



2024 RS21 Members Series

Royal Geelong Yacht Club Inc.

Friday 1st March to Friday 5th April 2024

25 Eastern Beach Rd, Geelong, Vic, 3220

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 2024 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 series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 1.3 Appendix T "Arbitration" will apply.
- 1.4 All sailors shall wear a properly fitted lifejacket while afloat.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions (SI) are available via the Official Notice Board.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board (ONB) is located at <https://rgyc.com.au/on-water/keelboat-racing/racing-documents/>.
- 3.2 All boats shall carry a handheld VHF radio, supplied by the OA, and actively monitor CH 74.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee will 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 current Financial Members of the Royal Geelong Yacht Club.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and submitting it, together with the required fee, to RGYC by 1700 on the 29th February 2024.
- 4.3 Boats may enter the event by registering online at <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/rgyc/eventsregister/220751/>
- 4.4 To be considered an entry in the event, a team shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.5 The following restrictions on the number of boats apply:
 - 4.5.1. A minimum of three entrants to constitute a series.
 - 4.5.2. A maximum of six entrants.

5. FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee will be \$180 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 skipper’s 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 The following crew limitations apply:
 - 7.1.1. Teams shall be comprised of four or five sailors.
 - 7.1.2. 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
Thursday 29 th Feb 2024	1730 – 1800	Pre-series briefing & boat induction
Friday 1 st Mar 2024	1725 – 1830	Race Day 1

Friday 15 th Mar 2024	1725 – 1830	Race Day 2
Friday 5 th Apr 2024	1725 – 1830	Race Day 3
Friday 5 th Apr 2024	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 race day is 1725 hrs.
- 9.4 No warning signal shall be made after 1830 hrs on each race day.
- 9.5 One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that racing does not become more than one race ahead of schedule.

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 The course to be sailed will be a windward leeward course with a target time of 13 minutes.

12. SCORING

- 12.1 The low point scoring system will apply.
- 12.2 5 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.3 Discards allowed are:

Races Completed	Discards
Up to 4	0
5 - 7	1
8 - 11	2
More than 11	3

13. BERTHING

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

14. RISK STATEMENT

- 14.1 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.**

15. PRIZES

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

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

16.1 For further information please contact the RGYC Sailing Office:

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