



Royal Geelong Yacht Club

Keelboat Pre-Season Briefing

Season 2024 - 2025



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Session Overview

1. Highlight some of the features and changes to this year's season.
2. Provide an update on the racing documents
3. Answer any questions you may have in the lead up to the season.



KEY PERSONNEL

Frank McMahon - Principal Race Officer

Mike Lander – Charlie Race Officer

Brendan Garner - Club Captain

Malcolm Eaton & Michael Naughton - National Jurors

Drew Malcolm – Sailing Manager



Member Obligations

Sail Fair and by the Rules

Skipper and Crew behaviour

Safe, fun and inclusive

Respect our volunteers

RGYC dress code in club



KEY DOCUMENTS



Royal Geelong Yacht Club
Home of the Festival of Sails

- HOME
- ABOUT
- WHAT'S ON
- MEMBERSHIP
- ON WATER
- RESULTS
- TRAINING
- MARINA & YARD
- BAR & DINING
- SHOP

SAILING CALENDAR

KEELBOAT RACING

OFF THE BEACH RACING

REGATTAS

CREWING & CREW FINDER

SAILPASS

CRUISING

SAILABILITY

CLUB BOAT HIRE

ST AYLES SKIFF ROWING

WEATHER

RACING DOCUMENTS

ONLINE ENTRY

RESULTS

TWILIGHT SAILING

SAFETY & REGISTRATION

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HOME OF THE FESTIVAL OF SAILS





Royal Geelong Yacht Club Alpha Course 2024-2025 Official Notice Board

- [→ Protests hearings](#)
- [→ Protests decisions](#)
- [→ Protests cut off times](#)

Race Committee Notices

Calendar Amendment 1 23/08/2024

Updates to Cadet Buoyancy Test time, Royal Warrant Centenary Series and WASZP traveler series.

[... more](#)

Season 2024-2025 Notice of Race 14/08/2024

[... more](#)



Major Updates for 2024 - 2025

Updated courses

Insurance & Man Overboard Declarations

New Racing Rules of Sailing (2025-2028)

ALL RACE DOCUMENTS HAVE CHANGES



REGATTAS & EVENTS 2024 - 2025

WASZP SLALOM VIC CHAMPIONSHIP: 12TH & 13TH Oct 2024

FESTIVAL OF SAILS: 25th – 27th Jan 2025

VIC SAILING LEAGUE FINAL: 8th & 9th Feb 2025

ETCHELLS VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIP: 8th – 10th Mar 2025

2026

Festival of Sails

Cadet Australian Championship

Victorian Wooden Boat Festival



KEY DATES 2024 - 2025

Series	First Race	Last Race
Season Open Day	Saturday 5th October 2024	
Twilight Series	9th October 2024	2nd April 2025
Alpha Aggregate	Saturday 12th October 2024	Saturday 12th April 2025
Charlie Aggregate	Saturday 5th October 2024	Saturday 12th April 2025
Two Handed Series	Sunday 6th October 2024	Sunday 30th March 2025
Tuff Marine Series	Friday 18th October 2024	Friday 22nd November 2024
McAllister Cup	Saturday 26th April 2025	
OTB Presentation	Saturday 24th May 2025	
Keelboat Presentation	Saturday 21st June 2025	



MCALLISTER CUP

- SCRATCH RACE SATURDAY – Geelong to Queenscliff
- Overnight in Queenscliff **BOOK YOUR BERTHS EARLY**
- HANDICAP RACE SUNDAY – Queenscliff to Geelong



RACE ENTRY FEE CHANGES

Course	Fee	POS Wallet Rebate *	Comment
Alpha	\$400	\$100	One fee for all racing – Saturday, Twilight, Tuff, Two Handed, Winter Series
Charlie	\$400	\$100	All Club racing

***The rebate is payable to the skipper's Club POS Wallet account and can be used in the Member's Bar and The Yot throughout the season.**



ENTRIES

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY AGREEMENT

ENTER AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE TO MAKE
THINGS EASIER FOR OUR VOLUNTEERS



Sail Numbers

- HAVE THE RIGHT SAIL NUMBERS ON YOUR BOAT!
- NEW BOATS TO RGYC HAVE 3 RACES TO GET THEIR G NUMBER ON THE SAILS
- INCORRECT SAIL NUMBERS NOT REGISTERED = DNC



Sign On/Off & Crew Declaration

- SIGN ON & OFF and CREW DECLARATION procedures are clearly stated in your Sailing Instructions
- All vessels, as required by your SI, shall radio on when leaving, and off when returning, to the marina.
- Failure to sign on, off or submit a crew declaration **may result in a DSQ.**



Crew Declarations

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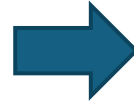
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Dashboard

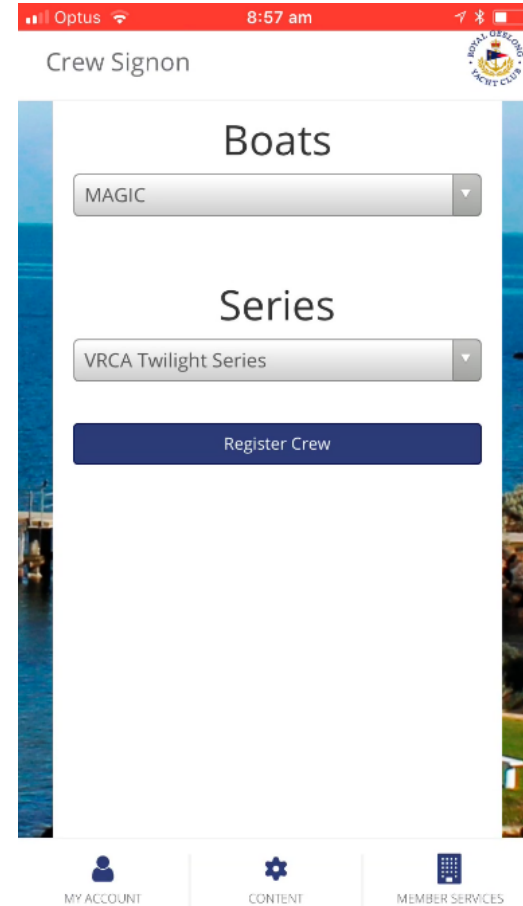
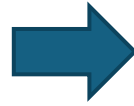
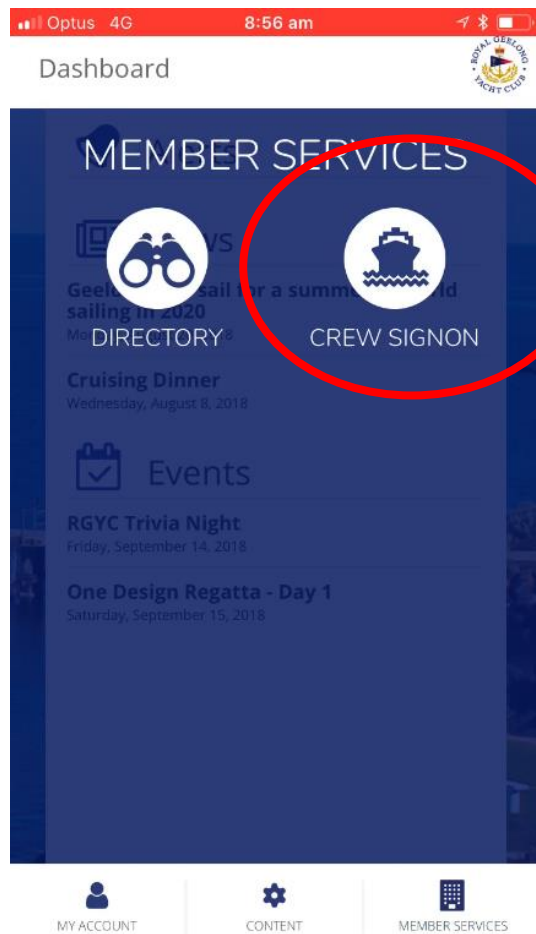


- Alerts
- News
 - Community Open Day a Great Success
Tuesday, September 13, 2022
 - Job Vacancy - Major Events Coordinator
Monday, September 12, 2022
- Events
- ~~Crew~~
No Crew Found
- Boats
No Boats Found

MY ACCOUNT | CONTENT | MEMBER SERVICES

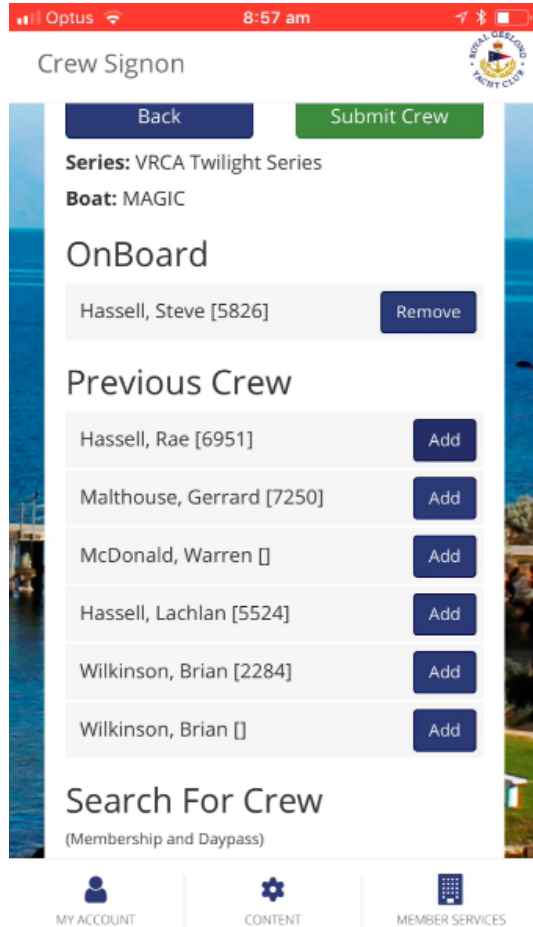


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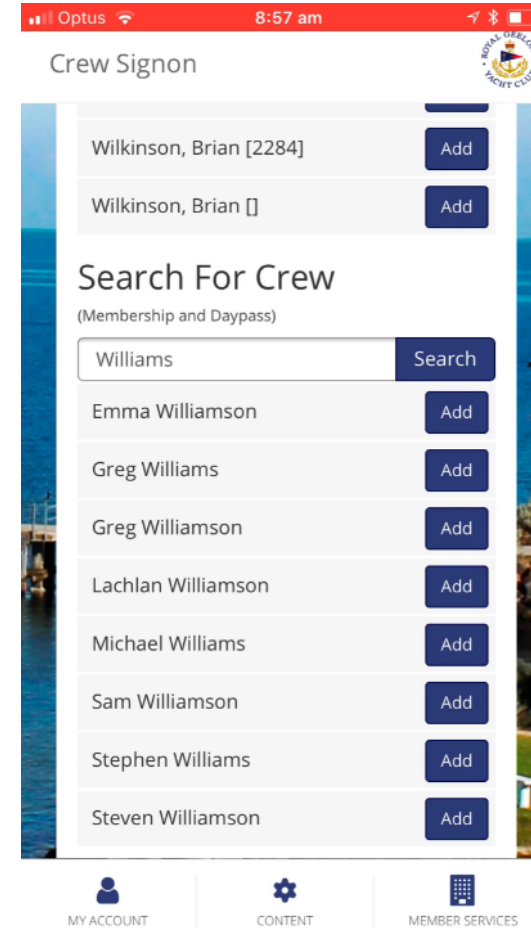




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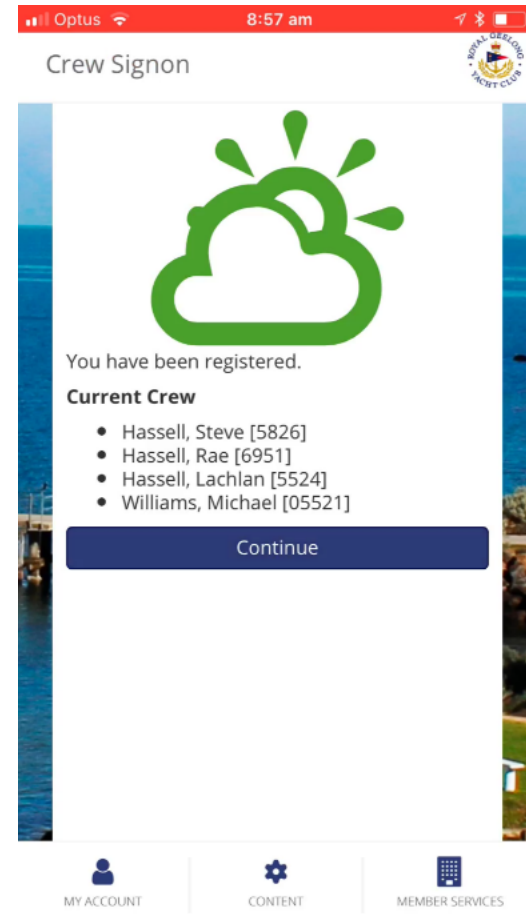
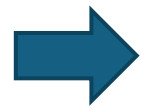
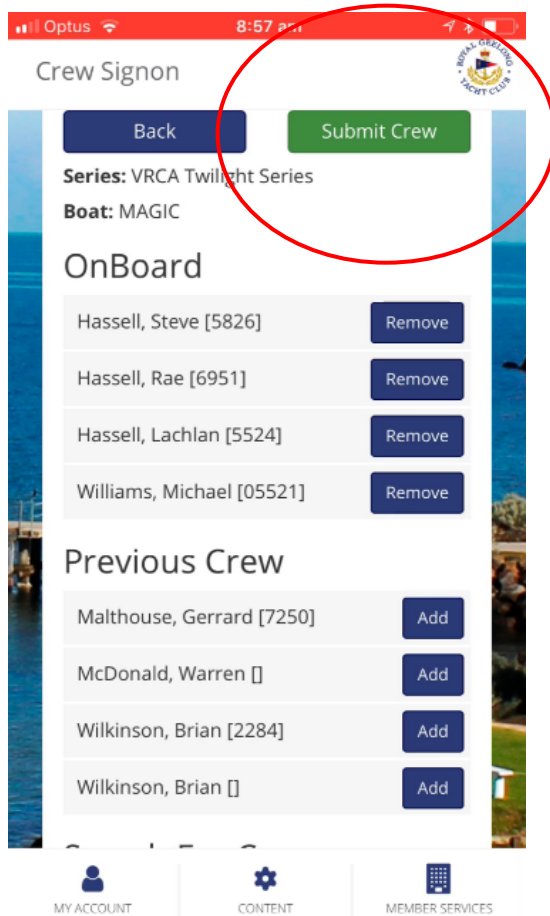


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Crew Declarations





Crew Declarations

- Every sailor who races must be on a Crew Declaration
- RGYC Financial Member OR have a SailPass

- You can do your crew dec. days in advance
- You can resubmit as many times as you need if crew changes
- Troubleshooting is being added to the website under SAILPASS
- Get help from staff EARLY if you are having trouble



Safety Procedures

Boat Safety Procedures

Owners have a responsibility to make sure regular crew and visitors are aware of safety procedures and safety equipment on board.



Safety Procedures

IF YOU NEED EMERGENCY
ASSISTANCE, **CALL 000**
IMMEDIATELY

Then notify the Race Committee



MAN OVERBOARD

Conditions of entry state:

A vessels owner, its skipper and its crew, agree & take sole responsibility...

To ensure the vessel is adequately prepared and its crew educated and regularly practiced in, and competent at, each vessels Man Overboard safety procedures, equipment and retrieval.

Compliance declaration is no longer required.



INSURANCE

Conditions of entry state:

A vessels owner, its skipper and its crew, agree & take sole responsibility...

To ensure vessel and its crew hold the correct and valid insurance, including third-party liability insurance to a minimum of 10-million AUD

Submission of insurance certificates are no longer required



INSURANCE

ENSURE YOUR VESSEL IS INSURED CORRECTLY,
INCLUDING:

RACING

SOCIAL RACING

SPINNAKERS

SPEED LIMITS



Safety Procedures

Anchors on the bow
are not permitted



PFDs



Code Flag “Y”

40 PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES

40.1 BASIC RULE

Each competitor shall wear a personal flotation device except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices.



Radio Procedures – Geoff Searle

RG BASE

Boat Name
Persons on Board

VHF Channel 71



Equipment Audits

NOTICE OF RACE 4.8

4.8.1 Audits are made by appointment from the Yacht Safe website with an AS Club Equipment auditor.

4.8.2 Boats without a current, valid equipment audit, may be scored DNC without a hearing.

BOATS WHICH FAIL TO MEET THESE REQUIREMENTS DO NOT MEET THE ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY REQUIREMENTS IN THE NoR



Equipment Audits

DEADLINE

**PRIOR TO
YOUR FIRST
RACE**



Emergency Locations





Emergency Procedure

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Available on the club website

INCIDENT & NEAR MISS REPORTING

Please submit an incident report for all incidents and near misses so that we can address them.

<https://rgyc.com.au/on-water/keelboat-racing/safety-registration/>



Handicaps

Any changes to:

- Helmsperson outside of normal crew
- New sails
- Rig
- Ballast
- LOA
- Rudder or Keel
- etc

NOTIFY THE HANDICAP COMMITTEE IN WRITING AT SAILING@RGYC.COM.AU



PRIMARY POINT OF CONTACT

RGYC Sailing Office

03 5229 3705

sailing@rgyc.com.au



Slides Available

These slides will be available
on the RGYC Website, under
Keelboat Racing Documents



**SAIL SAFE
and
HAVE FUN**

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