



ROYAL GEELONG YACHT CLUB Inc.

Montgomery Family Trophy Women's Helm Series Season 2021 - 2022

Race on Sunday 7/11/21, Sunday 12/12/2021 and Sunday 27/2/2022

NOTICE OF RACE and SUPPLEMENTARY SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

(To be read in conjunction with Alpha Course Season 2021-2022 Sailing Instructions)

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

1. Rules

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 1.

2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1 The series is open to all boats that have completed entry requirements for the Club's Alpha Course racing program for Season 2021-2022.
- 2.2 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.
- 2.3 Men are permitted to crew throughout the race.
- 2.4 Boats intending to compete in this series should mark the appropriate check box in the Alpha Course entry page.
- 2.5 Boats wishing to race shall advise the Club by email by 17:00hrs on the Friday immediately prior to the race day.
- 2.6 There will be no additional entry fee.

3. Safety

- 3.1 [DP] All boats are required to SIGN ON prior to the first warning and SIGN OFF after passing the finish line via VHF Channel 71 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.
- 3.2 In an emergency, and if you are unable to contact the Race Officer on VHF 71, call 000 and commence the boat's emergency response plan.

4. Schedule of Races

- 4.1 Races are scheduled as per the current RGYC Racing Calendar available [HERE](#).

5. Class Flag

- 5.1 Flag W will be displayed



6. The Course

- 6.1 All boats shall sail the same course.

- 6.2 The course will be a Club Course as listed in the 2021-2022 Alpha Course SI's Appendix B.
- 6.3 Refer to Alpha Course SI's Appendix E for approximate mark co-ordinates.
- 6.4 Refer to Alpha Course SI's Appendix F for starting and finishing line location.

7. The Start

- 7.1 First warning will be made at 13:25 hrs
- 7.2 The starters location will be the Signal Box at the North-West corner of the Club's marina.
- 7.3 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag at the Signal Box and the course side of the yellow West Cardinal mark located to the North-West of the Marina.
- 7.4 An alternate starting line may be announced via radio prior to the warning signal.
- 7.5 A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.

8. The Finish

- 8.1 The finishing line is between the staff displaying a blue flag at the Signal Box and the Speed Restriction Special Mark to the West of the Signal Box.
- 8.2 The Wangim Walk wave attenuator must be left to port.
- 8.3 An alternate finishing line may be announced via radio prior to the displaying of the preparatory flag.

9. Time Limit

- 9.1 The time limits for all boats to sail the course and finish are shown on each course description.
- 9.2 Boats still racing after the time limit expires will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 & A 5.2

10. Handicaps

- 10.1 Boats will have an allocated handicap (AHC) according to Top Yacht results of their most recent club course sailed in Season 2021-2022.

11. Scoring

- 11.1 This is a 3 (three) race series. The boats score will be the total of all completed race scores.

12. 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.**