



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

SEASON 2023-2024
Sunday 1st October 2023 – Monday 30th September 2024

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 season to be held on Corio Bay and Port Phillip Bay.

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

1. RULES

- 1.1 The series will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 1 or Part 2.
- 1.2 RRS 52 will not apply to the adjustment and operation of sails.
- 1.3 RRS 52 is changed to permit the use of electronic steering devices for Two-Handed Series races.
- 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 and scored a DSQ by the race committee without a hearing.
- 1.7 Deck-stowed anchors shall not protrude beyond the gunwale or bow of a boat racing. A boat failing to comply shall be scored points for 'Did Not Compete' (DNC) by the race committee without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions (SI) will be posted on the Official Notice Boards located on the RGYC website.
- 2.2 Separate SIs will be posted for the racing as follows.
 - 2.2.1 Alpha Course: Keelboats and Multihulls.
 - 2.2.2 Bravo Course: Off the beach boats.
 - 2.2.3 Charlie Course: Etchells.
 - 2.2.4 Twilight Series, Women's Helm Series, Winter Series and selected special races.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The Official Notice Boards (ONB) will be located on the RGYC website via the links below. Communication may also be posted on the notice board adjacent to the slipway.
 - 3.1.1. [Alpha Course & Charlie Course Notice Board](#)
 - 3.1.2. [Bravo Course Notice Board](#)
- 3.2 [DP] All boats other than OTB boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 10,16,69,70,71,72,73,74.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4 [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 series is open to boats that are on the RGYC Vessel Register.
 - 4.1.1 Keelboats and Multihulls competing in the Leura Park Saturday Aggregate, Musto Two-Handed, Women's Helm, and Winter Series races: AS Special Regulations Category 6 plus VHF radio.
 - 4.1.2 Keelboats and Multihulls competing in Twilight races: AS Special Regulations Category 6 plus VHF radio and navigation lights.
 - 4.1.3 Keelboats and Multihulls competing in Tuff Marine races and the Gannet Cup race: AS Special Regulations Category 5N.
 - 4.1.4 Keelboats and Multihulls competing in the McAllister Race: AS Special Regulations Category 5.
 - 4.1.5 Etchells: AS Special Regulations Category 7 plus VHF radio
 - 4.1.6 OTB Classes: AS Special Regulations Part 2 or Class rules apply.
- 4.2 Boats will be allocated a Performance Handicap System (PHS) by the Handicapping Committee.
- 4.3 IRC, AMS, ORCc ratings may apply to boats racing in the Leura Park Saturday Aggregate Series. Current certificates may be requested by the OA.
- 4.4 Current AS Yardsticks will apply to boats racing in the OTB Mixed Fleet series.
- 4.5 Boats may be allocated into divisions by the OA.
- 4.6 To be eligible to receive results in all 2023-2024 season races, boats shall enter online below.
Alpha Course [ENTER HERE](#)
Bravo Course: [ENTER HERE](#)
Charlie Course: [ENTER HERE](#)
- 4.7 To be considered an entry in the event a boat shall meet all entry requirements and pay the entry fee.

- 4.8 Boats owned or part-owned by a member who is unfinancial or under disciplinary suspension shall not race.
- 4.9 Safety audits must be completed for all boats entered in Alpha or Charlie Course using the Yacht Safe audit process:
- 4.9.1 Boats must complete and lodge their online safety declaration by 1st October 2023, obtain a safety category sticker and attach that sticker to the stern of the boat if applicable. [Click HERE](#) for more information.
 - 4.9.2 Audits are made by appointment from the Yacht Safe website with an AS Club Equipment auditor.
 - 4.9.3 Boats that fail to have an audit completed by Tuesday 31st October 2023 shall be scored DNC without a hearing in all races prior to completion of the audit. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.
 - 4.9.4 Random safety compliance checks may be conducted throughout the season. 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 Bravo Course entries shall submit a self-completed AS Special Regulations Part 2 Equipment Audit Form in compliance with their Class rules. **Completion by an Equipment Auditor is not required.** Random safety compliance checks may be conducted by an Equipment Auditor throughout the season.
- 4.11 A keelboat skipper and crew shall have completed a Man Overboard (MOB) drill and lodged a MOB Compliance Declaration to RGYC prior to 31st October 2023 or her first race.
- 4.12 Boats failing to comply with NOR 4.11 will be scored DSQ without a hearing for all races prior to submission of the declaration. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.
- 4.12.1. Boats found non-compliant with their Class rules or AS Special Regulations Part 2 will be scored DNC without a hearing until such time that they are deemed compliant by an Equipment Auditor.
- 4.13 A boat's skipper and crew shall be a financial member of RGYC, either with an RGYC sailing membership or be able to obtain a day membership / SailPass. Instructions and guidelines to obtain a SailPass are available [HERE](#).
- 4.14 Alpha and Charlie Course boat owners or regular skipper, and at least one (1) other crew member, shall attend at least one (1) Alpha and Charlie Skipper and Crew Briefing Session.
- 4.15 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the OA, if the request to enter is received at least two (2) business days prior to the intended race and the entry meets all entry requirements.
- 4.16 Casual entries will be accepted for all courses with the following conditions:
- 4.16.1 Casual entry requests must be submitted to the OA at least 24 hours prior to the race.
 - 4.16.2 Casual entries are not eligible for prizes or aggregate scores.
 - 4.16.3 Casual entries shall be made online below.
 - Alpha Course [ENTER HERE](#)
 - Bravo Course [ENTER HERE](#)
 - Charlie Course [ENTER HERE](#)

4.17 Bravo Course sailors can enter more than one (1) boat for the season at no additional cost, but no more than one (1) entered vessel may race in any given race.

5. FEES

5.1 Entry fees are as follows:

| Series description | Fee (incl GST) |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Alpha Course | \$350 (\$100 credited back to owner's POS wallet) |
| Charlie Course | \$350 (\$100 credited back to owner's POS wallet) |
| Bravo Course Senior | \$250 (\$100 credited back to owner's POS wallet) |
| Bravo Course Junior | \$100 |
| Alpha & Charlie Course Casual Entry | \$30 per day |
| Bravo Course Casual Entry | \$20 per day |

6. SCHEDULE

6.1 Dates of racing are detailed in the [2023-24 RGYC Racing Calendar](#) located on the ONB and RGYC website.

7. COURSES

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

8. SCORING

- 8.1 RRS A4 and A5 are changed such that a minimum of four (4) series entries are required to constitute a series.
- 8.2 A minimum of three (3) boats entered for racing in their given race must be in the vicinity of the start line to constitute a race.
- 8.3 A minimum of five (5) races are required to constitute a series excluding those listed in 8.4.
- 8.4 A minimum of three (3) races are required to constitute a series in the Tuff Marine, Musto Two Handed, and Women's Helm Series.
- 8.5 A minimum of four (4) entries are required to constitute a class or division.
- 8.6 A minimum of six (6) entries are required to constitute a division in the Cadet class.
- 8.7 Rule A5.3 applies.

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 a 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 uploaded in the entry process using the TopYacht Entry System. Instructions are available to download from the entry page.
- 10.3 The Certificate of Currency shall specify cover for racing.

11. PRIZES

- 11.1 Prizes will be awarded as follows:

| Entries | Prizes given |
|-------------|---|
| 4 | 1 st |
| 5 - 7 | 1 st & 2 nd |
| More than 7 | 1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd |

- 11.2 A minimum of four (4) entries are required to award a class or division trophy. Refer 8.5.
- 11.3 Prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

12. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 12.1 For further information, please contact the RGYC Sailing Office.

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