



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS GRYC FROSTBITE SERIES 10th and 11th JUNE 2017



1. GENERAL

- i. Frostbite Series Races of the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club Inc (GRYC) shall be conducted under the Organising Authority of the GRYC Race Committee, in the waters of the Lower Murray River. The Principal Race Officer (PRO) appointed by the Organising Authority shall have full control of each event conducted by the GRYC.
- ii. These Sailing Instructions take precedence over any issued by a Class Association.
- iii. A program of races issued by the GRYC shall be read in conjunction with, and shall form part of, these Sailing Instructions.

2. RULES

- i. The racing shall be governed by the current Australian Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (Referenced as the Rules and RRS elsewhere in these Sailing Instructions), except as altered by these Sailing Instructions.
- ii. All crew members of all yachts shall wear an approved Personal Floatation Device at all times.
- iii. **Special attention is drawn to Australian Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing part 1 fundamental rules; particularly, but not exclusively, rule 4, which reads "the responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".**

3. NOMINATIONS

- i. Nominations will be accepted from all monohull dinghy classes.
- ii. A minimum of 6 boats in a class are required to constitute a division.
- iii. The organising authority reserves the right to group classes according to VYC yardstick to create a division.
- iv. All yachts shall nominate before each race using the designated form available in the GRYC Clubhouse. The yacht shall complete a nomination form and pay the appropriate fee, \$30. Failure to nominate will mean that the yacht shall rank as a Non-Starter.
- v. **All yachts shall have current third party insurance for yacht racing and public liability cover of not less than \$2,000,000. All those taking part in racing do so at their own risk and responsibility. The Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club will not accept liability for any material damage, personal injury or death sustained during any race it conducts.**
- vi. All crew members shall be registered sailors and financial members of a Club or Association affiliated with Yachting South Australia or Australian Sailing.

4. RETIREMENTS

Competitors who do not finish a race are requested to, as soon as practicable; notify a support boat prior to leaving the course area.

5. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club premises. No notice to competitors will be posted less than thirty minutes before the warning signal for the race.

6. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board at least one hour before the first scheduled start. The Race Committee will fly Code Flag "L" with one sound signal when posting alterations to these Sailing Instructions.

7. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the mast of the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club Clubhouse. Code flag "AP", Answering Pennant, over a numeral pennant 1-6 (n), with two sound signals means "The race is postponed for (n) hours". The end of the postponement will be signalled by lowering Code Flag "AP". The starting sequence will commence not less than 30 minutes after the termination of the postponement.

8. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Saturday the 10th of June 2017 1100hrs Racing

Six races will be scheduled.

No warning signal will be made after 1500hrs.

Sunday the 11th of June 2017 1000hrs Racing

Four races will be scheduled.

No warning signal will be made after 1400hrs.

9. COURSES, MARKS and FLAGS

Notification of the courses, marks, flags and scheduled starting times for each division will be given at least 30 minutes before the warning signal of the first Division.

10. STARTING LINE

The starting line will be between the mast on the committee vessel flying an orange flag and a buoy flying an orange flag. The committee vessel will be on the starboard end of the line.

11. FINISHING LINE

Unless otherwise specified on the course information, or in accordance with 10 above, the finishing line will be in front of the GRYC Clubhouse and shall extend from a blue flag flown from the clubhouse mast to a buoy flying a blue flag located in the river approximately 20 metres off the marina.

i. YACHTS MUST NOT CROSS EITHER FINISH LINE UNLESS FINISHING. YACHTS THAT RE-CROSS WILL BE SCORED DSQ.

12. STARTING SYSTEM

i. The starting system shall be a three minute system:

3 minutes prior to the starting signal, Warning Signal, Division Flag, 1 sound signal
2 minutes prior to the starting signal, Preparatory Signal, P Flag, 1 sound signal
1 minute prior to the starting signal, Preparatory Flag removed, 1 long sound signal
0 minutes prior to the starting signal, Division Flag removed, 1 sound signal

ii. The warning signal for each succeeding division will be the starting signal of the preceding division.

iii. Yachts whose division flag has not been flown shall keep clear of both the starting area and of all yachts whose division signal is being flown. FAILURE TO COMPLY MAY RESULT BEING SCORED DSQ.

13. RECALLS

i. Recalls will be signalled in accordance with RRS 29. Recall Signals will be displayed for 2 minutes.

ii. When a general recall has been signalled, the recalled Division shall accept the starting signal for the last Division as its Warning Signal, followed by the normal starting sequence for the Division. If more than 1 Division has had a general recall, they shall restart in the sequence as set out initially.

14. TIME LIMIT

Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes of the first finisher will be scored their position on the course at the time of the time limit.

15. PROTESTS

i. Protests shall be lodged in accordance with RRS 60.

ii. Protests will be resolved by mediation. The mediation panel decision is not appealable.

16. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

The penalty for breaking rules of part 2 of the RRS will be a 360 turn involving 1 tack and 1 gybe. This changes the 720-degree turn penalty described in RRS 44.1 and 44.2.

17. SCORING AND TROPHIES

i. The low point system of Appendix A will apply.

ii. Different classes in a division will be handicapped as per VYC yardsticks.

iii. Once a minimum of 5 races have been sailed, a boat's series score will be the total of its race scores excluding its worst score.

18. OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE

i. In addition to the provisions of Rule 41 of the RRS a boat or her crew may receive assistance from an outside source.

ii. For a crew member who has been separated from their boat either through a capsize or a 'person overboard' incident, or for a boat or her crew following a capsize or grounding if they are either in danger or unable to recover without placing other boats at risk.

iii. A competitor that receives outside assistance must advise the PRO as soon as practicable after the race. A boat that gains a significant advantage in the race from help received under this provision may be protested and penalised. Any penalty may be less than disqualification.