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Brisbane to Bundaberg Offshore Yacht Race ready to launch

Beginning on 18 June at Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, the inaugural Brisbane to Bundaberg Offshore Yacht Race will launch as the missing ingredient in the Queensland Offshore Ocean Sailing Championship.

The Brisbane to Bundaberg Offshore Yacht Race provides a natural extension for offshore sailors seeking the challenge of racing North and around Fraser Island across 250 nautical miles of spectacular Queensland coastline during the Winter school holiday season.

The Category 3+ event has been specifically designed to encourage sailors, families, and supporters to experience Bundaberg and the Southern Great Barrier Reef at one of the region's most spectacular times of year, combining competitive offshore racing with an accessible family holiday experience.

Bundaberg Mayor Helen Blackburn will officially start the race alongside Professor Graeme Nimmo RFD and is enthusiastic about showcasing the region to the sailing community.

"We're absolutely delighted to see the inaugural Brisbane to Bundaberg Yacht Race set sail," Mayor Blackburn said.

"This exciting new event showcases not only the spirit of adventure on our coastline, but also highlights Bundaberg as a welcoming and vibrant destination."

Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron has focused on delivering not only a scenic Queensland coastal race, but also an enjoyable onshore experience for competitors, friends, and family.

"Winter holidays are often a time when Queenslanders are looking for something different but still heading North to warmer waters," said RQYS Commodore Curtis Skinner.

"We have made the experience accessible to all, beginning with a return coach transfer service for non-sailors and family-friendly festivities at the finish line at Bundaberg Port Marina on Saturday."

A public BBQ buffet dinner and presentation evening will commence at 5:30 pm on Saturday, 20 June, at Bundaberg Port Marina, with the community invited to follow the race online and watch the fleet arrive throughout the day via the Burnett River.

The race can be tracked live via the official event website. A big thanks to all of our sponsors, particularly Pacific Tug and Bundaberg Port Marina for their support.

Official Website: www.brisbanetobundaberg.com



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About Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron

The Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron is one of Australia's leading yacht clubs and a cornerstone of sailing in Queensland. Located on Moreton Bay, RQYS has a long history of hosting national and international regattas, alongside a strong commitment to participation, training, and development across all levels of the sport. With world-class facilities, an active membership base, and a proven track record in delivering major events, RQYS continues to play a key role in growing sailing in Australia.

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