

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS – GRYC CLUB RACES – 2009-2012

1: GENERAL

Races of the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club Inc (GRYC) shall be conducted under the Organizing Authority of the G.R.Y.C. in the waters of the Lower Murray River and Lake Alexandrina. The Principal Race Officer (P.R.O.) appointed by the Organizing Authority shall have full control of all events conducted by the G.R.Y.C.

These Sailing Instructions cover all races associated with the GRYC Summer Series, Winter Series and Twilight Series, and come into effect on October. 1st 2009.

A program of races issued by the G.R.Y.C. shall be read in conjunction with, and shall form part of these Sailing Instructions.

2: RULES

The racing shall be governed by Yachting Australia Racing Rules of Sailing for 2009-2012(RRS) except as altered by these sailing instructions.

A boat shall have on board a person in charge designated by the member or organization that entered the boat. All crew members of all yachts shall wear an approved Personal Floatation Device (P.F.D) types 1 or 2 from the making of their class Warning Signal until finishing or retiring from the race and leaving the racing area. All boats shall observe the regulations under the SA Boating Act, as amended, to cover sailing craft.

All Yachts competing in Divisions T, F, R and Multihulls with Accommodation, shall carry a serviceable inboard/outboard motor capable of propelling the yacht into 30 knot wind mounted at all times ready for immediate use. Outboard motors may be tilted when not in use. Sufficient fuel shall be carried for a minimum of 3 hours motoring.

A class of yacht 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.

A yacht that does not comply with Class Rules or is modified from the original class design shall notify the Race Committee providing details of those modification/s on the GRYC Race Nomination form. Handicap variation, if any, will be decided by the Race Committee.

Due to shallow waters in the racing areas, yachts are not required to comply with Y. A. Special Regulation **3.02.3**. Nor are yachts required to comply with Rule 52 as it relates to electric keel winches. However, it is recommended that boats sail with centreboards locked fully down where possible, and trailerable boats not lift centreboards or keels while racing.

The applicable safety regulations are as defined in Y. A. Special Regulations Part 1 Section 2. Club events will be classified as Category 5 and the Milang Goolwa Race as Category 6.

SPECIAL ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO Y.A 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

Entries will be accepted from registered sailors and financial members of a Club or Association affiliated with Yachting South Australia or Y.A. Acceptance of entries from persons who are not registered sailors or financial members of a recognised organisation is at the absolute discretion of the Organizing Authority.

All boats shall nominate before each race using the designated form available in the GRYC Clubhouse. The Start Boat may accept a late verbal nomination from a yacht until her Warning Signal. A yacht which nominates in this manner shall be deemed to have accepted the requirements of these Sailing Instructions. The yacht shall complete a nomination form and pay the appropriate fee, immediately on completing the race. Failure to nominate will mean that the boat shall rank as a Non-Starter.

All boats shall have current third party insurance for yacht racing and public liability cover of not less than \$10,000,000.

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.

4: RETIREMENTS

Competitors who do not finish a race are requested to, as soon as practicable, notify the P.R.O. by radio VHF Channel 72 or 27.94 Mhz. or at the G.R.Y.C.

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, 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: MARKS

Course Rounding Marks will be pink inflatable buoys an 0 Flag, or a Red Flag or any combination of these and must be rounded as specified on the Course Diagrams issued by the Organizing Authority

Notification of the course and scheduled starting times will be given at least 30 minutes before the warning signal of the first Division

9: COURSES.

Course diagrams may be available from the GRYC.

10: SHORTENED COURSE

The Course may be shortened in accordance with RRS 32

The decision to shorten a course will be at the discretion of the P.R.O. In the event of a shortened course, Code Flag 'S' will be displayed on the committee boat at a course rounding mark, together with two sound signals, indicating that the finish will be between the Course Rounding Mark and the Committee Boat.

The position of the Course Rounding Marks may be varied, to compensate for weather conditions.

Shortened Course Additional Instructions

An S flag may be placed at a rounding mark indicating the course has been shortened. Boats should sail directly from this rounding mark through the finish line (the direction through the finish line may differ from that indicated on the course drawing) . This may mean a mark has been eliminated from the course or a leg has been made shorter. A sound signal may be made as the first boat approaches this S flag and may be repeated as subsequent boats approach. The shortened course may apply to some but not all Divisions; in which case Division flags will be flown with the S flag.

11: 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.

12: FINISHING LINE

Unless otherwise specified on the Course Board, or in accordance with 10 above, the finishing line will be in front of the GRYC Clubhouse and shall extend from an orange flag flown from the clubhouse mast to a buoy flying an orange flag located in the river approximately 50 metres off the marina.

13: DIVISION FLAGS FOR SUMMER AND WINTER SERIES

Yachts competing in Divisions 2 and 3 shall display division flags at all times during the race.

Division distinguishing flags will be:

Div. 1	River Boats (as determined by the Race Committee)	Code Flag R
Div. 2	Yachts without spinnakers	Code Flag F
Div. 3	Yachts with spinnakers	Code Flag T
Div. 4	Monohull Off-the-beach yachts	Code Flag D
Div. 5	Multi-hull off-the-beach yachts	Code Flag C
Div. 6	Multi-hull yachts with accommodation	Code Flag M
Div. 7	Access Dinghies	Code Flag A

The scheduled order of starting will be detailed on the course diagram or announced at the briefing.

DIVISION FLAGS FOR TWILIGHT SERIES

All trailable yachts (as defined in Y.A. SR Part 1, Sect 1) Code Flag F

Restricted 21's Code Flag R

Dinghies and F15's Code flag D

Fleets may be restricted to a maximum of 30 starters in any one start. Entries in excess of 30 may necessitate dividing a division

14: STARTING SYSTEM

The starting system described in Y.A. Rule 26 shall be used.

5 minutes prior to the starting signal	Warning Signal	Division Flag	1 sound signal
4 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
0 minutes prior to the starting signal	Division Flag removed		1 sound

The warning signal for each succeeding class shall take the starting signal of the preceding class as its warning signal

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.

15: LATE START

A yacht 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 yacht completes a 360 degree turn including one tack and one jibe under sail before crossing the starting line.

If a boat has not started within fifteen minutes of her starting signal, she will rank as a Non Starter.

16: RECALLS

Recalls will be signalled in accordance with R.R.S. 29

Recall Signals will be displayed for 4 minutes.

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.

17: TIME LIMIT

Unless otherwise specified, the time limit for each Division will be 2 hours for Sunday races and 1 hour 30 minutes for Twilight races. If the leading boat in a Division has not completed the course within the time limit, then that Division will be abandoned. Yachts finishing more than one hour in Sunday races or half an hour in Twilight races, after the 3rd yacht in her Division finishes, will be scored "Did not Finish (DNF)".

18: PROTESTS

Protests shall be lodged in accordance with RRS 60

Protests shall be written on forms available from the P.R.O. and must be lodged with the P.R.O. or a designated member of the Race Committee within 1 hour of the time of the protesting yacht's finish.

19: ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

The 720-degree turn penalty described in RRS 44.1 and 44.2 will apply for breaking rules of part 2 of RRS.

20: RESULTS

Scratch results will be calculated using the Yachting South Australia Class Basic Handicap (C.B.H.) multiplied by the yachts elapsed time to provide a corrected time. The C.B.H. system is based on the performance of the boat being sailed to its full potential and is not adjusted on a regular basis.

Personal handicap results will be calculated using the Topyacht racing program and will be applicable only to GRYC members. The personal handicap system allows for different skill levels between crews and is adjusted by the computer programme after each race.

21: SCORING AND TROPHIES

Trophies will be awarded for each race at the conclusion of the race

Trophies for aggregate results in each series will be presented at the conclusion of the last race of the series

Trophy allocation:

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

For the first two races of a series trophies will be awarded on scratch (C.B.H.) results.

From race 3 to the end of the series, trophies will be based on personal handicaps plus one award for the first boat under the scratch (C.B.H.) system. A scratch trophy winner will not be eligible for an additional personal award.

Discard System:

7 or more races: 2 drops

5 or 6 races: 1 drop

4 or less races: no drops (eg. Weekend Regattas and Xmas Series)

Series trophies will be awarded to scratch boat places with one trophy to the aggregate personal handicap winner.

A boat must compete in at least 4 races of 3 or more boats to be eligible for a Series Trophy

The first boat in any class having five or more starters in Div. F&T will receive a fastest time trophy.

One award for a Club Champion will be presented at the Annual Mid Year Dinner. The award will be based on the lowest points accrued from the best 15 race results taken from all twilight series (including the Christmas-New Year twilights) sailed since the conclusion of the last award, the last winter series, and the summer series just completed. Results from any race with less than five starters in a division shall be excluded from the calculation.

22: RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

The Race Committee and the Rescue Fleet will monitor 27.94 Mhz and VHF 72 during races. Do not use these frequencies unless assistance is being requested.

23: USE OF MOTOR AFTER RUNNING AGROUND

A yacht which has run aground may motor off until it reaches the point on the course where it first went aground. It must then complete a 360 degree turn under sail including one tack and one gybe.