



**RGYC 2017 - 2018**  
**Alpha Course Season**

**Notice of Race**

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 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017 to 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

**1 RULES**

**1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Australian Sailing (AS) 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) VHF radios are required on boats entered in Divisions 1,2, 3, and Corio Cruisers, 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.

(d) For Twilight races the following rules are changed: -

(i) Rule 47.1 is changed as follows: A boat shall use only the equipment on board at her preparatory signal however, any spinnakers shall not be used.

(ii) Rule 50.1 is changed as follows: When headsails are being changed, a replacing sail may be fully set and trimmed before the replaced sail is lowered. However, only one mainsail and, except when changing, only one headsail shall be carried set at a time.

In addition to a set-headsail, a Cutter-rigged boat may set a Staysail only when it is carried set for the entire race.

When a Mizzen sail is carried set when the boat starts, it shall be carried set for the entire race.

When a Mizzen sail is not carried set when the boats starts, it shall not be set at any time during the race.

A Staysail shall not be carried set by a sloop.

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## 1.2 A.S. Special Regulations Categories

- (a) Day races for Div. 1, 2, 3 & Corio Cruisers on inner and outer Corio Bay – Category 5 plus VHF Radio
- (b) Etchells – Category 7
- (c) Twilight races - Category 5 plus VHF Radio
- (d) Evening races including Tuff Marine within Corio Bay - Category 5N
- (e) Night races beyond Corio Bay - Category 4
- (f) Two-Handed races Category 5 plus VHF Radio
- (g) Winter Series races Category 5 plus VHF Radio
- (h) Festival of Sails Passage race (members only) Category 5 plus VHF Radio

## 1.4 Safety Requirements

- (a) Suitable personal flotation devices (PFD) shall be worn at night and whenever conditions make working on deck difficult or when crew capability is reduced.
- (b) Marine Safety Victoria regulations regarding PFD's apply at all times.
- (c) Unless in use, no part of any anchor may project forward of the bow at any time whilst racing.
- (d) It is recommended that boats carry a ladder suitable for the purpose of retrieving a person overboard.

## 1.5 Handicap System

- (a) Boats will be allocated a performance handicap by the Club handicapper.
- (b) Yachting Victoria Performance Handicap system (or a local variation) shall be used. Follow this link for a description: [YV Performance Handicap Rules](#)
- (c) Allocated Handicaps shall not be grounds for protest or request for redress by a boat. This changes rule 60.1.
- (d) Boats will be allocated to divisions by the Club Handicapper.  
A list of division entrants may be published on the club web site by 20:00 hrs. on the day prior to the first race.

## 1.6 Man Overboard Safety Procedure.

It is strongly recommended that all boat crews practice, at least once before and once after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018, satisfactory MOB procedures – AS Special Regulations Part 1, Section 6 – Training - 6.01:2. and Appendix B.

**1.7 Boat Owner Obligations.** 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.

**1.8** The Sailing Instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and Supplementary Sailing Instructions.

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## 2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

**2.1** Racing is open to Division 1, Division 2, Division 3, Corio Cruisers, I.R.C., A.M.S., O.R.C.i. Club and Etchells Class boats on the RGYC Vessel Register.

**2.2** Racing may be provided in the above divisions subject to at least five entries being accepted in that division. 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 Race Committee, who also may add or delete divisions.

**2.3** Boats part-owned or owned by members under Disciplinary Suspension shall not enter.

**2.4** Boats failing to provide the Club with a new insurance policy/certificate of currency of insurance in accordance with instruction. 2.5 will 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 63.1, A4 & A5.

**2.5** Eligible boats may enter from Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2017, by completing the entry form, including the required fee, via this link ( [ENTER HERE](#) ) no later than 1700hrs two days prior to competing in a race or series.

### 2.6

(a) Boats must have registered with the [Yachtsafe website](#), and submitted their safety declaration, and have an appointment made with a Safety Auditor, prior to Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

(b) Audits must be completed by an accredited AS auditor prior to Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017.

(c) Boats that do not comply with rules 2.6(a), 2.6(b), and 2.6(c), shall not be grounds for protest by a boat, but may be subject to protest by the Race Committee [DP].

This changes rule 60.1(a).

**2.7** Boats unable to enter via the internet may do so at the general office of the Club by appointment.

**2.8** Competitors shall be a member of Royal Geelong Yacht Club and hold an Australian Sailing silver membership card. Competitors who do not have membership shall obtain a Day Pass membership which is available from RGYC reception. Day pass membership conditions are available on the RGYC website [www.rgyc.com.au](http://www.rgyc.com.au).

**2.9** Late entries will be accepted under the following conditions:

(a) Up to the first warning signal of that days racing.

(b) Late entries will not be eligible for trophies in any special events or the race day's series points.

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## 2.10 PRE-SEASON INFORMATION SESSIONS

- a) Will be conducted in the West Lounge of the RGYC on Sunday 17th September 2017, commencing at 0930hrs and Wednesday 27th of September 2017 commencing at 1930hrs in the West Lounge.
- b) The owner and the boat's regular skipper, if not the same, plus one other crew member must attend.
- c) Additional sessions may be held for boats unable to attend or entering during the season. The entry of a boat failing to comply will be rejected or cancelled.

## 2.11 VISITING BOATS

- a) Visiting boats may enter individual race days by complying with instruction 2.5 before 1700 hrs on the day prior to the race in question.
- b) Visiting boats will be ineligible for any Club trophy.

## 3 FEES

3.1 Required fees are listed on the [on-line entry portal](#).

## 4 SCHEDULE

Racing is scheduled as per the program published on the RGYC web site "Sailing Calendar".

## 5 MEASUREMENT

Boat competing in ORCi, AMS and IRC races shall include a valid rating certificate with their entry form. Owners wishing to compete in ORCi Club, AMS and IRC scored events shall have measurement completed by 1st November 2017.

## 6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Appendix S, and the Supplementary Sailing Instructions, will be posted on the [RGYC Website](#) Prior to the first race.

## 7 THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be described in the Supplementary Sailing Instructions, and will be available at RGYC reception.

## 8 SCORING

**8.1** One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

**8.2** A minimum of three boats are required to start in a class or division for a race to be scored. This changes rules A4 and A5.

**8.3** The last sentence or rule A9 (RACE SCORES IN A SERIES LONGER THAN A REGATTA) is changed to read, "A boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the series as of this race."

## 9 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.

## 10 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000, including racing endorsement, per incident or the equivalent.

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