



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS – GRYC CLUB RACES EFFECTIVE FROM 30 September, 2018

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Organising Authority for all races is the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club (GRYC).
- 1.2 These Sailing Instructions will apply to all races in and to the Summer Series Winter Series, Twilight Series and Christmas Twilight Series and all other races conducted by GRYC, except the Milang Goolwa Freshwater Classic. Additional sailing instructions may be issued for particular races within a series and/or a particular series and such Additional Sailing Instructions are to be read in conjunction with these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.3 The Schedule of Races (the GRYC Program) is to be read in conjunction with these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.4 All races will be governed by the rules as defined in the current World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the current Australian Sailing Special Regulations (ASSR), these Sailing Instructions, any applicable Additional Sailing Instructions and any applicable Notice of Race.
- 1.5 All boats and crew must comply with and must carry the safety equipment required by or under South Australian Legislation, including the SA Harbours & Navigation Act and the Regulations made thereunder.
- 1.6 All races in the Twilight Series and Christmas Twilight Series will be conducted as ASSR Part 1 Category 7 races and each boat must comply with the requirements for a Category 7 race.
- 1.7 For each Summer Series Race, Winter Series Race and every other race conducted by GRYC (unless specified otherwise in an Additional Sailing Instruction), each boat, in addition to complying with the requirements for a Category 7 race, must comply with ASSR Part 1 Regulations 3.01.1, 3.08.3, 3.08.7, 3.09.1, 3.18.4, 3.20.5, 3.22, 3.24.3, 3.24.4, 3.24.5(b), 3.24.5(c), 3.25.4(a), 3.25.4(d), 3.25.6, 4.07.2, 4.10.1, 4.15.1, 4.23.1 and 4.26.
- 1.8 Division 4 & 5 boats must comply with Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 For Off The Beach Boats.
- 1.9 All competitors must wear an approved Personal Floatation Device while afloat, except while briefly changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment, including while proceeding to the start area and thereafter until finishing or retiring from the race and leaving the racing area. This changes RRS Rule 40 and Part 4 of the RRS Preamble.
- 1.10 Subject to clause 1.11, all boats competing in Divisions 1, 2, 3 and 6 must carry a serviceable inboard or outboard motor mounted at all times ready for immediate use and capable of propelling the boat into a 30 knot wind. Outboard motors may be tilted when

not in use. Sufficient fuel shall be carried for a minimum of 3 hours motoring.

- 1.11 Upon a request made in writing to the Race Committee, the Race Committee may grant a dispensation from clause 1.10, on such conditions as it deems appropriate, if it considers that a boat is unsuitable to fit or to carry a motor as required by clause 1.10. Notice of any such dispensation will be displayed on the GRYC website under the "Racing Tab".
- 1.12 A boat that does not comply with Class Rules or is modified must notify the Race Committee in writing before participating in any races, but if that has not been done before the day of a race, such notification may be made on the nomination form at least one hour prior to the first Warning Signal of the day for any Division.
- 1.13 Due to shallow waters in the racing areas, boats are not required to comply with ASSR Part 1 Regulation 3.02.3. Nor are boats required to comply with RRS Rule 52 as it relates to electric keel winches.
- 1.14 For each Division except Divisions 4, 5 & 7, each boat must have a Person in Charge and at least 1 other crew member.
- 1.15 A VHF radio is mandatory for all races for which all or part of the course is set upstream of the entrance to Dunn's Lagoon. A VHF radio is recommended for all other races.
- 1.16 The Person in Charge of each boat must be 16 years of age or older unless exempted in writing by the Race Committee.
- 1.17 All boats must have clearly visible identifying sail numbers as required by RRS.
- 1.18 Racing will be conducted in each Division nominated in a Notice of Race provided there are at least 4 entrants in a Division. If there are less than 4 entrants in a Division, the Race Committee may group these boats with the nearest appropriate Division.
- 1.19 GRYC will use the GRYC Mixed Fleet Ratings list as posted on the GRYC website under the "Racing" tab. Any boat not on this list, after consultation with the owner, will be allocated a Rating. The Rating is not appealable. For Off the Beach (OTB) classes (Divisions 4 and 5), the Australian Sailing Yardsticks will apply.
- 1.20 GRYC reserves the right to accept or reject any entry.
- 1.21 If there is any ambiguity or discrepancy between any RRS Rule, ASSR Regulation, Sailing Instruction and/or any Additional Sailing Instruction, the ambiguity or discrepancy will be resolved by the Race Committee in its discretion.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 The Person in Charge (Skipper) of all boats competing in GRYC Club events shall be a current financial Senior Member of the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club, except as provided under clause 2.2.
- 2.2 Persons in Charge who are current financial members of a Club or Association affiliated with Yachting Australia may enter as a Visitor.
- 2.3 Subject to clause 2.4, all crew members must be registered sailors and financial members of a Club or Association affiliated with Australian Sailing.

- 2.4 A crew member who is not a member of a Club or Association affiliated with Australian Sailing may sail as a temporary member of the GRYC pursuant to Clause 6 (6) (a) of the GRYC Constitution for a maximum of four races in a season. This changes RRS Rule 46.

3. ENTRIES

- 3.1 Boats shall enter a race using the entry form available from the GRYC website under the “Racing” tab or at GRYC. A boat can enter in one division only per series.

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 4.1 Subject to clause 4.1, notices to competitors, and any notice or document required by the RRS or ASSR or any other rule or sailing instruction to be posted on a Notice Board, will be posted on GRYC’s website under the “Racing” tab and they are not required to be, but maybe, posted on the GRYC Notice Board.
- 4.2 Notices to competitors which relate to a race will be posted at least thirty minutes before the warning signal for the race.
- 4.3 If a notice to competitors is to be posted on a race day, it will be posted on the GRYC Notice Board first and as soon as practicable thereafter it will be posted on the GRYC website under the “Racing” tab.

5. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the GRYC website under the “Racing” tab at least one hour before the first scheduled race start for the day.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the GRYC flag mast
- 6.2 When the AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 30 minutes” in the Race Signals AP. This changes RRS Race Signals AP.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 7.1 The Schedule of Races is set out in a separate club Program published by GRYC.

8. DIVISIONS AND DIVISION PENNANT

- 8.1 The Divisions for racing at GRYC are those described in clause 8.3.
- 8.2 For each series or each race not part of a series, the Race Committee will determine which Divisions will be raced. These Divisions will be notified in the relevant Notice of Race (NOR) or posted on the GRYC website under the “Racing” tab.
- 8.3 The Divisions and Division flags will be:

Div. 1 River Boats and Restricted 21 Boats

(as determined by the Race Committee)

Code Flag R

Div. 2 Trailable Yachts without Spinnakers

Code Flag F

Div. 3 Trailable Yachts with Spinnakers rating

Code Flag T

Div. 4 Monohull off The Beach Yachts	Numeral Pennant 4
Div. 5 Multihull off The Beach Yachts	Numeral Pennant 5
Div. 6 Multihull Yachts with Motor	Numeral Pennant 6
Div. 7 Hansa (Access) Dinghies	Numeral Pennant 7

8.4 Boats competing in Divisions 2 and 3 must display Division flags at all times during a race.

9. COURSES & RACE BRIEFINGS

9.1 Courses will be made available at the race sign on desk at least 30 minutes before the first Warning Signal.

9.2 Unless otherwise determined and notified by the Race Committee, Race Briefings will be held 30 minutes before the first Warning Signal for the first race of the day.

10. MARKS

10.1 Descriptions of marks will be provided with the courses.

11. THE START

11.1 The starting order for each Division will be announced at the Race Briefing.

11.2 Races will be started by using RRS Rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

11.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat at the starboard end and a buoy flying an orange flag at the port end.

11.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been flown shall keep clear of both the starting area and boats in starting sequence. Failure to comply may result in the offending boat being protested.

11.5 Subject to this clause 11.5, a boat must not use its motor after its Preparatory Signal. A boat may use its motor after its Preparatory Signal for the purpose of proceeding towards the starting line, provided that the motor is shut off before the Starting Signal and the boat completes one turn, including one tack and one gybe under sail before crossing the starting line.

11.6 A boat not starting within 15 minutes of her Starting Signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS).

11.7 When a general recall has been signaled, the recalled Division's Warning Signal will be the Starting Signal for the last Division. If more than one Division has had a general recall, they shall restart in the original starting sequence.

12. THE FINISH

12.1 Unless otherwise specified in a Sailing Instruction or the course information, the finishing line will be in front of the GRYC Clubhouse and it shall extend from a blue flag flown from the clubhouse mast to a buoy flying a blue flag located in the river approximately 50

metres off the marina.

- 12.2 If a Code Flag W is displayed at a rounding mark (with two sound signals), boats should complete rounding this mark and sail directly to and cross the finish line sailing in the direction from this rounding mark. (This may mean a mark has been eliminated from the course or a leg has been made shorter). The shortened course may apply to some but not all Divisions; in which case Division flags will be flown with the W flag.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 RRS Rule 44.1 is changed so that the "Two Turns Penalty" is replaced by a "One Turn Penalty" which includes one tack and 1 gybe under sail.

14. TIME LIMIT

- 14.1 Unless otherwise specified by the Race Committee in Additional Sailing Instructions, boats finishing more than half an hour in a Twilight Series race or 1 hour in a Summer Series or Winter Series race or in other race conducted by GRYC, after the 3rd boat in the Division finishes, may be scored "Did Not Finish" (DNF).

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protests or requests for redress or reopening must be lodged in accordance with RRS Part 5 and the written form handed to a representative of the Race Committee within 30 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 15.2 If possible, the protest flag should be flown on the starboard side to assist in identification at the finish.
- 15.3 Protest hearings will not be held on the day of the race but will be heard at GRYC as soon as practicable thereafter at a date and time determined by the Race Committee.
- 15.4 Protest forms are available from the Race Committee.

16. ARBITRATION

- 16.1. At the election of the Race Committee an arbitration hearing may be conducted pursuant to RRS Appendix T for protests lodged in accordance with RRS 61 which allege an infringement of a rule of Part 2 or 4 or RRS 31. Such hearings will be held subsequent to the protest being lodged and prior to a protest hearing.
- 16.2. The time and place of the arbitration hearing will be decided by the arbitrator and such advice will be given verbally. One representative from each boat shall attend the arbitration hearing and no witnesses will be allowed. The arbitrator shall decide the manner in which testimony is given.
- 16.3. After taking testimony at an arbitration hearing the arbitrator shall make one of the following conclusions:
- 16.3.1 The protest does not comply with RRS 61 and the protestor may withdraw the protest;

- 16.3.1 The protest will proceed to a protest hearing. (This may be because rules other than Part 2 or 4 or RRS 31 are involved, or because evidence is too complex or divergent to reach a reasonable and timely conclusion, or due to the apparent severity of the alleged incident or any other reason decided by the arbitrator);
 - 16.3.1 No rule was broken and the protestor may withdraw the protest; or
 - 16.3.1 A rule was broken by one or more boats involved, the infringing boat(s) may accept a time penalty of 10% and a result adjusted accordingly and if such a penalty and adjusted result is accepted by the protestee, the protestor shall withdraw the protest but if such a penalty and adjusted result is not accepted by the protestee the protest will proceed to a hearing of the Protest Committee: this changes RRS 63.1.
- 16.4 An arbitration hearing will not be reopened. No conclusion of an arbitrator can be subject to appeal or be grounds for redress.

17 SCORING

- 17.1 Results will be based on corrected times using the following:
- 17.1.1. Trailable Yachts - GRYC Mixed Fleet Ratings published on the GRYC website.
 - 17.1.2. Off The Beach (OTB) – the current Australian Sailing Yardsticks.
 - 17.1.3. Personal Handicaps (for senior financial GRYC members only) - TopYacht Scoring System. Personal handicaps will be reset to a common base (as determined by the Race Committee) at the start of each series of races.
- 17.2 The Race Committee may adjust the GRYC Mixed Fleet ratings due to the unique sailing conditions in the river and lakes. Any changes will be posted on the GRYC website at least thirty minutes before the warning signal for the first scheduled start for the day. These may also be posted on the GRYC Notice Board.
- 17.3 Visiting boats are eligible to win trophies for individual races, but not points towards GRYC Club Series results except for the Winter Series and the Christmas Twilight Series which are Open Series.
- 17.4 Race Result Discard System For Boats in Determining Series Results:
- 17.4.1 When four (4) or less races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - 17.4.2 When five (5) or six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - 17.4.3 When seven (7) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 17.5 If there are less 3 starters in a Division in any race, any scores from that race will be excluded from the calculation of the series result.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1 Running Aground:

A boat which has run aground may motor off until it reaches the point on the course where it first went aground. It must then complete one turn under sail including one tack and one gybe.

18.2 Outside Assistance - Safety Boats and Outside Assistance:

In an emergency and/or after an incident the first priority of a Safety Boat or a competing Boat providing assistance is to attempt to ensure the safety of crew members, officials and other persons involved NOT BOATS. Unless unable to request consent, Safety Boats or a competing Boat will only assist a person or boat in difficulties with the consent of the person or the boat's crew. In all cases where a Safety Boat or a competing Boat is to provide assistance the operation will be under the control of the Safety Boat Commander or the skipper of the competing Boat providing assistance. If a Safety Boat and a competing Boat is providing assistance, the operation will be under the control of the Safety Boat Commander. Each person and/or Boat crew receiving assistance must comply with the directions of the Safety Boat Commander or, if no Safety Boat is involved in providing assistance, the directions of the skipper of the competing Boat providing assistance. If assistance is refused, the Safety Boat or a competing Boat offering assistance is not required to standby but will advise of its intention to leave. If in the opinion of the Safety Boat Commander or the skipper of the competing Boat offering assistance it is safe to do so, they may, but are not required to return crews to their boats. A boat/crew receiving outside help must notify the Race Committee with details of the incident as soon as possible after the race. Boats which fail to notify or gain a significant advantage in the race from this instruction may be protested and penalised. Any penalty may be less than disqualification. This changes RRS Rule 41.

18.3 Retirement:

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible by radio VHF Channel 72 or at the GRYC on 8555 2617

18.4 The Race Committee will monitor VHF 72 during racing.

19. CREW

19.1 Substitution of a boat's nominated 'Person in Charge' during a series will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee. A request for approval shall be lodged in writing with the Race Committee at least one hour prior to the start of the race in which it is proposed the alternate 'person in charge' will sail.

19.2 Approval will only be given for a substitute 'Person in Charge' to sail one race only in any series of 6 or less races and two races only in a series of 7 or more races.

19.3 Any boat competing with an alternate 'Person in Charge' that does not have prior written approval from the Race Committee will be treated as a new entry in the series.

20. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

20.1 The Race Committee and the Rescue Fleet will monitor VHF 72 during races.

20.2 The Race Committee and its nominees may use this frequency for communications relating to the conduct of a race and/or the safety of competitors.

20.3 This frequency must not be used by Competitors unless assistance is being requested or withdrawal from a race is being notified.

21. PRIZES

21.1 Prizes for individual races will be presented at the conclusion of each race.

21.2 Prizes for a series will be presented at a time to be announced at the conclusion of the last race of the series.

21.3 Unless otherwise determined by the Race Committee, prize allocation for each race and for each series will be subject to the following conditions:

21.3.1 Rating Prize winners are not eligible for personal handicap prizes;

21.3.2 Less than 3 starters in a division No trophies awarded;

21.3.3 3 to 5 starters in a Division First place only;

21.3.4 6 to 8 starters in a Division First and second places;

21.3.5 More than eight starters in a Division First, second and third places.

21.4 To be eligible for a Series Prize, a boat must compete in at least 4 races in which there were 3 or more starters, except for the Christmas Twilight Series in which a boat must compete in at least 3 races in which there were 3 or more starters.

21.5 Subject to clause 21.3, prizes for the first 2 individual races on any series will be awarded for first, second or third based on Rating results in each Division. No personal handicaps prizes will be awarded for the first 2 races in any series.

21.6 Subject to clause 21.3, prizes for the 3rd and subsequent individual races will be awarded for:

21.6.1 First boat on Rating results in each Division; and

21.6.2 First, second and third based on personal handicaps in each Division.

21.7. Subject to clause 21.3, prizes for a Series may be awarded for:

21.7.1. First, second and third places based on Rating results in each Division; and/or

21.7.2. The overall aggregate personal handicap winner in each Division.

21.8 Unless the Race Committee determines otherwise, for the Summer Series, Winter Series and Twilight Series, if less than 4 races are completed in any series, no series prize will be awarded and, for the Christmas Twilight Series, if less than 3 races have been completed in that series no series prize will be awarded.

21.9 Unless the Race Committee determines otherwise for a particular series, for the

Summer Series, Winter Series and Twilight Series, to be eligible for a series prize a boat must have completed 4 races in the series and, for the Christmas Twilight Series, to be eligible for a series prize a boat must have completed 3 races in that series.

21.10 Club Champion Award

Awards for Club Champions will be presented at the Annual Mid-Year Dinner to the helmsmen in each of Divisions 1, 2 and 3 (subject to the requirements below being met) who score the lowest points from their best 18 race results in any boat:

21.10.1 including at least 2 Summer Series Races; but

21.10.2 excluding race results where there were less than 5 starters;

from the Summer Series and the Twilight Series (ie excluding the Winter Series, the Christmas Twilight Series and any other race conducted by GRYC).

21.11 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

22.1 Competitors participating do so at their own risk. The Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after any race or regatta.

23. INSURANCE

23.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of not less than \$10,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.
