

Authority No: 10/0403

Maritime Safety
Queensland
Queensland Transport

AQUATIC EVENT AUTHORITY

This is to Certify that

Mr Michael Hodges

on behalf of

Multihull Yacht Club of Queensland

has hereby agreed to comply with all the conditions pertaining to the granting of this authority to conduct the "Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race"

**Starting in Manly, Brisbane
Finishing A7 Beacon Gladstone Harbour**

Commencing at 11.00am

on the following date

2nd April 2010 to 4th April 2010

and subject to the attached conditions
(3 pages attached)

DATED IN BRISBANE, THIS TWENTY-FOURTH DAY OF MARCH 2010



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Brisbane

REGIONAL HARBOUR MASTER, BRISBANE

OFFICIAL VESSELS AND PERSONNEL

- 1 The event will be supervised, in an official capacity by officers of the Brisbane Water Police and District Officer Queensland Boating and Fisheries Patrol Brisbane
- 2 A meeting of QPS (Water Police) MSQ, VMR, Coast Guards and the applicants representative to be held 48 hour before the event is commenced. At this time all stake holders are to review the event permit and long range of weather forecasts, then, if necessary, take appropriate actions to terminate, postpone or modify the event/course for the safety of all concerned. These decisions must be agreed on unanimously.
- 2 The person taking charge of the event shall contact the Officer in Charge, Queensland Police Service (Water Police) Brisbane, 14 days prior to the event to ensure his arrangements meet the current requirements of the Department.
- 3 The Officer in Charge, Queensland Police Service, Brisbane Water Police (or his delegates) shall have control over the craft at the event. The safe navigation of all vessels shall be at the discretion of the Officer in Charge (or his delegates). This includes all other official and rescue vessels, competitors or participants and spectator craft.
- 4 The applicant to liaise with the Officer In Charge, Brisbane Water Police regarding positioning of spectator craft, race control vessels and participating yachts at the start position.

SAFETY MANAGEMENT

- 5 All safety vessels and operators of such vessels to comply with Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994 and Regulation 2004.
- 6 The International Regulation for Preventing Collisions at Sea with respect to all vessels shall apply.
- 7 Safety vessels to traverse start area prior to start.
- 8 Race officials to furnish the Regional Harbour Masters Office, Gladstone a list of all competing yachts prior to commencement of the event.
- 9 The event organiser is to ensure a safety management plan has been developed which incorporates provisions for the control and coordination of all aspects of the event, inclusive of:
 - Responsibilities of relevant personnel
 - Emergency response procedures
 - Adequate safety/rescue vessels, equipped with first aid facilities, to be in attendance at start of race.

Reporting of a Marine Incident in an "Emergency Only" please contact one of the following:

Brisbane Water Police
(07) 3895 0333

Qld Boating & Fisheries Patrol
(07) 3860 3500

Brisbane Port Control
(07) 3305 1700

COMMUNICATIONS PROTOCOLS

- 10 Radio communication between either contestants, rescue or safety craft and a manned shorebased facility to be available and maintained as a safety measure.
- 11 Radio communication protocols, as stated in the “**Sailing Instructions**” issued by the Multihull Yacht Club of Queensland are to be **strictly adhered to**.
 - Organisers to contact Port Control on 3305 1700 before the event to obtain faxed printout of shipping for the day.
 - Organisers to advise the fleet of what shipping could be expected
 - Organisers to check relevant Notice to Mariners and inform participants at the pre race briefing
 - Brisbane Harbour Control is to be notified on VHF Channel 12 when the fleet is entering the Main Channel (M8) and when the last yacht has cleared the Fairway.
 - All participants to monitor VHF Ch12 between M8 and the Fairway Beacon to be aware of large traffic and to be communicated with by large traffic.
 - Race participants are to give way and not hinder any traffic in the shipping lanes, especially an large commercial traffic encountered between NW2 and Fairway NW12 to M8.
 - Brisbane Marine Pilots are to be advised over and above the usual Agencies and Organisations.
 - All participating yachts are to contact Gladstone Harbour Control (GHC) on VHF Channels 13 or 82 and inform GHC of their ETA at S1 & S2 (entry to Gladstone Harbour). Gladstone Harbour Control will advise yachts of the shipping movement status.
 - Gladstone Harbour Control to be contacted on VHF Channel 13 before entering the harbour to ensure participants are aware of shipping movements.
 - All competing yachts are to keep well clear of all commercial shipping whilst navigating in the Gladstone Harbour Shipping Channels.
 - All yachts arriving in the Gladstone Harbour should be showing the appropriate navigation lights and should not interfere with the normal port operations.
 - All competing yachts are to maintain a listening watch on VHF Channel 13 after passing S1/S2 beacons (Gladstone Harbour) until crossing the finish line which is situated off Auckland Point.

PARTICIPATING VESSELS

- 12 All participating vessels and operators of such vessels to comply with Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994 and Regulation 1995.
- 13 Safety regulations as prescribed under the Australian Yachting Federation Regulations 2005-2008 Cat 3 minimum for these vessels are to be observed.
 - Safety instructions in the Multihull Yacht Club Queensland, 2006 Sailing Instructions are to be strictly adhered to.
- 14 The International Prevention of Collision Regulations with respect to these vessels shall apply. In particular Rule '9' Narrow Channels of the Collision Regs are to be strictly adhered too.
- 15 All participating yachts are to "(keep well clear)" of all commercial traffic when navigating within Brisbane Harbour and Gladstone Harbour Shipping Channels.

PARTICIPATING PERSONNEL

- 16 All participating personnel participating in the event are required to comply with the "**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**" issued by the Multihull Yacht Club Queensland for 2007 yacht racing series.
- 17 It shall be the responsibility of the Authority holder to ensure that **all** participants are briefed on the conditions of this authority before the event takes place.
- 18 Participating crews are reminded that the majority of commercial shipping maneuvering within the Gladstone Harbour is constrained by their draft and are not able to avoid a close quarters situation with other vessels in the shipping channels.
- 19 Participating crews must stay well clear of commercial shipping in Gladstone Harbour

MISCELLANEOUS

- 20 The authority issued with respect to this event shall be carried by either the applicant or person in charge of the event during the course of the permitted activity. The authority must be produced for inspection by an authorised officer of Queensland Boating and Fisheries Patrol, Queensland Police Service (Water Police) or Queensland Transport when requested.
- 21 Organisers are to ensure that any marks, buoys or floats which are placed on the water and utilised as rounding marks shall not be constructed or coloured in any way which may be confused with a navigational aid.
- 22 The event is to be held within the limits indicated on the attached chart.
- 23 There shall be no interference with normal traffic by the event unless for safety reasons.
- 24 All marker buoys shall be removed after the race start.

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C/c District Officer
Qld Boating & Fisheries Patrol
BRISBANE

C/c Duty Harbour Master
WHYTE ISLAND

C/c Officer in Charge
Brisbane Water Police
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C/c Brisbane Marine Pilots
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ALBION

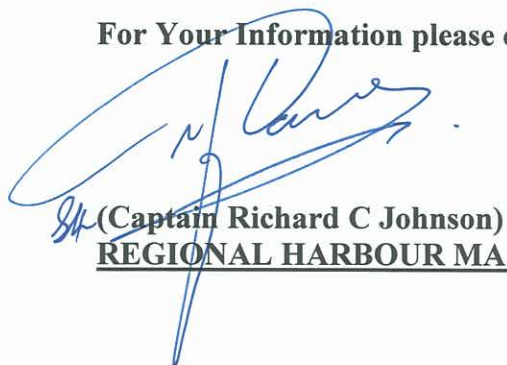
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