



# VIRTUAL SAIL NOUMEA 2015

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**Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron**  
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'**Spirit of Mateship**'



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ROYAL QUEENSLAND YACHT SQUADRON  
CERCLE NAUTIQUE CALEDONIEN

For immediate release  
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Join others from around the world to test your navigation skills in the virtual version of **RQYS's Sail Noumea 2015 - Brisbane to Noumea Ocean Race**.

**Sailonline.org** is happy to be partnering with **Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron**, to bring the virtual version of the Sail Noumea 2015 Brisbane to Noumea Ocean Race to armchair navigators around the world. Race start is at the same time as the real race on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at 12:00 local time (02:00 UTC) and follows the same 835nm course across the Coral Sea to New Caledonia where yachts will be welcomed by **Cercle Nautique Caledonien**.

**Sailonline.org** is a non-profit, non-commercial sail-racing navigation simulation run entirely by volunteers. All races are free to join and each SOLer (one who sails on Sailonline) gets exactly the same boat. The challenge is navigating through the weather. Sailonline uses almost real-time weather downloaded from NOAA every six hours and the boat physics are considered to be the most life-like of any online simulation.



To add to the realism, **Sailonline.org** has arranged with **YBTracking** to overlay the positions of the real fleet onto the virtual race screen so armchair navigators can see how they are faring against the real yachts in the race as they make their way to Noumea.

For the Sail Noumea 2015 Race, Sailonline is using the polar of a VO60 and will race against the VO60 '**Spirit of Mateship**'. 'Spirit of Mateship' is operated by **Mates4Mates**, a national charitable organisation set up by the Returned Services League to provide services, welfare and treatment programs to help rehabilitate wounded, injured and ill current and former Australian Defence Force personnel and their families. 'Spirit of Mateship' is well known to yachties all over the world as the Norwegian entry Djuice Dragons in the 2001/02 Volvo Ocean Race when she was skippered by current Volvo Ocean Race CEO, Knut Frostad.

Whether you are a seasoned old salt or a newbie, all are welcome and there is always someone willing to help with questions in the online race chatroom.

**Registration for the virtual Sail Noumea 2015 Race will open on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2015 Brisbane time, giving plenty of time to learn the ropes of armchair navigation before the race starts on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June.**

**For more details please go to the links below:**

To race, armchair enthusiasts should head to [www.Sailonline.org](http://www.Sailonline.org) - it's all free.

Official race site: <http://www.rqys.com.au/events/sail-noumea/>

Spectators can also track the race via Yellowbrick tracking at: <http://yb.tl/b2n2015>

More about '**Spirit of Mateship**' and the **Mates4Mates** charity at: **MATES 4 MATES**

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