



Royal Geelong Yacht Club inc.



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Charlie Course Sailing Instructions

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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 Part 1 for Keelboats.

1.2 COVID 19 restrictions apply.

1.3 Boats in Danger

Within the waters of Corio Bay, Commercial Shipping has right-of-way whether that Vessel is in a channel or otherwise. Any boat in the anticipated path of a commercial vessel may use every alternative means of propulsion to avoid collision provided that:

- Propulsion is used to drive the boat the minimum distance necessary to avoid collision.
- The course taken is no closer than 90 degrees to the direction of the next mark
- The boat completes a two-turn penalty immediately on resumption of racing.
- Nothing in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions relieves a boat of her responsibility under civil law to comply with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea or local regulations.
- Between sunset and sunrise, competitors are reminded that part of the definition of “room” includes taking into account the existing conditions (including visibility).

Refer to Appendix A for more information

1.4 A.S. Special Regulations Categories

As per the Notice of Race

1.5 Safety Requirements: -

- Every Crew Member of a boat not equipped with lifelines shall wear a PFD.
- Deck-stowed anchors shall not protrude beyond the gunwale or bow of a boat racing.
- Boat crews shall demonstrate satisfactory Man Overboard (MOB) procedures See Special Regulations Part 1, Section 6 – *Training* - 6.01:2.
- A Man Overboard compliance declaration must be lodged with the RGYC office prior to 31st December 2020. Man Overboard compliance forms are available [HERE](#).

1.6 First race of the season

Boats intending to compete shall report to the race officials on the Race Committee Vessel with all crew wearing an approved lifejacket before the warning signal for her first race of the season. Crew may remove their lifejacket when acknowledged by race officials unless Flag Y is displayed from the Race Committee Vessel. Boats failing to comply may be scored Did Not Compete (DNC) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4, A5, and 63.1

1.7 Spinnaker Poles

Fixed and retractable spinnaker poles not attached to the foremost mast for the purpose of setting asymmetrical spinnakers is permitted. This changes RRS 52.

1.8 Elastic or wool bands

The discarding of elastic or wool bands when setting a sail is permitted. This changes RRS 55/47.

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1.9 Keels

Retractable keels must be locked down at all times when racing.

2. Notice to Competitors

The Official Notice Board (ONB) is located east of the Club's slipway. Notices may also be placed on the notice board within the Club's Members Bar.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions (SI's)

- 3.1** Any change to the Sailing Instructions (other than as per SI 3.3) will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted with three (3) days clear notice. This notice will be displayed on the ONB in the RGYC hard stand area.
- 3.2** Flag "L" will be displayed from the Club's flag pole to signify that a notice to competitors has been posted.
- 3.3** The Race Committee may issue a change of SI's from the Race Committee Vessel by displaying Flag 3rd substitute with three sounds. Further instructions will be issued by radio.



4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Club's flag pole located in the North-West corner of the Club's property.
- 4.2** When a signal is displayed over a class flag it applies to that class only.
- 4.3** When Flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5. Sailing Schedule

Race dates and time of first warning signals are scheduled as per the RGYC Season 2020-2021 Sailing Calendar and is available [HERE](#).

6. Class Flags

Class and or Division	Flag Description
Etchells	Etchell Class Flag 
VX One & Sportsboats	Numeral Pennant 9 

7. Racing Areas

The racing area will be on Corio Bay

8. Courses and Marks

These are listed in Appendix B.

9. The Start

- 9.1** The Starting Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Vessel at the starboard-end and the course side of a port-end Finish mark as described in Appendix B.

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- 9.2** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. [DP]
- 9.3** A boat failing to start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored “Did Not Start” (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

10. The Finish

- 10.1** The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee Vessel at the starboard-end and the course side of the port-end finish mark.
- 10.2** Boats not racing shall stay clear of the finish line. [DP]

11. Time Limits

- 11.1** The time limits for all boats to sail the courses and finish are shown with each course description.
- 11.2** Any boat still racing when her time limit expires will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus 30% of the number of starters rounded to the nearest whole number, but no more points than the number of starters. Such boats will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE). This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5

12. Protests and Requests for Redress

12.1 Forms and Lodgement

Protest forms are available from the box beside the results notice board located in the Club Member's Bar. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Race Officer, Club Captain, Vice Commodore or the Sailing Manager within the appropriate time limit.

12.2 Protest Time Limit

The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat in her division has finished the last race of the day or the Race Committee signals “No more racing today”, whichever is later.

- 12.3** Notices will be posted as soon as practicable to inform competitors of the date, time and place of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

13. Scoring

- 13.1** Boats that join the series after one or more completed races will be given the “Did Not Compete” (DNC) score for each earlier race.
- 13.2** 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 but not worse than the score “Disqualified” (DSQ). This changes RRS A9/A5.

13.3 Number of Race required:

For each series, two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

13.4 Number of Boats to Start:

A minimum of three boats are required to start in a class or division for a race to be scored. This changes RRS A4, A5 and 90.3 (a).

13.5 Discards:

Series	Races Completed	Discards
Full Season	19 or more	4

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Pre & Post Xmas, Full Season	12 - 18	2
Pre & Post Xmas, Full Season	8 - 11	1
Pre & Post Xmas, Full Season	0 - 7	0

13.6 Dispensation for Away Events:

Boats undertaking racing or delivery to Australian Sailing recognised events on or during the RGYC club season may apply in writing to the Sailing and Boating Committee for an allocated race score to be applied as follows:-

- The boat's allocated race score shall be the average of her series for the season, excluding RDG and other AVG scores. The value of this number will change as the season progresses.
- The scores of other boats shall not be changed
- No more than two club race-days per boat can be awarded dispensation

This changes RRS A4.

14. Resailed Events

Races not completed on the scheduled day may be rescheduled at the discretion of the Race Committee.

15. Changes to Boats

The Handicap Committee shall be notified in writing (email or letter) by 5:00pm of business day before race of any changes. These include but not limited to;

- Change of Helmsperson, particularly of someone outside of normal crew
- New sails
- Changes to rig, ballast, LOA, rudder, keel etc

16. Radio Sign On & Off

16.1 Sign On

Boats departing the Marina shall notify RG Base on VHF 71 of the name of the boat, the sail number and the people on board. If there is no response, boats shall notify the Race Committee Vessel.

16.2 Sign Off

16.2.1 Upon return to the marina boats shall notify RG Base VHF 71, the name of the boat sail number and the number of people on board. If there is no response, boats shall notify the Race Committee Vessel.

16.2.2 Boats failing to sign-on or sign-off may be scored their finish score plus five (5) points, but not worse than the score for DSQ, by the Race Committee without a hearing. The scores of other boats shall not be changed. This changes RRS A4, A5 and 63.1

16.2.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify RG Base or the Race Committee Vessel as soon as possible.

17. Crew Declarations

17.1 This crew declaration process is not substituted by the RGYC Site sign in required under current COVID restrictions and using the SINE PRO app.

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- 17.2** No later than the boat's preparatory signal the owner or delegate shall submit a Crew Declaration containing boat name, sail number and the full name & membership status of each person on board
- 17.3** This crew declaration shall be lodged electronically by downloading and lodging the declaration through the Memberpoint App. This app can be downloaded via the following links: For [Android devices, CLICK HERE](#), and [Apple devices, CLICK HERE](#)
- 17.4** Crew without RGYC membership (or a current Sail Pass), may purchase one through the MemberPoint App prior to being available for selection as crew.
- 17.5** Boats failing to comply may be scored DSQ by the Race Committee without a hearing. The scores of other boats shall not be changed. This changes RRS A4, A5 and 63.1

18. Handicapping

Allocated Handicap values will not be grounds for redress.

19. Equipment and Measurement Checks

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a Sailing and Boating Committee appointed Safety Officer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

20. Official Boats

Official boats may display the RGYC Burgee.

21. Radio Communication

- 21.1** Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. [DP]
- 21.2** All radio communications will be conducted on VHF Channel 71.
- 21.3** The Race Committee may broadcast the course to be sailed, names/sail numbers of OCS boats, and/or other information. Any failure of, or defect in, such a broadcast will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b) and 62.
- 21.4** Boats are required to keep a listening watch on the designated radio frequency for their course and channel 16 at all times during racing.

22. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in RGYC races 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 racing.

23. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured, with racing risk, and valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000, per incident.

APPENDIX A: Commercial Shipping

A1 Victoria Marine Safety Regulations and in particular Rule Part 6, 112 (2)

Nothing in these Rules shall exonerate any vessel, or the owner, master or crew thereof, from the consequences of any neglect to comply with these Rules or of the neglect of any precaution which may be required by the ordinary practice of seamen, or by the special circumstances of the case.

In complying with these Rules due regard shall be had to all dangers of navigation and collision and to any special circumstances, including the limitations of the vessels involved, which may make a departure from these Rules necessary to avoid immediate danger.

If a boat is about to be involved in a collision, having stood or not given way in accordance with the Rule; every party involved is responsible in taking avoiding action to prevent a collision.

A2 Local Rules

These Local Rules require sail craft to keep clear of commercial shipping. Pass at least 500m ahead of the ship's bow. Any boat not compliant shall be disqualified without a hearing. This changes RRS A4, A5 and 63.1.

A3 Bow Flare

When closing on any vessel, to prevent being overrun, ensure you can sight the vessel's bridge. Beware of overhanging bows and other parts of ship that might obstruct this line of sight.

A4 Boats in Danger

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- Propulsion is used to drive the boat the minimum distance necessary to avoid collision.
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- The boat completes a two-turn penalty immediately on resumption of racing.
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Competitors are reminded of their responsibility under rule 9(b) of the IRPCS, (b) "A vessel of less than 20 metres in length or a sailing vessel shall not impede the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway."

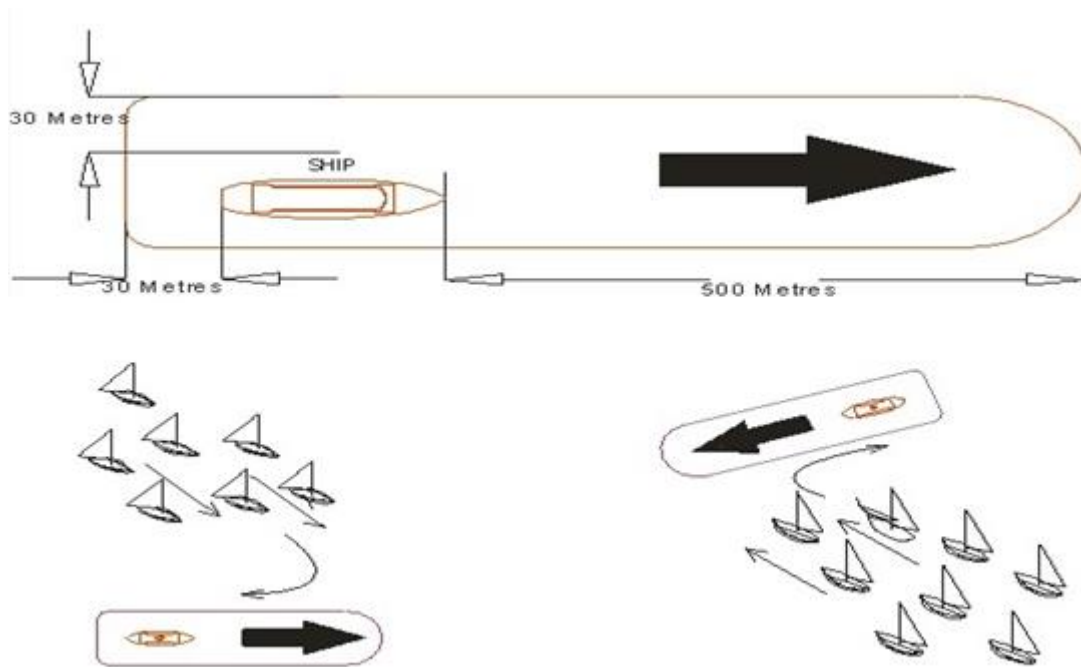
A5 Shipping Sound Signal Meanings:

One short blast – *I am altering course to starboard (right).*

Two short blasts – *I am altering course to port (left).*

Three short blasts – *I am operating engines astern.*

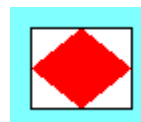
Five (or more) short blasts – *I'm unsure of your intentions and doubt whether you are taking enough avoiding action to avoid collision.*



Appendix B: Courses

Windward-Leeward – Course 1

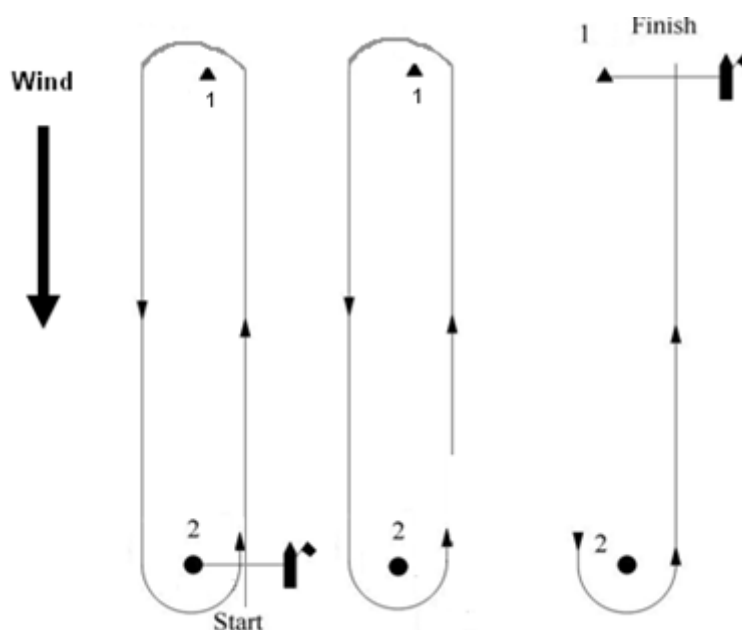
Indicated by display of Flag F



Time Limit: 3.0 Hours

Start – 1 – 2 – 1 – 2 – Finish

All Marks to Port



Laid Marks	Description
Start Mark/ Mark 2	Red & White Truncated Cone
Finish Mark / Mark 1	Yellow & White Cube
New Mark	Orange or Yellow Cylinder with a Black Band

Flag “E” displayed with the class flag signifies that class shall sail one additional leeward leg and one additional windward leg.



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Windward-Leeward – Course 2

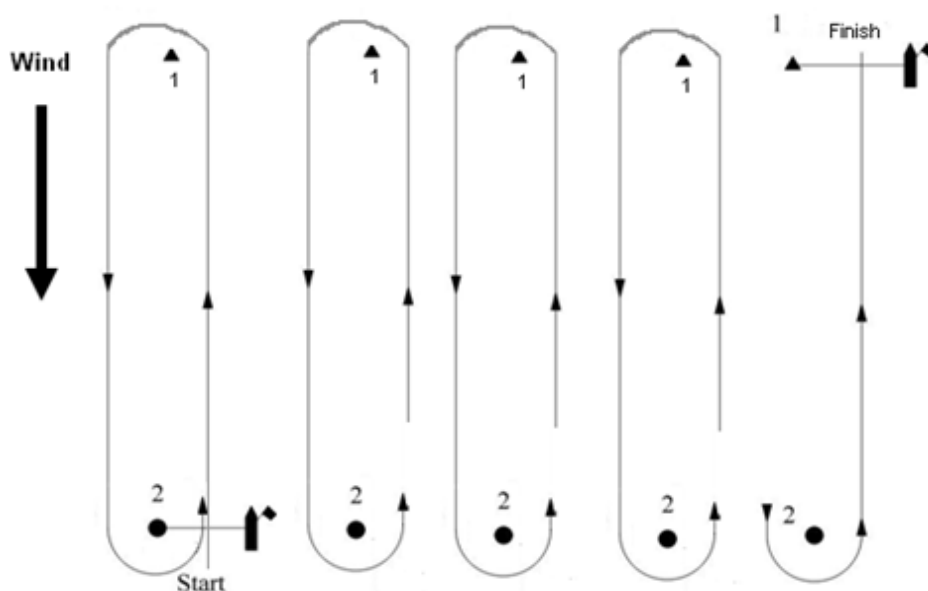
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Time Limit: 3.0 Hours

Start – 1 – 2 – 1 – 2 – 1 – 2 – 1 – 2 – Finish

All Marks to Port



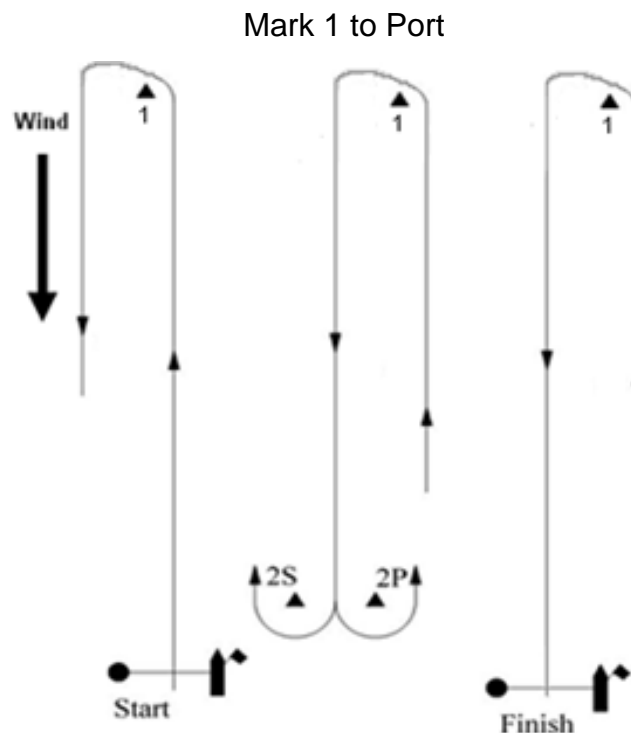
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Windward-Leeward – Course 3



If one of the gate marks (2S or 2P) is missing, boats shall leave the remaining mark to PORT.

Signal	Course	Time Limit
Numeral Pennant "8" over "1"	Start – 1 – Finish	50 Minutes
Numeral Pennant "8" over "2"	Start – 1 – Gate – 1 – Finish	80 Minutes
Numeral Pennant "8" over "3"	Start – 1 – Gate – 1 – Gate – 1 – Finish	120 Minutes
Numeral Pennant "8"	Start – 1 – Gate – 1 – Gate – 1 – Gate – 1 - Finish	150 Minutes

Laid Marks	Description
Start Mark / Finish Mark	Red & White Truncated Cone
Mark 1	Yellow & White Cube
Marks (2S & 2P)	Black Truncated Cone
New Mark	Orange or Yellow Cylinder with Black Band

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Revision Record

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