



Royal Geelong Yacht Club Inc.



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**RS21 Member Series
Sailing Instructions**

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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.

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

1. Rules

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the rules for the Handling of Boats (SI Appendix A).
- 1.2 RRS 64.1 is amended in that the penalty for breaking RRS 14 when damage results will be at the discretion of the OA and Protest Committee and may include exclusion from further races in the series.

2. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 2.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1500 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effects.
- 2.2 Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water by the Race Committee Vessel (RCV) by displaying flag 3rd Substitute with three sounds. Further instructions will be broadcast to competitors on VHF channel 74.

3. Communications to Competitors

- 3.1 The Race Committee may broadcast via VHF the number of laps to be sailed, bow numbers of OCS boats and/or other information. Any failure of, or defect in, such a broadcast will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b) and 62.

4. Code of conduct

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.2 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment provided by the OA with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

5. Signals made ashore

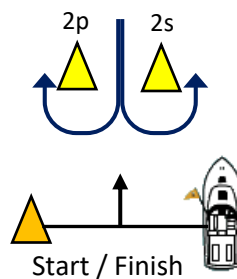
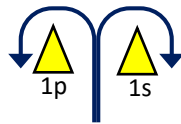
- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole on the north-west corner of the RGYC lawn.

6. Class Flags

- 6.1 The Class flag is numeral pennant eight.

7. Courses

- 7.1 Legs of the course will not be changed after the preparatory signal. This changes RRS 33.
- 7.2 The diagram below shows the course, including the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.



Start – 1s/1p – 2s/2p – 1s/1p - Finish

- 7.3 If a Gate Mark is not in place, boats shall round the existing mark to port.

8. Marks

- 8.1 Marks 1p and 1s shall be red spherical inflatable marks.
- 8.2 Marks 2p and 2s shall be red spherical inflatable marks.
- 8.3 The start and finish mark shall be yellow pencil buoy.

9. The Start

- 9.1 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least one minute before a warning signal is made. The Race Committee will communicate via VHF radio channel 74 their intention to start.

9.2 The start procedure shall be as follows:

SIGNAL	CODE FLAG	TIME SEQUENCE
Warning	“NP 8” displayed	3 minutes
Preparatory	“P” displayed	2 minutes
	“P” removed	1 minute
Start	“NP 8” removed	0 minutes

9.3 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RCV at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

9.4 If any part of a boat’s hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her bow number on VHF channel 74. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

9.5 A boat that does not start within 3 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

10. The Finish

10.1 The finish line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing boat and the course side of the finish mark.

11. Time limits and target times

11.1 The absolute time limit for all races will be 17 minutes. Any boat finishing after this time limit will be scored points equal to one more than the last finisher.

11.2 Boats finishing more than 7 minutes after the first boat shall be scored DNF.

11.3 If one boat finishes within the time limit, all boats that have not finished by the time limit will be scored points equal to one more than the last finisher. This changes RRS 35.

12. Hearing requests

12.1 The protest time limit is 20 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be communicated via VHF channel 74.

12.2 Hearing request forms are available from the box next to the notice board in the Members Bar.

12.3 Notices will be posted no later than 20 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of the time and place of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

13. Safety Regulations

13.1 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity on VHF channel 74.

13.2 A crew declaration, listing all crew on board, shall be made via the MemberPoint app no later than 1700 hrs on each race day.

14. Replacement of crew

14.1 [DP] Substitution of damaged and lost equipment is not allowed unless authorised by the OA or Race Officer. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

15. Radio Sign On & Off

15.1 Sign On

15.1.1. Boats departing the Marina shall notify the Race Committee on VHF Channel 74 of the number of the boat and the number of people on board.

15.1.2. No Sign On communication should be made once the race start sequence has begun.

15.2 Sign Off

15.2.1. Upon return to the Marina boats shall notify the Race Committee on VHF Channel 74, the number of the boat and the number of people on board.

15.2.2. Boats failing to sign-on or sign-off may be scored their finish score plus five (5) points, but not worse than the score for DSQ, by the Race Committee without a hearing. The scores of other boats shall not be changed. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.

16. Supplied Boats

16.1 Up to six RS21 boats will be supplied complete with equipment to race, including a sail inventory of a mainsail, jib, and asymmetrical spinnaker.

16.2 Every reasonable effort will be made to equalise the boats. Variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

16.3 The sail combination to be used, if different to full mainsail, jib and spinnaker, shall be made by the race committee by VHF radio no less than 5 minutes before the warning signal. No sound signal is required.

- 16.4 A team shall be responsible to ensure all shackles, and securing devices are secure, and all equipment is protected from accidental loss and no claim for Redress shall be made. This amends RRS 62.
- 16.5 A team which causes damage to its own boat or to another competitor, in which damage prevents a boat from continuing to race shall be scored DSQ for the race in which the damage occurred and if there are no spare boats available, no redress for each subsequent race that day in which the boat is unable to race.
- 16.6 A team which has its boat damaged by another competitor to the extent that the boat cannot continue to race shall be entitled to redress provided the team has successfully protested the other boat. Allocation of a spare boat shall be decided in favour of the team that has been granted redress.
- 16.7 The RC and OA shall be under no obligation to replace a damaged boat.

Revision Record

Rev	Revision Date	Clause Affected/Notes

SI APPENDIX A – HANDLING BOATS

1. Prohibited Items and Actions

Except in an emergency or to prevent damage or injury, or when directed by an umpire or the RC otherwise, the following are prohibited:

- 1.1 Any additions, omissions or alterations to equipment supplied.
- 1.2 The use of any equipment for purpose other than that intended or specifically permitted.
- 1.3 The replacement of any equipment without the sanction of the RC.
- 1.4 Sailing the boat in a manner that is reasonable to predict that significant further damage would result.
- 1.5 Moving equipment from its normal stowage position except when being used.
- 1.6 Boarding a boat without prior permission.
- 1.7 Taking a boat from its berth or mooring without having paid the required entry fee or having permission from the RC or Club, or on race days, while 'AP' is displayed ashore.
- 1.8 Hauling out a boat or cleaning surfaces below the waterline.
- 1.9 Attaching lines to the fabric of spinnakers.
- 1.10 Using any other lines excluding sheets to assist with leverage.
- 1.11 Perforating sails, even to attach tell tales.
- 1.12 Radio transmission (including mobile phones) except to report damage or in response to a request from RC.
- 1.13 Adjusting or altering the tension of standing rigging.
- 1.14 Omitting any headsail car or turning block before sheeting into a cleat.
- 1.15 The use of electronic equipment other than watches and action cameras such as GoPros.
- 1.16 Marking directly on the hull or deck with permanent ink.
- 1.17 Any adjustments to the spinnaker bags or their attachments.
- 1.18 The use of shrouds above the turnbuckle to facilitate tacking or gybing, or to aid the projection of a crew member outboard is prohibited.

2. Permitted Items and Actions

The following are permitted.

- 2.1 Taking a bag on board containing:

- 2.1.1. Basic hand tools
- 2.1.2. Adhesive tape
- 2.1.3. Line (elastic or otherwise of 4 mm diameter or less)
- 2.1.4. Marking pens
- 2.1.5. Telltale material
- 2.1.6. Watch, timers and handheld compass
- 2.1.7. Shackles and clevis pins
- 2.1.8. Velcro tape
- 2.1.9. Spare flags
- 2.2 Using the items in 2.1 to:
 - 2.2.1. Prevent the fouling of lines, sails and sheets.
 - 2.2.2. Prevent sails being damaged or falling overboard.
 - 2.2.3. Mark control settings
 - 2.2.4. Make minor repairs and permitted adjustments.
 - 2.2.5. Attach tell tales.

3. Mandatory Items and Actions

The following are mandatory:

- 3.1 The completion of a written damage report before leaving a boat and submitting it to the RC, even if no damage or loss is recorded. The report shall include any evidence of matters that could cause damage or disadvantage to the boat in future races.
- 3.2 At the end of each sailing day:
 - 3.2.1. Folding, bagging and placement of the sails as directed.
 - 3.2.2. Leaving the boat in the same state of cleanliness as when first boarded that day
 - 3.2.3. At the end of each day for a particular boat the crew shall clean the boat (cabin and decks), remove all trash, remove all tape and marks, and use bucket and sponge to remove any water from bilge.
 - 3.2.4. Any requests to alter, in any way, the equipment on a boat shall be in writing and worded to permit a yes/no answer.
 - 3.2.5. Complying with any regulations including speed restrictions and navigation marks, while leaving or returning to the berth or marina.

SI Appendix B – Equipment List

The following non-fixed items, provided by the OA, are to be always carried on board in their designated place while sailing. Any loss shall be reported on the daily damage report.

Sails and Sailing Equipment

- Mainsail including battens.
- Headsail including battens.
- Asymmetrical Spinnaker
- Spinnaker Sheets
- Rudder, tiller, and tiller extension

Safety Gear, tools, and other Equipment

- Safety Grab Bag including flares, first aid kit and a torch.
- Knife
- Two buckets with sponge
- Two paddles
- One boat hook
- One fire extinguisher
- Bow line
- Stern line