



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

## *Women on Water Regatta - 2023*

*Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> (Briefing), Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>, Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023*

### *Notice of Race (NOR)*

The Royal Geelong Yacht Club Inc. (RGYC) as the Organizing Authority (OA) invites owners of eligible boats to apply for entry to the RGYC racing to be held on Corio Bay and Port Phillip.

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

#### **1. RULES**

- 1.1 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 1
- 1.2 COVID-19 restrictions, regulations and guidelines shall apply as specified by the Victorian State Government and the Australian Government.
- 1.3 RRS 52 will not apply to the adjustment and operation of sails.
- 1.4 RRS 60.1 is changed as follows: Allocated handicaps shall not be grounds for protest or request for redress by a boat.
- 1.5 Retractable keels must be locked down prior to racing.
- 1.6 A boat found to have impeded the operation of commercial shipping shall be responsible for all financial obligations resulting from the reported incident.

#### **2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI's)**

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be posted on the RGYC web site [HERE](#) and Official Notice Board (ONB) located adjacent to the RGYC slipway.

#### **3. COMMUNICATION**

- 3.1 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 10,16,69,70,71,72,73.
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.3 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

#### **4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 4.1 The event is open to all keelboats which are seaworthy, insured (see NoR 10) and are on the Vessel Register of an AS affiliated club.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter online on the RGYC website and via the following link [HERE](#).
- 4.3 A boat's skipper and crew shall be members of an AS affiliated club.
- 4.4 Keelboats and Multihulls competing must hold AS Special Regulations Part (1) Category 6 plus VHF radio.
- 4.5 Boats shall be helmed by a woman at all times whilst racing.
  - 4.5.1. Women are encouraged to participate in key crew positions, (main, headsail trim, foredeck etc).
  - 4.5.2. Men are permitted to crew throughout the race.
- 4.5 Boats will be allocated a Performance Handicap System (PHS) by the Handicapping Committee.
- 4.6 Eligible entries are to be received by 23:59 hrs, Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023.
- 4.7 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the OA. Application for late entries shall be made in writing to RGYC by 23:59hrs, Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023.
- 4.8 To be considered an entry in the event a boat shall meet all entry requirements and pay the entry fee.
- 4.9 (a) Spot checks in relation to 4.4 may be conducted during the regatta by appropriately qualified personnel.  
(b) If a boat is found to be non-compliant, any race results accrued up to that date will be scored DSQ without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.
- 4.10 The boat's skipper and one other crew member must attend the Competitor Information Session.

#### **5. FEES**

- 5.1 Entry fee for the Regatta will be \$50.00.
- 5.2 Late entries will incur an additional \$25.00 fee.

## 6. SCHEDULE

### 6.1 Event Schedule

Date		Course
11/03/2023	Competitor Information Session 16.00 hrs	

### 6.2 Race Schedule

Date		Course
12/03/2023	First warning 9:55 hrs	Windward Leeward
	First warning 13:55 hrs	Corio Bay Course
13/03/2023	First warning 9:55 hrs	Corio Bay course

6.3 On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 13:55.

## 7. COURSES

7.1 The courses to be sailed will be described in Appendix B of the SI's.

## 8. SCORING

8.1 RRS 35 A4 and A5 are changed such that three (3) regatta entrant boats are required to start for a race to be scored.

## 9. RISK STATEMENT

9.1 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.**

## 10. INSURANCE

10.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with the valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD \$10,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

10.2 A Certificate of Currency must be submitted in the entry process using the Top Yacht Entry System.

## 11. PRIZES

11.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

Number of Entries	Prizes given
1 – 3	1 <sup>st</sup>
4 – 6	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>
More than 6	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup>

## 12. BERTHING

Berths will be available free of charge for visiting boats who apply for a berth. Berths must be applied for at the time of entry in writing to the RGYC Sailing Manager.

## 13. MEDIA RIGHTS AND RESTRICTIONS

It is a condition of entry that the owner or charterer of the boat and all crew members:

13.1. Acknowledge that the OA owns all media rights to the RGYC and may exercise those rights as it sees fit.

13.2 Crew members of boats may, prior to, during and after the regatta, speak or provide material to any media representatives accredited by the OA, regarding the regatta and the prospects, performance or strategy of boats entered or participating in the regatta, subject to any comments and material not undermining or interfering with, or having a detrimental impact on, the OA and its officers and employees, the Race Committee, the Protest Committee, measurers or current or former sponsors of the OA. This approval may be revoked by the OA in respect of a boat or media representative at any time.

13.3 By lodging an Entry into the regatta 2023 all crew members acknowledge and accept the media restrictions referred to in this paragraph on the entry. Any breach of these conditions may, at the discretion of the OA or the Race Committee, lead to the rejection of an entry, the cancellation of an entry (refer RRS 76.1), or the disqualification of a boat without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1. This does not limit the right of the OA to take any other action it sees fit to enforce compliance with these conditions.

## 14. FURTHER INFORMATION

14.1 For further information please contact the RGYC Sailing & Boating Manager:

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