



Royal Geelong Yacht Club Inc.

**MIDWEEK MARVELS
SERIES**

**Alpha Course (Keelboat & Multihull)
Supplementary Sailing Instructions**

(To be read in conjunction with the Season 2023-2024 Notice of Race and Alpha Course Sailing Instructions.)

1st June 2024 to 28th August 2024

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Season 23-24 Midweek Marvels Series Sailing Instructions

1. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 1.1. Entry is open to all boats on the RGYC Boat Register that have entered the Club's Alpha Course racing program for Season 2023-2024.
- 1.2. Boats competing shall meet AS Special Regulations Category 5.
- 1.3. Boats intending to race in this series shall submit a series entry via the TopYacht Entry System by 2359 hrs on 31st May 2024.
<https://topyacht.com.au/db/kb2/1707>

2. SAFETY

- 2.1. The safety requirements are as per the Season 2023/2024 Notice of Race.
- 2.2. The Sign on & Sign Off requirements are as per Alpha Course SI 17.
- 2.3. No later than the boat's preparatory signal, the owner or delegate shall submit a Crew Declaration.
- 2.4. Crew without RGYC membership shall obtain a SailPass through the MemberPoint App prior to being available for selection as crew.

3. COURSES

- 3.1. The course will be selected from the courses in Appendix A in this document.
- 3.2. When Flag R is displayed with the course flag, the course shall be sailed in REVERSE, leaving the marks on the OPPOSITE hand to that noted.

4. BRIEFING

- 4.1. A briefing will be held on or near the lawn area at 12:00 hours prior to each race.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. Dates of racing are detailed in the [2023-24 RGYC Racing Calendar](#) located on the ONB and RGYC website.

6. THE START

- 6.1. The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag at the Signal Box and the course side of the yellow West Cardinal to the North-West of the Marina
- 6.2. Boats failing to start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start" (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

7. The Handicap Start Procedure

- 7.1. The course flag shall be displayed with the display of the 'On Station' flag.
- 7.2. The start offset times are the delay (in minutes) following the first start,
- 7.3. A boat's preparatory signal is deemed made four minutes before the boat's starting time.
- 7.4. Preparatory signal Flag P will NOT be displayed.
- 7.5. One minute before the start time of the first boat(s) a sound signal will be made.

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- 7.6. Subsequent starts will be a sound signal every minute until the start sequence is complete.
- 7.7. Boats may start any time after their starting signal has been made.
- 7.8. Boats shall use the same start time as allocated for the last race twilight series for the season and will not change for this series.
- 7.9. Sound signals may via a horn, siren or over the radio.
- 7.10. This process changes RRS 26

8. SHORTEN COURSE

- 8.1. The course may be shortened after the start.
- 8.2. Advice to shorten the course will be communicated on VHF Channel 71. Failure to hear a broadcast will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 8.3. Boats will record their finish time at the nominated mark and advise the race officer at the first available opportunity.
- 8.4. This changes RRS 32.

9. THE FINISH

- 9.1. The finishing line is between the staff displaying a blue flag at the Signal Box and the Speed Restriction Special Mark to the West of the Signal Box.
- 9.2. The Wangim Walk wave attenuator shall be left to port.

10. FINISHING

- 10.1. Boats are requested to notify the Race Committee on VHF Channel 71 when they are approaching the finishing line.

11. HANDICAPS

- 11.1. The handicapping system will be a variant of AS system. Details can be provided on application.
- 11.2. Allocated Handicap values will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b) and 62.

12. TIME LIMIT

- 12.1. The time limit for all boats to sail the course and finish is 150 minutes.
- 12.2. Boats still racing after the time limit expires will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes rule RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2.

13. PROTESTS

- 13.1. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

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14. PRIZES

14.1. Prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

15. SCORING

15.1. Boats that join the series after one or more completed races will be scored DNC for each earlier race.

15.2. A boat whose sailors volunteer for Race Officer duties, and subsequently does not race, shall be allocated a score of 1 for that race.

15.3. Three races are required to constitute a series.

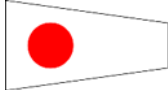
15.4. Discards are as follows:

Races Completed	Discards
1 – 4	0
5 – 7	1


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Appendix A: Club Courses

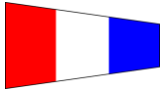
Course 1

Designated by Numeral Pennant 1:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Start• CB 3 to Starboard• CB 2 to Port• CB 1 to Port• CB 6 to Starboard• CB 5 to Port• Finish <p>Course length 7.9 nm</p>	

Course 2

Designated by Numeral Pennant 2	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Start• CB 3 to Starboard• CB 2 to Port• CB 1 to Port• CB 5 to Port• Finish <p>Course length 7.3 nm</p>	

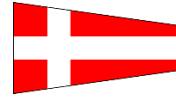
Course 3

Designated by Numeral Pennant 3	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Start• CB 2 to Port• CB 5 to Port• Finish <p>Course length 5.7 nm</p>	

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Course 4

Designated by Numeral Pennant 4



- Start
- CB 5 to Starboard
- CB 6 to Starboard
- CB 2 to Starboard
- Finish

Course length 6.0 nm