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DRIVERS BRIEFING SHEET

To be read and acknowledged by all competing drivers with any explanations required to be addressed at Drivers Briefing.

This meeting is conducted under the rules of the MPBC inc. This briefing is a summary of the Rule Book with some additional rules and interpretations of such rules pertaining to the Kinchant Dam, QLD racing course.

1. **No alcohol** consumption permitted by anyone in the Pit area or event grounds including VOLUNTEERS.
2. **No BBQ's or smoking** permitted in the Pit area.
3. **No crew permitted to be riding on Trailers and Drivers to be seated in their boats** when being picked up in the Pit area, while launching or retrieving their boats.
4. Drivers to have a breath test each race day and random checks may be conducted for drivers and crews throughout the meeting.
5. Boats must turn left at all times.
6. No boat is to enter the course while the race is in progress or "in the hands of the starter boat".
7. Helmets and Life Jackets are to be worn at all times whilst on the racecourse. Even if you're broken down – leave helmet and jacket on at all times until you are on the bank.
8. **Scratch Races:** The Start Boat will pick up boats and proceed to the milling buoy down at resort end. All boats are to proceed to the area and either stop or circle slowly at the buoy and wait for WHITE flag to go up which is 1 minute to start of race.
 - a. **At 15 seconds to start WHITE flag will wave SLOWLY**
 - b. **At 60 seconds boat will go on plane and head to start line ALL boats are to follow and line up from POLE ONE to RIGHT hand side of start boat – POLE 1 being closest to start boat. With MAXIMUM GAP of 4 Meters between boats in CORRECT ORDER.**
 - c. **Boats then proceed line astern from start boat NOT INFRONT of start boat in a fashion as to not block the boat to your side from being able to see the flag.**
 - d. **NO SLINGSHOT STARTS**
 - e. There will be no restarts and if you are in front of the pole boat or charge the start – you will be disqualified.
9. **All boats shall maintain their pole positions from the drop of the flag until they exit the lead out buoy on the first corner, maintaining their pole position around the corner. Failure to adhere to this will result in disqualification from the race or heat.**
10. Do not assume water conditions to be perfect, the decision to race is up to the driver.
11. Boats must maintain their course so as not to hinder any other boat, not change lanes until they have attained sufficient lead to do so safely. (**Minimum 3 boat lengths**). All boats must give the leading boat at least 2 boat lengths clear when entering turns.
12. An **even turn** must be made at **all buoys**. You must turn the buoy in the lane you have attained 100 meters before that buoy, regardless of position of leading or trailing boats. E.g. – you enter turn buoy in lane 3 you must maintain that lane around buoy, no square cutting the corners. Failure to adhere to this will result in disqualification from the race or the heat.
13. If you miss a buoy – **do not re-attempt it**. Continue around the course. If you re-attempt it, you will be disqualified from the race or heat. A penalty may apply for missing it.
14. All races are **4 laps**, or unless directions are issued from the Tower to the Pit Controller.
15. If you pass a boat, you usually would not pass, be aware as there may be a red flag or incident on the course. All boats are to STOP on Red Flags. Failure to adhere to this will result in disqualification from the race or heat.
16. Do not pass run out buoys at each end of the course.
17. If you lose power or slowing down – raise one (1) arm and do not make any sharp turn. **Slow down in a straight line. Do not run off course at turn buoys.**
18. **If you are involved in an incident where you are thrown from your boat, into the water, you will be picked up by the Rescue Boat and taken from the water in the Rescue Basket or floated into the Rescue Craft, no exceptions, and will be assessed by the on-board Paramedic.**
19. All boats to finish on the chequered flag – regardless of what lap you are in.
20. When the race is finished, continue around the course until black flag is shown from the Tower or Duty Boats. (Do not go past run out buoys or across the course and do not return to the bank until the Black Flag has been displayed).
21. **HANDICAPS** will be available on race board and will be determined by officials and race day chief judge.
22. **Distress Signals**

Slow Down	Raise 1 arm
Steering Loss	Raise both arms
Immediate Assistance	Stand and wave
Boats with Cockpits	Open canopy and signal tower – if no signal, race will be RED-FLAGGED

23. **Flags**
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| BLUE | 3 minutes to ZERO (for clock starts) |
| WHITE | START Flag – in the hands of the starter (pole boat starts)
OR 1 minute to start (for clock starts) |
| GREEN | Race in progress |
| YELLOW | 1 Lap to go |
| CHEQUERED | FINISH (all boats finish, regardless of how many laps they have run) |
| BLACK | RECALL (Do not return to bank until displayed) |
| RED CROSS ON WHITE BACKGROUND | CAUTION (keep racing, but be aware of an incident on the course) |
| RED | STOP and await instruction from the tower |
24. **Racecourse Description / Lay out**
- See Board – Visual briefing
 - Location of course boats
 - Diver
 - Ramp etiquette - Boats to be in water 1 race prior to theirs to ensure efficient start times
 - If teams require extra time – to NOTIFY RACE CONTROL immediately and we will endeavor to accommodate within reason. DO NOT WAIT TO THE LAST MINUTE – advise as soon as you expect to require extra time
 - NO Trailers to be parked at HEAD of ramp – NO PARKING ZONE – this will be used for loading and unloading ONLY
25. **Race day Order** – as per allocation.
26. **Race Classes / GPS MONITORING**
- All Classes monitored by club issued GPS
 - All GPS will be collected by crew member prior to race and returned immediately after each race BY crew member– JUDGES will NOT COME AND GET YOUR GPS
 - Failure to return your GPS will result in a DSQ and no time recorded
 - GPS will be handed to you reset and you will not tamper with them in any way – if returned with fouled out result or zero reading – it will be up to CHIEF JUDGE who will make the decision about results
 - GPS ARE THE CREW'S RESPONSIBILITY – LOST AND DAMAGED GPS MAY BE CHARGED TO THE BOAT OWNER
 - RESULT on screen is final – no variance being accepted as all calibrated together e.g., 70.0MPH is accepted. 70.1MPH = DSQ
27. **PROTESTS** are to be lodged on the appropriate form available from the Tower with \$100.00 to the Officer of the Day.
28. **Radio Communications:** All boats and crew using radio communications are to be assembled in a common area, under the control of a Marshall, who will monitor any conversation. The only conversation to the driver while in the hands of the starter and while the Race is in progress shall be Safety Calls to the Driver, which Flags are displayed or in the event of an Emergency e.g., Fire – where a boat is stopped on the course. Any breach of this Rule shall mean disqualification from the race or heat.
29. **Race day Controller** – If you have any concerns about the safety or conditions of the event, please make these known to the Race Day Controller in a polite and courteous manner
30. **Race RESULTS board** –
- Will be updated at the end of each round and displayed at the Control Truck on the white board.
 - It is the team's RESPONSIBILITY to check the board for POLE positions and HANDICAP times
31. If you have any concerns with the race conditions, conduct of competitors / officials or concerns for your own personal safety whilst participating in this event, please make this known to Race day controller. If Mackay powerboat club officials are unable to satisfy your concerns and rectify any reasonable concerns, you are able to withdraw your entry and discontinue your participation

Abuse of any officials – will not be tolerated – Boat Owners and Driver will be disqualified for the day and a Yellow Card will be issued immediately.

These rules are to be used in their entirety but may have minor changes depending on the course and Club conditions, e.g., Blue flag not used for events where only pole boat starts.

All drivers, competitors, participants and volunteers acknowledge and agree that:

1. they understand the above rules and briefing notes and agree to abide by same;
2. they participate at their own risk;
3. they do not hold Mackay Power Boat Club Inc liable for any real or potential loss or damage to any vessel; and
4. they do not hold Mackay Power Boat Club Inc liable for any real or potential loss or damage as a result of any person injury sustained.

EVERY driver, competitor, participant and/or volunteer will be required to acknowledge these rules and indemnities by signing and returning this document prior to event commencement.

NAME:	
DATE:	
SIGNATURE:	

(Please print legibly)