to Fundamental Rule 3.
- 2.6 Sealink Magnetic Island Race Week is a "wet" regatta except for Sport Boats and Tailable Boats. Sport Boats and Tailable Boats may be stored on the hard daily at in the Nelly Bay Harbour Precinct as designated by the organising authority. All other boats will not be hauled out once the series has commenced, except in the case of emergency and after permission of the Race Committee has been obtained in writing and in accordance with any conditions attached to that permission.
- 2.7 RRS 52 shall not apply for all boats.
- 2.8 A yacht chartered or on loan may carry national letters or sail numbers in contravention of her class rules. A yacht without identification numbers on the main and headsail and spinnaker shall display bow numbers on each side of the hull, placed no more than one metre from the bow, for the duration of the event. This amends RRS 77. Bow numbers may be available at registration if requested on entry form.

3. Safety

- 3.1 This regatta is classified as a Category "6" event (AS Special Regulations, Part 1).
- 3.2 All yachts shall carry sufficient fuel at the start of each race for at least two hours of motoring.
- 3.3 Regatta Officials may inspect any yacht entered for compliance with safety regulations.

4. Classes and Handicaps

- 4.1 Racing will be provided in the following classes subject to at least six entries being made or accepted in that class. Should there be insufficient entries to form a particular class, yachts entered for that class may be allocated to another class at the discretion of the Race Committee or have her entry fee refunded. The Race Committee may alter, amalgamate, or divide any class and may add classes as required.
- 4.2 Classes
 - i) **IRC Racing Class** will have an IRC TCC greater than 0.950. The Race Committee may amend this limit if required.



- ii) **Spinnaker Class** will be less than 30 m LOA and will be handicapped by the regatta Handicap Committee. This Class will be divided into divisions of boats of like performance as required. Sealink Spinnaker Class will sail predominately fixed mark races and may sail more than one race per day.
- iii) **Non-Spinnaker Class** will be less than 30 m LOA and will be handicapped by the regatta Handicap Committee. All boats shall sail with a main and headsail only. A headsail is defined as a sail with the entire luff of the sail attached along the headstay. A reaching strut/whisker pole may be used with one end attached to the mast in accordance with RRS 55.3. Non-Spinnaker Class will sail fixed mark races.
- iv) **Trailable Boat Class** will be boats that are able to be trailed, launched, and retrieved from a road-legal trailer and will be handicapped by the regatta Handicap Committee.
- v) **Sports Boat Class** Sports Boat Series entrants shall comply with the Australian Sports Boat Association (ASBA) Rule amended by the addition of: - Rule 49.1 shall not apply to Melges 24's and Magic 25's if racing in full compliance with their respective class rules and it is noted on the boats' SMS certificate that the rating incorporates hiking devices. ASBA Constitution section 4.1.13 shall not apply to Elliott 7's if racing in full compliance with their respective class rules.
- vi) **Multi-Hull Class** will be scored by Event Handicap (EHC) and boats will be handicapped by the regatta Handicap Committee. Multi-Hull Class will sail fixed mark races.

4.3

Class	Handicap System
IRC Racing ClassIRC	IRC (Endorsed or Standard)
Spinnaker Class	Event Handicap (EHC)
Non-Spinnaker Class	Event Handicap (EHC)
Multi-Hulls Class	Event Handicap (EHC)
Sports Boat Class	Sports Boat Measurement System (SMS)
Trailable Yachts Class	Event Handicap (EHC)

- 4.4 More information on the type of racing offered in the above divisions can be found under the "Sailing" tab on the event website.

5. Entry

- 5.1 Eligible boats shall enter on-line no later than **Friday 21st August 2026** via the Event website at www.magneticislandraceweek.com.au
- 5.2 The fleet for Sealink Magnetic Island Race Week 2026 will be capped depending on berthage availability and any other relevant restrictions at the time. Entrants are reminded to be prompt in getting an entry in to avoid disappointment.
- 5.3 See 1.2 Special Entry

6. Entry Fees

- 6.1 The Entry Fee will be **A\$700.00** for yacht utilising the Nelly Bay marina
- 6.2 Trailerable boats wishing to utilise Nelly Bay Harbour Precinct Ramp, the Entry fee will be **A\$550.00** there will be no allocation of a marina berth for this class, and they will utilise parking at the Public boat ramp at their own risk.
- 6.3 Entries close Friday 21st August 2026.
- 6.4 Entry Fees and Marina Berthage fees shall be paid in full at time of entry. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 6.5 The Entry Fee does not include berthage (see NOR 7)
- 6.6 Cancellations of Entries before 7th August 2026 may be refunded after deduction of 20% of the amount paid for administration costs. Cancellation of entries after 7th August will forfeit all entry fees paid.
- 6.7 See 1.2 Special Entry



7. Yacht Berthing Arrangements and Facilities

- 7.1 Berthage at Magnetic Island Marina is to be paid at the time of registration on TopYacht. Trailer boats see NoR 6.2
- 7.2 All entrants will be allocated a berth after paying both the Entry Fee and the Berthage Fee. Deep draft vessels and Multihulls may be referred to TYC prior to acceptance of the entry.
- 7.3 SMIRW Berthage is arranged for seven (7) days from 1200 hrs Thursday 27th August to 1200 hrs Thursday 3rd September 2026.
- 7.4 Entrants may be advised of berth allocation by email two (2) weeks prior to the event. Please note, due to limited berthing in the marina there may be a degree of rafting of boats.
- 7.5 Entrants requiring berthage either prior or post the event please contact the TYC who will arrange the booking on your behalf. Additional fees can be paid to the TYC at that time
- 7.6 Nelly Bay Harbour is within the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority designated area, refuelling of vessels within the marina is not permitted. Provision for refuelling outside this area will be made.
- 7.7 Magnetic Island Marina berthage rates for SMIRW:

LENGTH	TYPE	2026 SMIRW RATE
10m	MONO	\$350.00
	MULTI	\$450.00
11m	MONO	\$380.00
	MULTI	\$460.00
12m	MONO	\$430.00
	MULTI	\$490.00
13m	MONO	\$490.00
	MULTI	\$550.00
14m	MONO	\$550.00
	MULTI	\$660.00
15m	MONO	\$630.00
	MULTI	\$720.00
16m	MONO	\$720.00
	MULTI	\$800.00
18m	MONO	\$820.00
	MULTI	\$1000.00

- 7.8 Entrants SMIRW Rate berthing in marina is strictly for competitors with full intentions to race the whole regatta. At the discretion of the race committee or marina management, vessels not competing in the event may be requested to exit the marina and/or entry in future SMIRW events may be denied.
- 7.9 Berthage outside of the above dates needs to be arranged separately by contacting Townsville Yacht Club on 07 4772 1192.
- 7.10 See 1.2 Special Entry

8. Registration

- 8.1 All boats shall register at the Welcome Desk in the Atrium at Peppers Blue on Blue, Nelly Bay on Thursday 27th August between 1300hrs and 1700hrs. The Competitors' Meeting will be conducted at Regatta Headquarters at Peppers Blue on Blue, Nelly Bay at 1730 hrs. Thursday 27th August 2026.



9. Schedule of Events

9.1 Race Schedules and courses shall be displayed on the website – magneticislandraceweek.com.au and as described in the Sailing Instructions.

9.2 The racing format shall be a combination of round the buoys racing in Cleveland Bay, and fixed mark racing in the waters around Magnetic Island. Multiple races may be held on some days.

9.3 The first race shall start no earlier than 1100hrs on Friday 28th August 2026 from outside Nelly Bay, Magnetic Island. The last race of the series is scheduled for Wednesday 2nd September 2026. There will be a Lay-Day on Sunday 30th August 2026.

9.4 A daily awards presentation shall be held at the Nelly Bay Harbour Precinct as soon as practicable after the last race each day.

9.5

DATE	CLASS	EVENT
Friday 21 st August	All Classes	Close of Entries
Thursday 27 th August	All Classes	Registration & Welcome Function
Friday 28 th August	All Classes	Bay Race
Saturday 29 th August	All Classes	Strand Bay Race
Sunday 30 th August	All Classes Lay Day	Social Function
Monday 31 st August	All Classes	Around the Island Race
Tuesday 1 st September	Spinnaker Class Div 1	2 Short Races
	All Other Classes	Bay Race
Wednesday 2 nd September	All Classes	Bay Race
		Awards Presentation

The Race Committee may make changes to the schedule at any time.

10. Handicaps

10.1 Provisional handicaps for the first race of the series shall be posted on the event web site and the Official Notice Board by 1730hrs Thursday 27th August 2026. The Race Committee shall consider applications relating to initial performance-based handicaps if made in writing with supporting documentation during registration.

10.2 The decisions taken by the regatta Handicap Committee are final and there will not be cause for requests for redress from such decisions.

11. Sailing Instructions

It is the intention of the race committee to post the sailing instructions on the event web site from Friday 21st August 2026.

12. Scoring

The "Low Point System" RRS Appendix A shall apply except if there are four or less races sailed for a class or division, all races shall be scored. One race will constitute a series.

13. Insurance and Liability Risk

13.1 By lodging an entry, the owner/charterer agrees that: -

- it is a fundamental condition of entry that he, she or it releases, holds harmless and Indemnifies the Sealink Magnetic Island Race Week Committee, Townsville Yacht Club (TYC) and its associates, its office bearers, servants, volunteers, agents and members and the sponsors of the Sealink Magnetic Island Race Week 2026 from all liability any of those persons has to the owner/charterer or any crew member on the owner/charterer's yacht, or to any person claiming through or under any such person arising from loss or damage how so ever caused, including negligent act or omission, arising out of or relating to: participation by the owner/charterer's yacht or any other yacht in a race; the



conduct or course of the race in any respect including, without limitation, any act or omission (whether reasonably foreseeable or not) causing or relating to loss of or damage to any yacht or the death or injury of any person; or any of the matters referred to in the paragraphs above;

- participation by the yacht and by the crew in SeaLink Magnetic Island Race Week 2026
- is agreed by TYC and the SeaLink Magnetic Island Race Week Committee on the basis that participation is entirely at the risk of the owner/charterer and each member of the crew on the owner/charterer's yacht.
- the owner/charterer shall provide each crew member, or proposed crew member, with a copy of these Conditions of Entry.

13.2 It is a condition of entry that competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk (see RRS 3. Decision to Race), and that each yacht shall carry public liability insurance with a sum insured of at least A\$10,000,000 or the foreign currency equivalent. The insurance policy must be issued by an agency or underwriting agent that is licensed to operate in Australia under the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA).

13.3 All those taking part in these races are reminded of their obligations as set out AS Special Regulations Clause 1.02 - "Owner's Responsibility".

14. Advertising

Yachts may carry advertising as permitted by 2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). The Race Committee may reject any advertising that may conflict with the interests of the sponsors of the event.

15. Prizes & Trophies

Prizes or trophies shall be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places on corrected times in each class or division overall. Prizes may be awarded for each race day by division.

16. Accommodation Bookings

Bookings for accommodation and travel can be found on the Event Website, www.magneticislandraceweek.com.au under *Island Info*, then *Accommodation and Travel*.

Please be advised that it is strongly recommended to not leave accommodation bookings to the last minute.

Further Information:

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