



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS – GRYC CLUB RACES

EFFECTIVE FROM 30 September, 2017

1. RULES

- 1.1. These Sailing Instructions shall apply to all Summer and Winter Series, Destination Series and Twilight Series Races. Additional Sailing Instructions will be issued for all Destination Series races to be read in conjunction with these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. A separate Schedule of Races shall be issued and read in conjunction with these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.3. All races will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.4. All competitors shall wear an approved Personal Floatation Device from the Warning Signal until finishing or retiring from the race and leaving the racing area. This changes RRS 40 and Part 4 Preamble.
- 1.5. All boats competing in Divisions 1, 1A, 2, 3, 6 and 8 shall carry a serviceable inboard/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.
- 1.6. Any boat considered unsuitable to fit a motor may be granted dispensation by the Race Committee. Notice of such dispensation shall be displayed on the club notice board.
- 1.7. A boat that does not comply with Class Rules or is modified shall notify the Race Committee on the nomination form at least one hour prior to her Warning Signal.
- 1.8. Due to shallow waters in the racing areas, boats are not required to comply with YA Special Regulation 3.02.3. Nor are boats required to comply with Rule 52 as it relates to electric keel winches.
- 1.9. Summer, Winter and Destination Series races will be Category 5. All Twilight Series races will be Category 6.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1. The Person in Charge (Skipper) of all yachts competing in GRYC Club events shall be a current financial Senior Member of the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club, except as provided under 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 shall 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 using the entry form available at the GRYC. A boat shall only enter in one division per series.

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 4.1. 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.

5. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1. Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board at least one hour before the first scheduled start.

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.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 7.1.** The Schedule of Races is set out in a separate club program.

8. DIVISIONS AND DIVISION PENNANTS

- 8.1.** For each series, the Organising Authority will determine which divisions will be raced. These will be notified in the relevant Notice of Race (NOR).

- 8.2.** Division pennants will be:

Div. 1 River Boats (as determined by the Race Committee)	Code Flag R
Div. 1a Restricted 21	Class Flag
Div. 2 Trailable Yachts without Spinnakers rating < 0.810	Code Flag F
Div. 3 Trailable Yachts with Spinnakers rating < 0.810	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
Div. 8 Trailable Yachts rating => 0.810	Numeral Pennant 8

- 8.3.** Fleets may be restricted to a maximum of 20 entries. Entries in excess of 20 may necessitate dividing a division.
- 8.4.** Boats competing in Divisions 2, 3 and 8 shall display division flags at all times during the race.

9. COURSES

- 9.1.** Courses and starting order will be posted on the notice board at least 30 minutes before the first Warning Signal.

10. MARKS

- 10.1.** Description of marks will be posted with the courses.

11. THE START

- 11.1.** Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2.** 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.
- 11.3.** 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.
- 11.4.** A boat may use its engine after its preparatory signal for the purpose of proceeding towards the starting line, providing that the engine 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.
- 11.5.** A boat not starting within 15 minutes of her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start.
- 11.6.** When a general recall has been signaled, the recalled Division shall accept the starting signal for the last Division as its Warning Signal. If more than one Division has had a general recall, they shall restart in the sequence as set out initially.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1.** Unless otherwise specified in the NOR, the finishing line will be in front of the GRYC Clubhouse and shall extend from an blue flag flown from the clubhouse mast to a buoy flying an blue flag located in the river approximately 50 metres off the marina, unless otherwise specified in the course information.
- 12.2.** If 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.** Rule 44.1 is changed so that Two Turns Penalty is replaced by a ONE Turn Penalty.

14. TIME LIMIT

- 14.1.** Unless otherwise specified by the Race Committee, boats finishing more than 1 hour in Winter Series or Destination Series races, or half an hour in Twilight Series and Summer Series races, after the 3rd boat in the Division finishes, may be scored "Did Not Finish" (DNF).

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1.** Protest forms are available from the Race Committee. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Race Committee within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.2.** For each division the protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the Race Committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

16. SCORING

- 16.1.** Results will be based on corrected times using the following:
- Trailable Yachts - GRYC Mixed Fleet Rating published on the Club website and posted on the official Club noticeboard.
 - Off The Beach (OTB) – the current Yachting Victoria Yardsticks
 - Personal Handicaps (for senior financial GRYC members only) - TopYacht Scoring System. Personal handicaps will be reset to a common base (as determined by the Organising Authority) at the start of each series of races.
- 16.2.** 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 official notice board at least thirty minutes before the warning signal for the first scheduled start. These may also be posted on the GRYC website.
- 16.3.** Visiting boats are eligible to win trophies for individual races, but not points towards GRYC Club Series except for the Winter Series, Christmas Twilight Series and Milang-Goolwa Freshwater Classic which are Open Series and or Races.
- 16.4.** Discard System for Each Series:
- When four (4) or less races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - 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.
 - 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. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1.** 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.
- 17.2.** Outside Assistance - Race officials and safety boat crews may pick up boat crews and return them to their boats for safety reasons. The boat/crew receiving outside help must notify the Race Committee with details of the incident as soon as possible after the race. Boats who 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 41.
- 17.3.** 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
- 17.4.** The Race Committee will monitor VHF 72 during racing.

18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW

- 18.1.** Substitution of a boats 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.
- 18.2.** Approval will only be given for a substitute 'person in charge' to sail one race in any series of 6 or less races and two races in a series of 7 or more races.
- 18.3.** 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.

RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 18.4. The Race Committee and the Rescue Fleet will monitor VHF 72 during races. Do not use this frequency unless assistance is being requested
- 18.5. A VHF radio is **mandatory** for all Destination Series races.
- 18.6. A VHF radio is **recommended** for all other races.

19. PRIZES

- 19.1. Prizes for individual races will be presented at the conclusion of each race.
- 19.2. Prizes for a series will be presented at a time to be announced at the conclusion of the last race of the series.
- 19.3. Prize allocation for each race and for each series will be subject to the following conditions:
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| - Less than 3 starters in a division | No trophies awarded |
| - 3 to 5 starters | First place only |
| - 6 to 8 starters | First and second places |
| - More than eight | First, second and third places |
- 19.4. 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.
- 19.5. Prizes for individual races may be awarded for:
(Rating prize winners will not be eligible for personal handicap prizes)
- First boat on Rating results in each division
 - First, Second and Third based on personal handicaps in each division.
 - Fastest time in Classes having 5 or more starters in Division 2 and 3.
- 19.6. Prizes for a Series may be awarded for:
- First, second and third places on Rating
 - The overall aggregate personal handicap winner.
- 19.7. An award for Club Champion will be presented at the Annual Mid-Year Dinner. The award will be made to the helmsman that accrues the lowest points (since the conclusion of the last award) from the best 25 race results on any boat including at least a minimum of (subject to this clause):
- 12 races from the Twilight Series with 5 or more starters (including the Christmas Twilights),
 - 50% of completed races with 5 or more starters from the previous season Winter Series,
 - 50% of completed races with 5 or more starters from the current season Summer Series and
 - 50% of completed races with 5 or more starters from the current season Destination Series.

Where there are an odd number of races in a Series it shall be rounded up to the next whole number.

Where a boat does not compete in a series it will be allocated the DNC score each race in that series.

Results from any race with less than five starters in a division and races in which an alternate helmsman sails the boat shall be excluded from the calculation.

NOTE: for the 2017 Winter Series *Any number of races with 5 or more starters from the previous season Winter Series.*

- 19.8. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 20.1. 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.

21. INSURANCE

- 21.1. 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.