



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

Summer Sternchaser

Saturday 13th January 2024

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

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

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09:00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with coaches and support vessels on VHF radio channel 69.
- 3.2. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Club website and on the official notice board located adjacent to the slipway.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1. Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Off The Beach (OTB) flagpole in the vicinity of the boat ramp.
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced by 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1. Schedule

Briefing – 13:20 Eastern beach
Brief description of Rules and logistics.

Date	Event	First Warning Signal
13th January 2024	Sternchaser	13:55

7. CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1. No division flags will be displayed.

8. RACING AREA

- 8.1. The racing area will be on Corio Bay, south of Hopetoun Channel.
8.2. The start area will be North of Eastern Beach
8.3. **Hopetoun Channel is out of bounds, boats entering the channel will be disqualified**

9. COURSE

- 9.1. Attachment “A” describes the course.

10. MARKS

- 10.1. With the exception of marks forming the Starting and Finishing lines, all course marks are designated “Rounding Marks” in accordance with RRS Definition “Sail the Course”.
10.2. Marks are to be rounded in the sequence shown in SI Appendix A.
10.3. The starting and finishing marks when laid are white plastic drums.
10.4. All course marks will be the Club’s “CB” marks and North Cardinal mark 100m north of wave attenuator

11. THE START

- 11.1. The starting line is between 2 white plastic drums, just off Eastern Beach
11.2. Races will be started with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal. Flags will not be displayed, sound signals only will be used instead.
11.3. Competitors will launch from Eastern beach and stand in the water (behind the start line) with rigged vessels and board vessels and start racing when their start time is signalled (1 sound signal).
This process changes RRS 26
11.4. No Warning signal will be made after 15:00

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee vessel and the

course side of the finish mark situated off Eastern Beach.

- 12.2. In the event no boat finishes within the time limit, the race committee will deem the leading boat the winner after 90 minutes

13. TARGET TIMES

- 13.1. The Race time will not exceed 90 minutes.

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1. No protests or request for redress will be accepted.

15. HANDICAPING / START TIMES

- 15.1. Each vessel will be given a start time calculated on this current season PHS.
- 15.2. In the event a boat has not qualified for PHS, the OA will allocate a start time.
- 15.3. The race committee intends to post start times on the web as soon as practicable. If this is not practicable , start times will be notified to competitors prior to the race.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1. A Sign-on and Sign-off sheet will be located with race admin on Eastern Beach

17. PRIZES

- 17.1. Prizes will be given for.
 - No Trophies will be presented.
 - The OA may present a token prize.

APPENDIX “A”

- Start, then**
- > CB2 to Port**
- > CB3 to Starboard**
- > CB4 to Port**
- > Nth Cardinal to Port (Nth of wave attenuator)**
- > Finish – Eastern Beach**