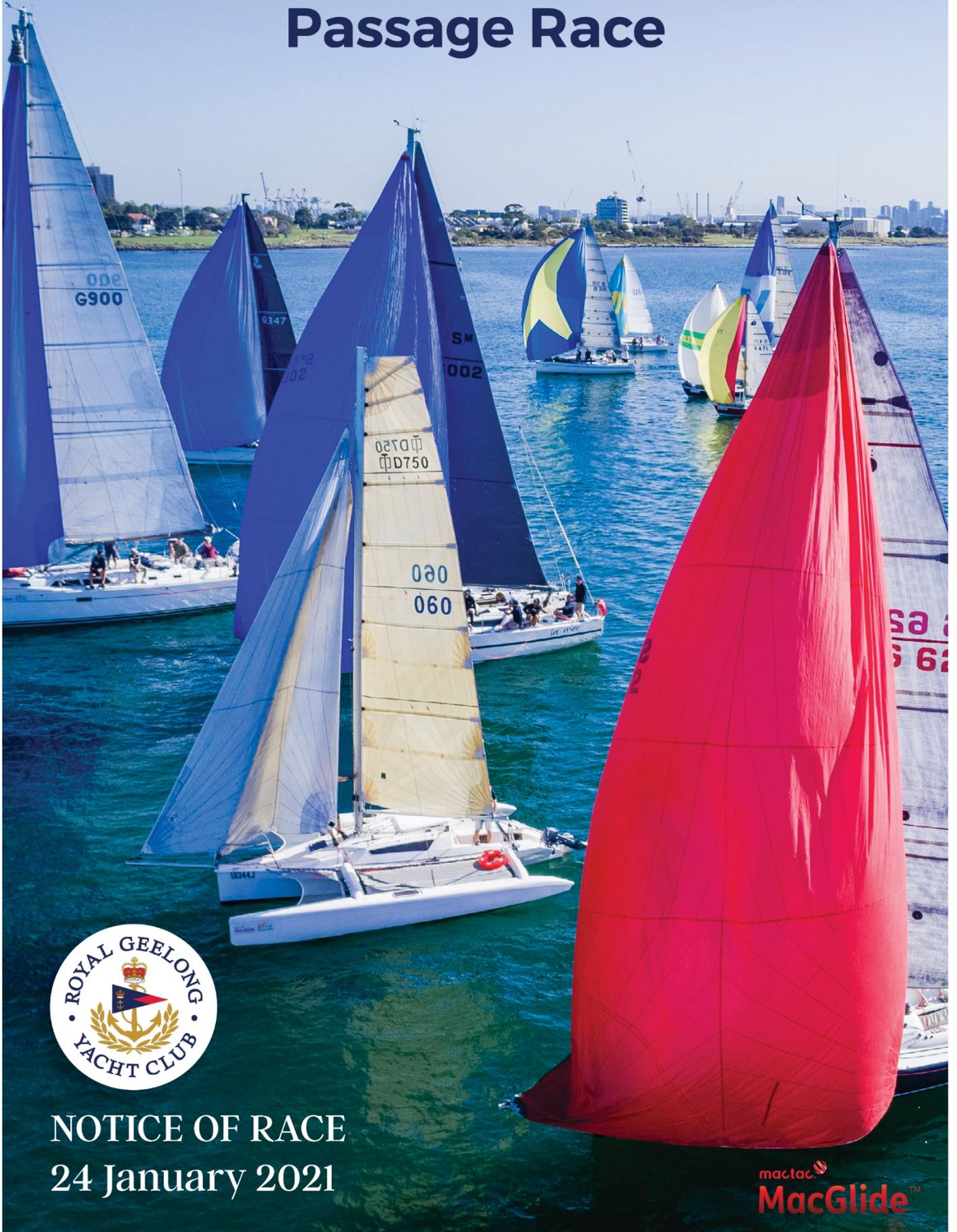


178th Melbourne to Geelong Passage Race



NOTICE OF RACE
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Royal Geelong Yacht Club Inc.

Melbourne to Geelong Passage Race (The Race)

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The Royal Geelong Yacht Club Inc. (RGYC) as the Organizing Authority (OA) invites owners of eligible boats to apply for entry to the RGYC races to be held on the waters of Port Philip and Corio Bay on Sunday 24th January 2021.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The Race will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations.
- 1.2. COVID-19 restrictions shall apply.
- 1.3. Rule Changes
 - 1.3.1. VHF radios are required on all boats entered and shall be monitored at all times on the race frequency and Channel 16.
 - 1.3.2. Add to RRS 55.2: Fixed and retractable spinnaker poles not attached to the foremost mast shall be permitted for the purpose of setting asymmetrical spinnakers.
 - 1.3.3. RRS 52: Shall not apply to the adjustment and operation of sails on any boat.
- 1.4. All boats shall meet Safety Category 5 plus VHF Radio.
- 1.5. Handicap System
 - 1.5.1. Boats will be allocated an EHC handicap by the Handicapping Committee.
 - 1.5.2. Allocated Handicaps shall not be grounds for protest or request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1.
 - 1.5.3. Boats will be allocated to divisions by the Handicapping Committee prior to the start of the Race.
- 1.6. 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.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. The Race is open to boats on the Vessel Register of an AS affiliated club.
- 2.2. Visiting boat entries may be capped by the OA and dependant on the COVID-19 restrictions applicable.
- 2.3. Upon request, owners shall provide the Club with a certificate of currency of insurance prior to racing.
- 2.4. Eligible boats may enter The Race via this link [ENTER HERE](#) no later than 2400 hrs Sunday 17th January 2021.

- 2.5. Late entries may be accepted up to 1700 hrs Thursday 21st January 2021 only at the discretion of the OA.
- 2.6. Entry fees are;
- 2.6.1. RGYC members: \$25 (incl GST)
 - 2.6.2. Non RGYC members: \$50 (incl GST)
- 2.7. All competitors shall hold AS membership or have a current SailPass membership.
- 2.7.1. AS **SailPass** membership is available using the '**MemberPoint**' smart phone app. Links to download this app are available [HERE](#).
 - 2.7.2. All boats shall complete the crew declaration on the TopYacht entry page and include the skipper and crew's name, mobile phone number, email address and post code. Click [HERE](#) to enter crew details.
- 2.8. All boats will have current AS Safety Category Sticker attached to the stern of the boat. Noncompliance 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).

3. SCHEDULE OF RACE

The Race will have first warning at 0925 hrs on Sunday 24th January 2021.

4. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

It is the intention of the OA to have the sailing instructions available on The Race website from Monday 11th January 2021 and will be available [HERE](#).

5. THE COURSE

The course to be sailed will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

6. PRIZES

6.1. Prizes will be given to boats finishing 1st, 2nd & 3rd in each of the divisions in the following classes;

- Cruising Spinnaker
- Cruising Non-Spinnaker
- Multihull
- Two-Handed

6.2. Other trophies and or prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

6.3. Prizes will be presented at RGYC as soon as practicable after the race has finished on Sunday 24th January 2021.

7. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the events entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, 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 event.

8. 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.

9. 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



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