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The Royal Geelong Yacht Club Inc. (RGYC) as the Organizing Authority invites owners of eligible boats to apply for entry to the RGYC races to be held on the waters of Corio Bay and Port Phillip from 25<sup>th</sup> September 2011 to 24<sup>th</sup> September 2012.

#### 1 RULES

1.1 Races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)* and the Yachting Australia (YA) special regulations part 1.

#### 1.2 Rule Changes

(a) Rule 6 (f) of the Etchells class rules is changed as follows:  
VHF radios are required, and shall be monitored at all times.

(b) Add to rules 50.2 & 50.3: Fixed and retractable spinnaker poles not attached to the foremost mast shall be permitted for the purpose of setting asymmetrical spinnakers.

(c) Rule 52: Shall not apply.

#### 1.3 Y.A. Special Regulations Categories

- Day races for Div. 1 & 2 on inner and outer Corio Bay – Category 5
- Etchells – Category 7 plus VHF Radio
- Twilight races - Category 5
- Evening races including Tuff Marine within Corio Bay - Category 5N
- Night races beyond Corio Bay - Category 4
- Two-Handed races - Category 5
- Winter Series races - Category 5
- Corio Cruising Division – Category 5

#### 1.4 Safety Requirements:-

(a) Suitable personal flotation devices (PFD) shall be worn at night and when conditions make working on deck difficult or when crew capability is reduced.

(b) The wearing of PFD's is mandatory for every crew member of any racing boat not equipped with lifelines.

(c) TSV regulations regarding PFD's apply at all times.

(d) Deck-stowed anchors shall not protrude beyond the gunwale or bow of a racing boat.

(e) It is recommended that boats carry a ladder suitable for the purpose of retrieving a man overboard.

## 1.5 **Man Overboard Safety Procedures**

It is strongly recommended that all boat crews practice, at least once before and once after Christmas, satisfactory MOB procedures – YA Special Regulations Part 1, Section 6 – Training - 6.01:2. and Appendix B

## 1.6 **Boat Owner Obligations**

The owner or person in charge of a boat found to have impeded the operation of commercial shipping shall be responsible for any and all financial obligations resulting from the reported incident.

## 2 **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

2.1 Racing is open to Division 1, Division 2, Corio Cruising Division, Cruising Multihulls (Cats on the Prowl), I.R.C., A.M.S. and Etchells Class boats on the RGYC Boat register.

2.2 Racing may be provided in the above divisions subject to at least five entries being accepted in that division by Wednesday 5pm prior to the commencement of the series. Should there be insufficient entries to form a particular division, boats entering those divisions may be allocated to another division at the discretion of the Yachting and Boating Committee, who also may add or delete divisions.

2.3 Eligible boats shall enter by completing the on line entry form and paying the required fee either via the club web site ([www.rgyc.com.au](http://www.rgyc.com.au)) or at the General Office.

2.4 Boats part-owned or owned by members under Disciplinary Suspension shall not compete.

2.5 (a) To be eligible to be scored series points in a race the boat's entry must be received by the Club no later than 1700 hours two days prior to that race.

(b) **Block Entry Forms** shall be lodged prior to 1700 hours on the Wednesday preceding the first race being entered.

Boats entering only individual races will qualify for individual race prizes, but will not be eligible for series points.

## 2.7 **Late entries will be accepted under the following conditions:**

- (i) Late entries may be accepted up to the first warning signal of that days racing.
- (ii) Late entries will not be eligible for series points.
- (iii) Late entries will be given an Allocated Club Handicap (ACH) as nominated by the Race Officer, which shall not be grounds for protest or request for redress. This changes rule 60.1.
- (iv) Safety Equipment Compliance Declaration with a copy of a current Insurance Policy/Certificate of currency (with racing endorsement) must be lodged with the General Office or Race Officer prior to racing.

- 2.8 A Safety Equipment Compliance Declaration with a copy of a current Insurance Policy/ Certificate of Currency (with racing endorsement) with a cover of at least \$10 million Public Liability shall be lodged at the General Office prior to acceptance of entry. Cover notes will not be accepted.**
- 2.9** When a boat's Insurance Policy expires during a series, a new Insurance policy/Certificate of Currency (with racing endorsement) must be presented to the Club, no later than 14 days from the preceding policy expiry date.
- 2.10** Boats failing to provide the Club with a new Insurance Policy/Certificate of Currency in accordance with clause 2.8 may be scored DNC without a hearing for races after the expiration of the previous insurance policy until a current document is supplied. This changes rules A4 & A5.
- 2.11 Pre-Season Information Sessions**  
(a) Will be conducted at the Club on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2011, commencing at 1930hrs and Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2011 commencing at 0930hrs.  
(b) The owner and the boat's regular skipper, if not the same, plus one other crew member must attend.  
(c) The entry of a boat failing to comply will NOT BE ACCEPTED.  
(d) Additional sessions may be held for boats unable to attend.
- 2.12 Visiting Boats**  
(a) Visiting boats may enter individual races by lodging an entry form, available from the General Office, accompanied by the required fee prior to 1200 hrs on the day of the race.  
(b) The required fee is \$25.00  
(c) All R.G.Y.C. insurance requirements must be provided prior to racing. Refer clause 2.7  
(d) A visiting boat failing to display a current Safety Category Sticker, shall provide a safety declaration prior to racing.  
(e) Visiting boats shall not be eligible for any Club trophy.
- 3 FEES**  
Required fees are listed on the on-line entry.
- 4 SCHEDULE**  
Racing is scheduled as per the RGYC Event Calendar 2011 – 2012.
- 5 MEASUREMENTS**  
Each boat competing in AMS and IRC races shall include a valid rating certificate with their entry form.  
Owners wishing to compete in AMS and IRC shall have measurement completed by 1<sup>st</sup> December 2011. Late entries after this date shall have AMS or IRC certificates valid at the time of entry.

- 6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**  
The Sailing Instructions will be posted on the RGYC web site (www.rgyc.com.au)  
One hard copy per entry will be available from the General Office on acceptance of entry.
- 7 THE COURSES**  
The courses to be sailed will be as designated in the Sailing Instructions.
- 8 RADIO COMMUNICATION**  
Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats.  
This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 9 PRIZES**  
Prizes will be given as per the RGYC Event Calendar 2011- 2012.
- 10 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**  
Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
- 11 INSURANCE**  
Each participating boat shall be insured, per event entered, with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000.00 (Ten Million dollars) or the equivalent, plus Racing Risk Endorsement.

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