



ROYAL GEELONG YACHT CLUB Inc.

Montgomery Family Trophy

Women's Helm Race 2019/2020 Season

31/10/2019 and 20/02/2020

NOTICE OF RACE and SUPPLEMENTARY SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

(To be read in conjunction with Alpha Course Season
2019/2020 Supplementary Sailing Instructions)

[DP] – A rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the jury or protest committee.

1. Rules

The regatta will be covered by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the special regulations of Australian Sailing (AS).

2. Eligibility and Entry

2.1 The regatta is open for competition in boats which have a safety declaration of compliance as per AS Special Regulations, Part 1, Category 6 plus VHF Radio and Navigation Lights.

~~2.2 Competitors shall be women over 18 years of age on the day of the first race.~~

2.3 Boats shall be helmed by a woman at all times whilst racing. For yachts with multiple women in the crew, the helmswoman can change throughout the race to facilitate sailing of the vessel.

2.4 Men are permitted to crew throughout the race.

2.5 Boats wishing to race shall entry through the Club's entry portal by 1700hrs Wednesday 30 October 2019. Click [HERE](#) to enter.

2.6 There will be no entry fee.

3. Safety

3.1 All boats are required to SIGN ON prior to the first warning and SIGN OFF after passing the finish line via VHF Channel 73 using 'RG Base' as the call sign. Boats must identify their vessel name, sail number, the number of people on board and name of helmswoman in charge. [DP]

3.2 In an emergency, and if you are unable to contact the Race Officer on VHF 73, use mobile 0403 560 333.

4. Schedule of Races.

Races are scheduled as per the 2019/2020 RGYC Official Sailing Calendar available [HERE](#).

5. The Course

5.1 All boats shall sail the same course.

5.2 The course will be a Division 1 Twilight course as listed in the 2019/2020 Alpha Course Season Supplementary Sailing Instructions, Appendix 'C'.

5.3 Please refer to Alpha Course Sailing Instructions 2019/2020 season for approximate mark co-ordinates.

6. The Start

6.1 Flag W will be used as the class flag.

6.2 First warning will be made at 1755.

6.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of a red and white truncated buoy to port. This changes RRS S 9.2 4.4

6.4 An alternate Start Line may be announced via radio prior to the warning signal.

6.5 A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored 'DID NOT START' (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

7. The Finish

The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel to starboard and a red and white truncated buoy to port. This changes RRS S 11.1.

8. Time Limit

8.1 The time limit for all boats to sail the course and finish is 2000 hours.

8.2 Boats failing to finish within 2 hours - Such boats will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE).

9. Handicaps

Boats will have the AHC according to Top Yacht of their most recent club course sailed in Season 2019/2020.

10. Scoring

This is a 2 (two) race series. The boats score will be the total of both race scores.

11. Disclaimer of Liability

11.1 Competitors participate in this event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race.

11.2 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 event.