

Regatta Classes

This page is an overview of the different classes available for SeaLink Magnetic Island Race Week 2026 - it is not part of the Notice of Race and is only intended as a guide about the differences between the classes.

There is one class for measured rating boats (IRC Racing Class), four classes for non-rated boats, Spinnaker Class, Non-Spinnaker Class, Sport Boats Class and Trailable Yachts Class). There is also a Multihull Class.

Classes may be split into several smaller divisions so boats with similar speeds and of similar types will be racing together.

IRC Racing Class

Handicapped using IRC rating - certificate required

May be divisionalised so like boats race together

Emphasis on fair racing with fixed mark courses.

One day of two short races with the rest of the program one race per day.

One lay day (Sunday)

AS Category 6 regulations apply for all races

Spinnaker Class

For all types of monohull yachts

Spinnakers are expected

This class will be split into several smaller groups to ensure like boats race together.

Handicapped on previous/known performance for the boat or the type of boat

Handicaps may be adjusted after each race.

One lay day (Sunday)

One race per day for most divisions, however some Classes may have one day of two short races

Most course marks are fixed marks.

AS Category 6 safety regulations apply

Non-Spinnaker Class

As above for Spinnaker Class, except that spinnakers are not permitted

Never more than one race per day.

Most course marks are fixed marks

AS Category 6 regulations apply for all races

Trailable Yachts Class

For boats that can be trailed, launched and retrieved on normal road trailers.

Spinnakers are expected

Handicapped on previous/known performance for the boat or the type of boat

Handicaps may be adjusted after each race

One lay day (Sunday)

Most course marks are fixed marks

AS Category 6 safety regulations apply

Multihull Class

For all types of non-OMR rated multihull yachts

Spinnakers are permitted (expected)

Handicapped on previous/known performance for the boat or the type of boat

Handicaps may be adjusted after each race

One lay day (Sunday)

Never more than one race per day

Most course marks are fixed marks

AS Category 6 safety regulations apply

Boats requiring an IRC certificate or ORC certificate can get one (usually fairly easily) by contacting Australian Sailing on 61 2 8424 7400, or email office@yachting.org.au