



## **Royal Geelong Yacht Club Inc.**

# **Alpha Course Portarlinton Race Sailing Instructions**

**To be read in conjunction with Alpha Course Season 2023-2024  
Sailing Instructions.**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

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

## 1 The Course


1.1 The table below shows the course including approximate coordinates.

Mark Description	Approximate Coordinates	Leave to:
Start Mark – Orange Truncated Cone	.5 nm North of RGYC Marina	
Hopetoun 9 & 10	S38° 07.324, E144° 24.109	Gate
Hopetoun 1 & 2	S38° 07.055, E144° 26.761	Gate
Wilson Spit Beacon	S38° 08.131, E144° 30.112	Port
Pt Richards No. 18	S38° 07.917, E144° 32.084	Port
Pt Richards Nos. 9 and 10	S38° 06.333, E144° 34.859	Gate
Pt Richards 2	S38° 05.143, E144° 38.576	Starboard
Finish Mark – Orange Truncated Cone	.5 nm North of Portarlington Marina	

1.2 A total exclusion zone exists to the west of Corio Channel Beacons numbers 7, 9, 10 and 11 and around the Refinery Pier and northern end of Lascelles wharf. The Point Wilson Pier exclusion zone may be activated at any time by Notice to Mariners. A fine of up to \$10,000 may be imposed for entry to the exclusion zones, accidental or not. The areas are under constant video surveillance and competitors must make themselves aware of the exact zone limits.

## 2 The Start

- 2.1 The Starting Line will be situated to the North of the RGYC marina.
- 2.2 The Starting Line may be moved north towards Point Henry if required to clear shipping.
- 2.3 The Starting Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag at the starter's location and the course side of a laid mark.
- 2.4 The Start will be a combined start with all divisions starting together.

Division/Class	Class Flag	Warning Signal
All Divisions	Flag "J" 	11:25 hrs.

## 3 The Finish

3.1 The Finishing Line will be situated approximately 300 metres North of the Portarlington marina.

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- 3.2** The Finishing Line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag and the course side of an Orange Truncated Cone.
- 3.3** Should NO finishing line be in position; boats shall take their own finishing time as they cross an imaginary line extending no more than 100 metres from the North-West corner of the Portarlington pier. This time is to be lodged in writing at RGYC Sailing Office, or by email to [sailing@rgyc.com.au](mailto:sailing@rgyc.com.au) as soon as possible but no later than the Protest Time Limit.

## 4 Time Limit

- 4.1** The time limit for boats to sail the course and finish is 16:30 hours. If no boat has sailed the course and finished within the time limit the race shall be abandoned.
- 4.2** The Race Committee shall remain on-station at the finish line for 2 hours after the first boat finishes. Boats finishing after that time shall take their own times in accordance with SSI Clause 3.3
- 4.3** Boats still racing when the time limit expires will be scored DNF as per Alpha Course SI 13.2. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2

## 5 Protests and Requests for Redress

- 5.1** The protest time limit is 12:00 hours Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

### Revision Record

<i>Rev</i>	<i>Revision Date</i>	<i>Clause Affected/Notes</i>
VFINAL	03/10/2023	Final version for release and publication
VREVISED	15/12/2023	Changes to course to include Pt Richards No. 18 to Port & No. 9 and No. 10 gate. SI 1.2 exclusion zones has been added