



Royal Geelong Yacht Club Inc.

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Women On Water Mother's Day Race Sailing Instructions

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[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.
- 1.3 Spinnakers shall not be used.

2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1 Boats shall be skippered by a person/persons nominated by the Organising Authority. The helmsperson can change throughout the race to facilitate sailing of the vessel.
- 2.2 Entry is open to Mothers/Guardians and their children (aged 12 and above).
- 2.3 Non RGYC Club members shall purchase a SailPass for the day using the MemberPoint app. SailPass information can be found on the RGYC website: <https://rgyc.com.au/on-water/sailpass/>
- 2.4 Men are permitted to crew throughout the race.
- 2.5 The entry fee shall be \$20 per person.
- 2.6 Each sailor shall enter at the following link: <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/rgyc/events/237837/>
- 2.7 Eligible sailors may enter the series by submitting the online entry form, together with the required fee, by no later than 1700 on Thursday 16th May 2024.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 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.
- 3.2 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 71.

4. Communications to Competitors

- 4.1 The Race Committee may broadcast via VHF 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.

5. Schedule

5.1

10:00	Competitors Briefing
10:30	Rigging and practice sailing
11:25	First warning signal
13:30-14:30	Presentation and hospitality

- 5.2 Up to 3 races may be sailed at the Race Committees discretion.
- 5.3 The Race Committee will signal AP over A after the final race of the day to signal “no more races will be started”.

6. Code of conduct

- 6.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 6.2 [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.

7. Signals made ashore

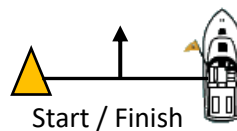
- 7.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole on the north-west corner of the RGYC lawn.

8. Class Flags

- 8.1 The Class flag is the RS21 flag.

9. Courses

- 9.1 Legs of the course will not be changed after the preparatory signal. This changes RRS 33.
- 9.2 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 – 1 – Start – 1 - Finish
All rounding marks will be taken to port.

10. Marks

- 10.1 Mark 1 shall be an orange cylinder.
- 10.2 The start/ finish mark shall be an orange cylinder.

11. The Start

- 11.1 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 71 their intention to start.

The start procedure shall be as follows:

Signal	Flag	Minutes before Start
Warning	Class Flag	3
Preparatory	P, U or Black	2
One-Minute	Preparatory removed	1
Start	Class Flag removed	0

11.2 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.

11.3 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 71. 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).

11.4 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

12. The Finish

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

13. Time limits and target times

13.1 The target time limit will be 20 minutes.

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

14. Hearing requests

14.1 Protests will not be heard.

15. Safety Regulations

15.1 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity on VHF channel 71.

15.2 Sign on shall be completed at the briefing, including a list of all crew on board.

16. Replacement of crew

16.1 [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.

17. Scoring

- 17.1 The low point system will apply.

18. Supplied Boats

- 18.1 Up to six RS21 boats will be supplied complete with equipment to race, including a sail inventory of a mainsail and jib.
- 18.2 Every reasonable effort will be made to equalise the boats. Variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.
- 18.3 The sail combination to be used, if different to full mainsail and jib, shall be made by the race committee by VHF radio no less than 5 minutes before the warning signal. No sound signal is required.
- 18.4 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.
- 18.5 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.
- 18.6 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.
- 18.7 The RC and OA shall be under no obligation to replace a damaged boat.

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.
- 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