



Royal Geelong Yacht Club Inc.

2019-2020

Alpha Course Season

Notice of Race

The Royal Geelong Yacht Club Inc. (RGYC) as the Organizing Authority invites owners of eligible boats to apply for entry to the RGYC races to be held on the waters of Corio Bay and Port Phillip from 1st October 2019 to 30th September 2020.

1. RULES

1.1 Races will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations.

1.2 Rule Changes

- a) Rule 6 (f) of the Etchells class rules is changed as follows: VHF radios are required, and shall be monitored at all times.
- b) VHF radios are required on boats entered in Divisions 1,2,3, Sports Boats, VX One and Corio Cruisers, and shall be monitored at all times.
- c) Add to RRS 50.2 & 50.3: Fixed and retractable spinnaker poles not attached to the foremost mast shall be permitted for the purpose of setting asymmetrical spinnakers.
- d) RRS 52: Shall not apply to the adjustment and operation of sails on any boat. The use of electronic steering devices is permitted for Two Handed Series races as defined in the Sailing Instructions.
- e) For Twilight Series races the following rules are changed: -
 - (i) RRS 47.1 is changed as follows: A boat shall use only the equipment on board at her preparatory signal however, any spinnakers shall not be used. This does not apply to Etchell and VX One.
 - (ii) RRS 50.1 is changed as follows: When headsails are being changed, a replacing sail may be fully set and trimmed before the replaced sail is lowered. However, only one mainsail and, except when changing, only one headsail shall be carried set at a time. In addition to a set-headsail, a Cutter-rigged boat may set a Staysail only when it is carried set for the entire race.
 - (iii) When a Mizzen sail is not carried set when the boats starts, it shall not be set at any time during the race.
 - (iv) A Staysail shall not be carried set by a sloop.



1.3 AS Special Regulations Categories

- a) Day Races for Div's 1, 2 & 3 on inner and outer Corio Bay – Part 1, Category 6 plus VHF Radio
- b) Etchells – Part 1, Category 7 plus VHF Radio, Twilight races Category 7 plus VHF Radio and Navigation Lights.
- c) Sports Boat, VX One Class – Part 2, plus VHF Radio, Twilight races Part 2 plus VHF Radio and Navigation Lights
- d) Twilight races Div's 1 and 2 – Part 1, Category 6 plus VHF Radio and Navigation Lights
- e) Evening Races including Tuff Marine within Corio Bay – Part 1, Category 5N
- f) Night races beyond Corio Bay – refer Special Sailing Instructions for event.
- g) Two-Handed races – Part 1, Category 6 plus VHF Radio
- h) Winter Series Races –Part 1, Category 6 plus VHF Radio
- i) Corio Cruising Division on inner and outer Corio Bay – Part 1, Category 6 plus VHF Radio

1.4 Safety Requirements

- a) Lifejackets shall be worn at night and whenever conditions make working on deck difficult or when crew capability is reduced.
- b) Marine Safety Victoria regulations regarding lifejackets apply at all times.
- c) Unless in use, no part of any anchor may project forward of the bow at any time whilst racing.

1.5 Man Overboard Safety Procedure.

- a) All boat crews shall demonstrate satisfactory MOB procedures – AS Special Regulations Part 1, Section 6 – Training - 6.01:2. and Appendix B.
- b) A Man Overboard compliance declaration must be lodged with the RGYC office prior to racing.
- c) Man Overboard compliance form and further information is available [HERE](#)

1.6 Handicap System

- a) Boats will be allocated a performance handicap by the Club handicapper.
- b) Australian Sailing Performance Handicap system (or a local variation) shall be used.
- c) Allocated Handicaps shall not be grounds for protest or request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1.
- d) Boats will be allocated to divisions by the Club Handicapper.
- e) A list of division entrants may be published on the club web site by 20:00 hrs. the day prior to the first race.

1.7 Boat Owner Obligations

A boat found to have impeded the operation of commercial shipping shall be responsible for any and all financial obligations resulting from the reported incident.

- 1.8 The Sailing Instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and Alpha Course Supplementary Sailing Instructions posted on the RGYC website prior to the first race. Click [HERE](#) for season 2019-20 race documents.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 Racing is open to Division 1, Division 2, Division 3, Sports Boats, VX Ones, Corio Cruisers, IRC, AMS, ORCi. and Etchells Class boats on the RGYC Vessel Register.

- 2.2 Racing may be provided in the above divisions subject to at least five entries being accepted in that division. Should there be insufficient entries to form a particular division, boats entering those divisions may be allocated to another division at the discretion of the Race Committee, who also may add or delete divisions.



- 2.3** Boats part-owned or owned by members under Disciplinary Suspension shall not enter.
- 2.4** Boats failing to provide the Club with a new insurance policy/certificate of currency of insurance will be scored DNC without a hearing for races after the expiration of the previous insurance policy until a current document is supplied. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 & A5
- 2.5** Eligible boats may enter from Saturday 14th September 2019, by completing the entry form including the required fee, via this link [ENTER HERE](#) no later than 1700hrs two days prior to competing in a race or series.
- 2.6** Entry Fee information for each series is available [HERE](#).
- 2.7** Late entries will be accepted under the following conditions:
a) Up to 2 hrs prior to the first Warning Signal of the day.
b) Late entries will not be eligible for trophies in any special events or the race day's series points on the day of entry.
- 2.8** Boats unable to enter via the internet may do so at the general office of RGYC by appointment.
- 2.9 Sail Pass**
Competitors shall be a member of RGYC and hold Australian Sailing membership. Competitors who do not have membership shall obtain a Day Membership Sail Pass which is available from RGYC reception or by using the 'Memberpoint' smart phone app, either to be completed prior lodgement of the boat's crew declaration. Day Membership information, including links to download the smart phone app is available [HERE](#).
- 2.10 Yachtsafe**
a) Boats must be registered with Yacht Safe, submit their safety declaration and obtained a safety category sticker (available from Club Reception).
b) Audits are only by appointment made from the Yacht Safe app [HERE](#). Boats that have not had a safety audit should contact the Club's Sailing Manager to be set up in Yacht Safe.
c) Audits must be completed by an accredited AS auditor prior to Friday 20th December 2019.
d) Safety category stickers must be attached on the stern of the boat.
e) Boats that do not comply with NOR 2.6(a) or 2.6(b), shall not be grounds for protest by a boat, but may be subject to protest by the Race Committee. This changes RRS 60.1(a).C
f) Further information is available [HERE](#).
- 2.11 Pre-Season Information Sessions**
a) Will be conducted in the West Lounge of the RGYC on Wednesday 25th September 2019, commencing at 1930 hrs, Wednesday 2nd October 2019 commencing at 1930 hrs and Sunday 6th October 2019 commencing at 1000 hrs. in the West Lounge.
b) The owner and the boat's regular skipper, if not the same, plus one other crew member must attend.
c) Additional sessions may be held for boats unable to attend or entering during the season. The entry of a boat failing to comply will be rejected or cancelled.
- 2.12 Visiting Boats and Sailors**
a) Visiting sailors from AS affiliated clubs require a Sail Pass at a cost of \$15 per visit for a maximum of 12 visits, after which they will need to join the Club to continue to sail. Visitors from kindred clubs are not subject to a limit as to how many Sail Passes can be purchased. Refer to the Club's website for more information.
b) Visiting boat entries must be delivered to the RGYC office 2 hours prior to the race warning signal.
c) Visiting boat entries are required to pay a daily race fee of \$50

- d) Casual entries will be ineligible for any special trophies or series points but may be eligible for any “prize-of-the-day” at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- e) The following documentation for visiting boats shall be lodged at the RGYC Office prior to competing: -
 - Current Insurance certificate with racing risk insurance
 - Current Safety Declaration

3. SCHEDULE

Racing is scheduled as per the calendar on the RGYC web site. Click [HERE](#) to view the calendar.

4. MEASUREMENT

Boat competing in ORCi, AMS and IRC races shall include a valid rating certificate with their entry form. Owners wishing to compete in ORCi Club, AMS and IRC scored events shall have measurement completed by 1st November 2019.

5. THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be described in the Supplementary Sailing Instructions, and will be available at RGYC reception.

6. PENALTIES AND EXONERATION

RRS 64.1 is changed to:

When the protest committee decides that a boat that is a *party* to a protest hearing has broken a *rule* and is not exonerated, it shall disqualify her or impose any lesser penalty. A penalty shall be imposed whether or not the applicable *rule* was mentioned in the *protest*. If a boat has broken a *rule* when not *racing*, her penalty shall apply to the race sailed nearest in time to that of the incident.

However,

- a) when as a consequence of breaking a *rule* a boat has compelled another boat to break a *rule*, the other boat shall be exonerated.
- b) if a boat has taken an applicable penalty, she shall not be further penalized under this rule unless the penalty for a *rule* she broke is a disqualification that is not excludable from her series score.
- c) if the race is restarted or resailed, RRS 36 applies.

7. SCORING

- a) Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series unless otherwise stated in the sailing instructions.
- b) A minimum of three boats are required to start in a class or division for a race to be scored. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- c) The last sentence of RRS A9 (RACE SCORES IN A SERIES LONGER THAN A REGATTA) is changed to read, “A boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored the points for the finishing place two more than the number of boats that came to the starting area.”

8. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

9. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000, including racing endorsement, per incident or the equivalent.

10. FURTHER INQUIRIES

Contact RGYC Sailing Manager, Peter Kirman: Email: peterk@rgyc.com.au Ph: 03 5229 3705 or visit the Club’s website www.rgyc.com.au

