



NOTICE OF RACE

This event, designed to promote and develop women's sailing in North Queensland, is an annual Regatta to help our regions female sailors develop and hone racing skills, challenge themselves and compete with likeminded women. We aim to create friendships and comradery to ensure all competitors' sailing experiences at the Townsville Yacht Club are fun and rewarding.

1 INVITATION

The Townsville Yacht Club (TYC) invites entries, as well as female sailors (both members and non-members) for the 2021 TYC GaLS Regatta, to be conducted in the waters between Townsville and Magnetic Island on Saturday the 11th and Sunday the 12th September 2021.

2 RULES

- 2.1 The Regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of the World Sailing (WS).
- 2.2 The Australian Sailing (AS) Prescriptions and Special Regulations Part 1 Category 6 will apply.

3 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 It is the intention of the race committee to post the sailing instructions on the Townsville Yacht Club website from **Friday 27th August 2021**.

4 COMMUNICATION

- 4.1 The online official notice board is located at www.townsvilleyachtclub.com.au/sailing/regattas/gals-regatta/.
- 4.2 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on VHF 16 and VHF 77.

5 ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1 This Regatta is open to any female sailors of all levels of skill.
- 5.2 This Regatta is open to keelboats and sports boats on the register of a yacht club affiliated with AS.
- 5.3 Each yacht may have a maximum of one (1) male participant on board. The remaining crew must be female.
- 5.4 A boat's helm shall be female in all races and affiliated with AS.

6 ENTRY

- 6.1 Eligible persons and boats shall enter on-line no later than **Thursday August 26th 2021** via the Townsville Yacht Club website at www.townsvilleyachtclub.com.au

7 CLASSES AND HANDICAPS

- 7.1 Racing will be provided in one (1) class unless a minimum of six entries are made or accepted to warrant an additional class. Should there be sufficient entries to form a particular Class, yachts will be allocated to another Class at the discretion of the Race Committee. There will be no change to her entry fee. The Race Committee may alter, amalgamate or divide any class and may add classes as required.
- 7.2 Yachts will be handicapped by the Regatta Handicap Committee.

8 ENTRY FEES

- 8.1 Entry fees are;
\$120.00 per competitor (for both male and female competitors)
There is no boat nomination fee.
- 8.2 The entry fee shall be paid by close of entries on **Thursday August 26th 2021**.
- 8.3 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee.

9 ADVERTISING

- 9.1 Yachts may carry advertising as permitted by RRS 6.1. The Race Committee may reject any advertising that may conflict with the interests of the sponsors of the event.
- 9.2 Backstay pennants and hull stickers may be provided by the organisers. Boats are required to display these throughout the 2021 TYC GaLS Regatta.

10 REGISTRATION

- 10.1 All boats and competitors shall register at the Regatta Headquarters at Townsville Yacht Club on Friday 10th September 2021 between 1700hrs and 1800hrs. The Competitors Briefing will be conducted at Regatta Headquarters at Townsville Yacht Club, South Townsville at 1900hrs **Friday 10th September 2021**.

11 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 11.1 Race Schedules and courses shall be displayed on the website, and as described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 11.2 The racing format shall be a combination of short course and fixed mark courses.
- 11.3 The first race shall start no earlier than 1030hrs on Saturday 10th September in Cleveland Bay. The last race of the series is scheduled for Sunday 11th September.
- 11.4 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1300hrs.
- 11.5 An awards presentation will be held at Townsville Yacht Club as soon as practicable after each day of racing.

DATE	EVENT
Thursday 26 th August	Close of Entries
Friday 10 th September	Registration 1700-1800 Briefing 1900 Welcome Function
Saturday 11 th September	Short Course Races (up to 4 races planned) First warning 10:30 Awards for Day 1 Placings & Social Function
Sunday 12 th September	Fixed Mark Races (up to 2 races planned) First warning (<i>insert time here</i>) Awards for Days Placings, Event Placings & Social Function

12 SAFETY

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

13 BERTHING

- 13.1 Berthing will be available free of charge for visiting yachts. Berths must be applied for at the time of entry (<https://www.townsvilleyachtclub.com.au>).

14 SCORING

- 14.1 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 14.2 When fewer than four (4) races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 14.3 When from four (4) to six (6) races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

15 INSURANCE AND LIABILITY RISK

- 15.1 By lodging an entry, the owner/charterer agrees that:-
 - (a) it is a fundamental condition of entry that he, she or it releases, holds harmless and Indemnifies the TYC GaLS Regatta Committee, TYC and its associates, its office bearers, servants, volunteers, agents and members and the sponsors of the 2021 TYC GaLS Regatta 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;
 - (b) participation by the yacht and by the crew in 2021 TYC GaLS Regatta is agreed by TYC and the TYC GaLS Regatta 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.
 - (c) the owner/charterer shall provide each crew member or proposed crew member with a copy of these Conditions of Entry.
- 15.2 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).
- 15.3 All those taking part in these races are reminded of their obligations as set out AS Special Regulations Clause 1.02 – “Owner’s Responsibility”.

16 PRIZES & TROPHIES

- 16.1 Prizes or trophies shall be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places for each race on corrected times, as well as for 1st, 2nd and 3rd overall. Prizes or trophies may be awarded for ‘Outstanding Seawomanship’.

17 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact;

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ACCOMMODATION BOOKINGS

Quest on Palmer are our accommodation partners for this event. Bookings can be made by phoning (07) 4726 4444. Please mention you are participating in the GaLS Regatta when booking.