



ROYAL GEELONG YACHT CLUB Inc.

2021 VRCA Summer Mini Series
13th, 16th 20th & 27th January 2021



SPECIAL SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

(To be read in conjunction with the Season 2020/2021 Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions)

1. Eligibility and Entry

- 1.1 Entry is open to all boats on the RGYC Boat Register that have entered the Club's Alpha Course racing program for Season 2020-2021.
- 1.2 Visiting boats may enter at the RGYC office prior to 1700 on 11th January 2021 and must comply with the Club's safety and insurance requirements.

2. Rules

- 2.1 The 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) shall apply.
- 2.2 A boat shall only use the equipment on board at her preparatory signal, however, spinnakers shall not be used. This changes RRS 48.1
- 2.3 When headsails are being changed, a replacing sail may be fully set and trimmed before the replaced sail is lowered.
- 2.4 One mainsail and one headsail (except when changing) shall be carried set at any one time when racing.
- 2.5 One whisker pole only shall be used at a time. When in use, it shall be attached to the foremost mast.

3. Safety


- 3.1 The safety requirements are as per the Season 2020/2021 Notice of Race
- 3.2 Crew Declarations shall be lodged electronically by downloading and lodging a declaration through the "Memberpoint" app **PRIOR TO RACING**.
- 3.3 If crew do not have RGYC membership or a current SailPass for that day, a SailPass can also be obtained through the "Memberpoint" app prior to be available for crew selection.

4. The Courses

- 4.1 The course to be sailed will be selected from the courses in Appendix B of the current VRCA Keelboat Twilight Racing Sailing Instructions.
- 4.2 If the course signal is displayed alone all boats shall sail the Division 1 course.
- 4.3 If the course signal is displayed over flag "G" all boats shall sail the Division 2 course.

5. The Start

5.1 Start times are outlined below.

Date	Warning Signal	Class Flag
Wed 13 th Jan 2021	1755hrs	Flag "J" 
Sat 16 th Jan 2021	1325hrs	
Wed 20 th Jan 2021	1755hrs	
Wed 27 th Jan 2021	1755hrs	

5.2 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 the port-end starting Mark (Yellow West Cardinal mark to the North-West of the Marina).

6. The Finish

6.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag at the starter's location and the course side of a laid finishing mark (orange truncated cone).

6.2 [DP] A boat no longer racing shall promptly clear the finish area and not interfere with another boat that is racing.

7. Handicaps

The handicaps for this series MAY differ to those for the Saturday Aggregate or Twilight Series.

8. Time Limit

8.1 The time limit for all boats to sail the course and finish is 2000 for the Wednesday evening races on 13th, 20th & 27th January 2021.

8.2 The time limit for all boats to sail the course and finish is 1530 on Saturday 16th January 2021.

8.3 Any boat still racing when her time limit expires will be scored TLE as per the 2020/2021 Alpha Course Sailing Instruction 11.2

9. Scoring

9.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series

9.2 A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.

10. Risk Statement

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes**