



Royal Geelong Yacht Club Inc.

**Alpha Course
Murray McAllister Trophy Race
Sailing Instructions**

Geelong to Queenscliff

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

Saturday 20th April 2024

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1 ELIGIBILITY

- 1.1 Entry will be accepted from boats on the RGYC register that have completed the entry requirements for the Club's Alpha Course racing program for Season 2023-2024.
- 1.2 There will be no additional race entry fee.

2 COMMUNICATIONS TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 The Race Committee may broadcast the course to be sailed, names/sail 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.

3 STARTING TIMES

- 3.1 Start times for each boat shall be posted online and available within the Club's Members Bar no later than 2 hours before the first start.

4 START

- 4.1 The Start Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RCV at the starboard-end and the course side of a laid mark.
- 4.2 The first warning signal will be at 08:55 hrs - five minutes before the starting time of the first boat or boats.
- 4.3 Australian Sailing prescribes that when handicap starts apply, a boat's preparatory signal is deemed made four minutes before the boat's start time. The Preparatory signal will not be displayed. This changes RRS 26.
- 4.4 A boat's start will be indicated by 1 sound signal.
- 4.5 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting time will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes RRS 63.1, A5.1 and A5.2.

5 RECALLS

- 5.1 When at a boat's starting signal, any part of her hull is identified by the race committee as being on the course side of the starting line, and she subsequently fails to return to the pre-start side of the starting line before starting correctly, no signal will be made and she shall be scored points for equal last place in that race without a hearing. This changes RRS 29, 63.1 and A5.

6 FINISH

- 6.1 The finishing line will be between beacons No.2 and No.3 of the West Channel in the vicinity of Queenscliff.

7 THE COURSE

7.1 The course length is approximately 29 nautical miles.

Mark Description	Approximate Coordinates	Leave to
Start	RCV location	
Hopetoun 10	S38 07.397, E144 24.121	Starboard
Gate: Hopetoun 1 & 2	S38 07.055, E144 26.761 S38 07.164, E144 26.780	Gate
Pt Richards No. 18		Port
Pt Richards Nos. 9 and 10		Gate
Richards Entrance beacon	S38 04.948, E144 39.937	Starboard
Prince George Light	S38 06.406, E144 44.203	Starboard
West Channel Pile Light	S38 11.30, E144 45.22	Starboard
Finish: West Channel between No.2 & No.3	S38 15.618, E144 42.415 S38 15.971, E144 42.635	

8 LOGS

- 8.1 Boats shall submit a fully completed Log using the form attached.
- 8.2 The time will be determined using GPS time.
- 8.3 Completed Logs are to be lodged, either at the RGYC Office, or by email to sailing@rgyc.com.au no later than the close of protest time.
- 8.4 **Boats failing to submit a satisfactory Log will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A5.1 & A5.2**

9 TIME LIMIT

- 9.1 The time limit for boats to sail the course and finish is 18:00 hrs Saturday 20th April 2024.
- 9.2 If no boat finishes within the time limit the boat closest to the finish line based in the submitted logs will be deemed to be the winner.

10 PROTESTS and REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 10.1 The protest time limit is 17:00 hrs Monday 22nd April 2024.

11 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 11.1 Crew declarations are required as per Alpha Course SI 17.
- 11.2 Sign-On is to call RCV on VHF 71 prior to starting using call sign "RG Start".
- 11.3 Boats that do not sign-on and have their radio call acknowledged will be scored Did Not Compete (DNC) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A5.1 and A5.2.
- 11.4 Sign-Off for boats finishing or retiring shall immediately call the RCV on VHF Channel 71 using call sign "RG Start" and advise their intentions of returning to RGYC or continuing to QCYC.

11.5 Boats failing to sign-off will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing.
This changes RRS 63.1, A5.1 and A5.2.

11.6 Boats unable to make radio contact may contact the Race Officer on their mobile. The Race Officer's contact details shall be provided to competitors prior to the warning signal.

12 PRIZE

12.1 The Murray McAllister Trophy winner will be presented at the RGYC annual presentation function.

13 CHARTS

13.1 The following corrected and current charts should be carried on board and referenced.

13.1.1 AUS 157 Geelong Harbour and approaches

13.1.2 AUS 143 Port Philip

13.1.3 AUS 158 Entrance to Port Philip

Revision Record

Version	Revision Date	Clause Affected/Notes
VFINAL	30/10/2023	Final version for release and publication
VREVISED	16/04/2024	Multiple changes. See Notice to Competitors No.24



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Murray McAllister Trophy Race

Race Log

In order to ensure a result in this race for the Murray McAllister Trophy, the following log shall be submitted as detailed in the Special Sailing Instructions.

Boat Name: Sail Number:

	Time	Boats Ahead	Boats Behind
Passed Hopetoun 10			
Passed Richards Entrance beacon			
Passed Prince George Light			
Passed West Channel Pile Light			
Finish Line			
Position when Time Limit expired	Lat:		Long:

Signed: Date:

Print Name: (Skipper or authorised crew member)

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Received By:	Date:	Time:

Appendix A: Murray McAllister Trophy Race Course Diagram

