



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

2023 RS21 Members Series
Friday 20th October 2023 – Friday 15th December 2024

Notice of Race (NOR)

The Royal Geelong Yacht Club Inc. (RGYC) as the Organizing Authority (OA) invites RGYC Members to apply for entry to the 2023 RS21 Members Series to be held on Corio Bay.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The RS21 Members Series is a series to promote and foster sailing skills, teamwork and communication amongst RGYC members, utilising the club's fleet of RS21 keelboats.

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

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Race will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the current Class rules of the RS21.
- 1.2 RRS 44.1 is changed to a One-Turn penalty.
- 1.3 Appendix T "Arbitration" will apply.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions (SI) will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the [RGYC website](#).

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board will be located on the RGYC website.
- 3.2 All boats shall carry a handheld VHF, supplied by the OA, and actively monitor CH 74.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF CH 74.
- 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 event is open to all Financial Members of the Royal Geelong Yacht Club.

- 4.2 Eligible boats may apply for entry online on the RGYC website or by using the below link no later than 24:00 hrs October 7th, 2023
<https://forms.office.com/r/9f7rhBYLgX>
- 4.3 Confirmed entries will be announced by October 11th, 2023.
- 4.4 To be considered an entry in the event, a team shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees by 1600 hrs on October 18, 2023.

5. FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee will be \$300 per team, which includes the charter fee of the RS21 for the series.

6. DAMAGE DEPOSIT

- 6.1 An initial damage deposit of \$500.00 shall be invoiced to the Skippers RGYC Member account prior to the first race. In the case of no damage, this invoice shall be voided at the completion of the series.
- 6.2 In the case of damage, the OA will decide if some or all the deposit will be used for the damages. The excess of the participant is limited to the amount of the deposit per claim, unless the damage was caused wilfully or grossly negligent.
- 6.3 If several cases of damage occur to a participant within the series, the entrant can participate in the repair of the damage per claim with the amount of the deposit.

7. CREW LIMITATIONS/REQUIREMENTS

- 7.1 Teams shall be comprised of four or five sailors.
- 7.2 All crew members shall be RGYC Financial Members.

8. SUPPLIED BOATS

- 8.1 The event will be sailed on boats provided by the OA using only the equipment provided by the OA.
- 8.2 Boat allocations for the series will be displayed on the ONB no later than 1600 on the first day of racing.

9. SCHEDULE

- 9.1 The series schedule is as follows:

Date	Times	Details
Saturday 14 th Oct 2023	09:00 – 10:00	Pre-series briefing & boat inductions
Friday 20 th Oct 2023	17:25 – 18:30	Race Day 1
Friday 3 rd Nov 2023	17:25 – 18:30	Race Day 2

Friday 17 th Nov 2023	17:25 – 18:30	Race Day 3
Friday 1 st Dec 2023	17:25 – 18:30	Race Day 4
Friday 15 th Dec 2023	17:25 – 18:30	Race Day 5
Friday 15 th Dec 2023	ASAP after racing	Prize Giving – RGYC Member's Bar

- 9.2 There will be up to four (4) races held per race day.
- 9.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race of each scheduled race day is 17:30 hrs.
- 9.4 The last scheduled warning signal on each day of racing shall not be made after 18:30 hrs.
- 9.5 The race committee will endeavour to start each subsequent race as soon as possible after the last finisher in the previous race.

10. VENUE

- 10.1 The racing will be held on Corio Bay in the vicinity of the Royal Geelong Yacht Club.

11. COURSES

- 11.1 Courses will be windward leeward courses with a target finish time of 13 minutes.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 Protest Committee members may observe the racing on the race course. If they observe an incident where a boat protests, they will make the following signals:
 - 12.1.1. A green and white flag with one long sound means 'The observer(s) saw the incident and believe(s) that no rule was broken'.
 - 12.1.2. A red flag with one long sound means 'The observer(s) saw the incident and believe(s) that one or more boat has broken a rule'. The observer(s) will hail or signal each boat identified to have broken a rule.
 - 12.1.3. A "J" flag with one long sound means 'The observer(s) is/are unable to make a decision'.

The signals displayed by the observer are for information only. If a red flag is displayed, the identified boat is not obliged to take a penalty, however if they do not, the Protest Committee may protest that boat. If a green and white flag or the "J" flag is displayed, a boat may still protest, or a boat may choose to take the appropriate penalty.
- 12.2 When an observer has displayed a green and white flag, the Protest Committee will only protest a boat for an incident as allowed by rule 60.3(a) (1) and (2).

13. SCORING

- 13.1 The low point scoring system will apply.

13.2 8 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

13.3 Discards allowed are:

Races Completed	Discards
Up to 4	0
5 - 8	1
9 - 12	2
13 - 16	3
17 - 20	4

14. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

14.1 [DP] Support person vessels shall be marked with an RGYC Burgee.

15. BERTHING

15.1 [DP] Boats shall be returned to the RGYC hard stand crane basin at the conclusion of racing and packed accordingly for storage.

16. RISK STATEMENT

16.1 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.**

17. PRIZES

17.1 Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

18.1 For further information please contact the RGYC Sailing Office:

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