



Royal Geelong Yacht Club Inc.
25 Eastern Beach Rd, Geelong, Vic, 3220

2021 Victorian '9er State Championships
Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st March 2021

Sailing Instructions (SI)

The Organising Authority is the Royal Geelong Yacht Club Inc. (RGYC).

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 2 for Off the Beach (OTB) boats.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) located in the RGYC yard adjacent to the slipway.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the ONB not less than one hour before the race or races affected, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 hours on the day before that it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flag mast which is located in the north-western corner of the Club property immediately in front of the Clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute is replaced with not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Schedule of Events

Date	Event and Location	Time
Saturday 20 th March 2021	Registration in RGYC OTB Clubroom.	08:00 – 11:00
Saturday 20 th March 2021	Competitor Information Session in RGYC OTB Clubroom. (This changes NoR 4.1)	11:30
Sunday 21 st March 2021	Prize Giving in RGYC Club House.	Post Racing

5.2 Schedule of Racing

Date	Number of Races	Time of First Warning Signal
Saturday 20 th March 2021	4	12:57
Sunday 21 st March 2021	4	10:57

- 5.3 There is no provision for resails
- 5.4 One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that racing does not become more than one race ahead of the schedule.

6. SIGNING ON AND SIGNING OFF

- 6.1 All skippers or crew shall Sign On prior to going afloat to race for each session and Sign Off as soon as possible once ashore but prior to the Protest Time Limit.
- 6.2 Any skipper or crew failing to Signed On or Sign Off will be scored SCP as per RRS 44.3(c) for the first race of the day without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.
- 6.3 Sign-On and Sign Off sheets will be located in, or in the vicinity of, the RGYC OTB Clubroom.
- 6.4 Competitors retiring from a race shall, wherever possible, inform a Race Committee Vessel when leaving the course, and by personally notifying the Beach Marshall as soon as possible after arriving ashore as well as Signing Off.

7. CLASS FLAGS

29er, 49er & 49erFX Class flags will be used to signify the warning signal for each Class.

8. RACE AREA

The racing will be held on the waters of Corio Bay in the vicinity of RGYC.

9. THE COURSE

The diagram in Attachment A shows the course, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.

10. MARKS

The marks are described in Attachment A.

11. THE START

- 11.1 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 the port-end starting mark.
- 11.2 The starting Procedure shall be as follows. This changes RRS 26.

Signal	Flag and Sound	Minutes before Start
Warning	Class Flag. One sound	3
Preparatory	P, U or Black One sound	2
One-Minute	Preparatory Removed One Long Sound	1
Start	Class Flag Removed One sound	0

- 11.3 The starting order shall be at the discretion of the Race Officer. With the exception of the 9er classes, multiple Classes may be started together as signalled.
- 11.4 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.
- 11.5 Flag AP displayed on the Race Committee Vessel **at the finish** indicates that the Race Committee will start another race at the conclusion of the current race.

12. CHANGE OF COURSE

The course will not be changed after the start.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1 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 finishing mark.
- 13.2 Boats not racing must keep clear of the start and finishing areas. [DP]

14. TIME LIMIT

- 14.1 The target time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 30 minutes.
- 14.2 If no boat has passed the windward mark within 15 minutes, the race will be abandoned.
- 14.3 Race time limit for the first boat to complete the course is 45 minutes.
- 14.4 The finishing window is 10 minutes after the first boat has sailed the course and finished.
- 14.5 Boats not finishing within the Finishing Window may be scored an Allocated Place. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

15. PROTESTS

- 15.1 Protest forms are available at the Club Reception Desk. Protests and requests for redress or reopening must be delivered to the Race Officer or his delegate within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.2 The protest time limit and request for redress time limit is 45 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. This changes RRS 62.2. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 15.3 Protests will be heard as soon as practical in approximately the order of receipt.
- 15.4 Protest notices may be posted within 15 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of the time and location of a hearing to which they may be parties or named as a witness.

16. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 16.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the two-turns penalty is replaced by a one-turn penalty.
- 16.2 Appendix T Arbitration shall apply.

17. SCORING

Scoring will be as per the Victorian State Championships 9er Notice of Series.

18. CHANGE OF CREW

No changes to helmsperson will be accepted. Changes of crew may be permitted at the discretion of the Race Committee if a sufficiently valid reason is given in writing prior to starting a session.

19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 19.1 The owner or skipper shall ensure their boat complies with all class measurement rules & AS safety Regulations or they may be subject to protest. No measurement facilities will be available at the venue.
- 19.2 **Change of Sail Number:** Application for a change of sail number may only be made on the appropriate form, which can be obtained from the Regatta Office. Competitors failing to complete the form and lodge it with the Regatta Office before the race session will be scored DNC for those race(s) in the session.

20. SUPPORT BOATS

Team managers, coaches and other support personnel shall keep clear of and shall not cause interference to competitors who are racing except when asked to assist (Refer to safety plan) by the

Race Committee. They shall keep at least 50 metres outside the course area including the start line while any competitor is racing. Competitors associated with a team manager, coach, or support personnel in breach of this rule may be liable to protest by the race committee.

21. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded and presented by the relevant class associations. These will be presented following the conclusion of racing.

22. ENTRY DISCLAIMER

It is the competitor's decision to enter the Event or to start and continue in any race. **See RRS Rule 3 Decision to Race.** Competitors shall accept that their participation in the Event is at their exclusive risk in every respect. By way of entry in the Event competitors shall indemnify the Organising Authority, their officers, members, servants and agents in respect to all claims and demands of whatever nature which may be made upon them in connection with or howsoever arising from their participation or intended participation in the Event.

The Organising Authority, their officers, members, servants and agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in the Event or howsoever arising in connection with the Event.

23. RESULTS

Results will be posted on the ONB and RGYC website.

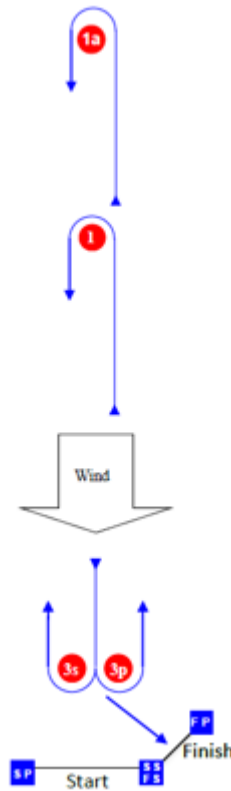
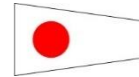
24. RIGHTS TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESS

By participating in the Championship competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority, 9er Class Association and their sponsors, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the athlete during the period of competition without compensation.

Appendix A: Race Course

Windward – Leeward Course - SHORT

Signal – Numeral Pennant 1



- If one of the gate marks (3S or 3P) is missing, boats shall leave the remaining mark to PORT
- If either the inner or outer course is not required, the marks shall not be set

Group	Mark Rounding Order
Opti	Start - 1 – 3p - Finish
Mixed & Cadet	Start - 1 - 3s/3p - 1 - 3p - Finish
9ers Championship	Start - 1a - 3s/3p – 1a - 3p - Finish

Mark	Description
Start Mark	Yellow Pencil Mark
Mark 1	Orange Cylinder
Marks 3S & 3P	Orange Truncated Cone
Marks 1A	Yellow Truncated Cone
Finish Mark	Black Truncated Cone