



## What Happens on Wednesday Twilight Sailing

Sailing on a Wednesday night at the Club is a casual Social Sailing Night, with over 40 boats competing for aggregate points from October to April each year (Daylight Saving Time).

There will be a number of boats with guests on board; skippers can generally take 2 guests each, maximum numbers are 20 guests.

There are 2 Divisions racing on the night, Division 1 and 2.

Whilst many skippers are happy to take out guests, there are some things you should know:

1. Guests are asked to be at the club by 5.15pm, please don't be late (Skippers won't wait for you), they have start times that they must be out on the water by.
2. Space is limited on boats, for safety reasons a Skipper can generally only take 1 to 2 visitors per boat.
3. Sailing is highly dependent on the weather, if it is too windy, it may be deemed unsafe to hold the race and the event will be cancelled. Cancellation of a race is generally called within an hour of the start time.

### The boats

We usually allocate places for visitors on our keelboats similar to that pictured. All efforts are made to ensure that you and your guests are safe and enjoy the sail. Corio Bay is the perfect location to begin your sailing experience.



### Rules on the boat

1. The skipper is in charge (please follow all instructions to ensure everyone's safety)
2. There are no other rules, if in doubt refer to rule no.1
3. When moving about, one hand for you, one for the boat (always be hanging on)

### What to bring

- Sunscreen (even if it isn't sunny-put it on)
- Sunglasses and hat
- Waterproof jacket
- Soft shoes with light coloured soles. Dark coloured soles often leave black marks on the boat
- If it is really windy and cold you may need a change of clothes, there are showers and change rooms available at the club.

- Wednesday is a social night, you are welcome to bring something to drink and some nibbles for the boat. Consider a thank you drink for the Skipper too. Plastic bottles, cans not glass, although bottled wine is acceptable for after the race.
- Bring all of this in a backpack or small soft bag that can be stowed below while sailing.

## **Dos and Don'ts – for your safety and comfort**

- Do - Go to the toilet before you get on the boat
- Do - Dress one level warmer than you think you will need.
- Do - Have a few layers so you can peel off if required
- Do - Turn off your mobile off and put it in your bag
- Don't - leave your mobile phone in your pocket
- Do - Bring minimal hand luggage
- Do - Store your bag within the cabin of the boat
- Do - Be careful not to drop anything overboard (big tip – buy a cheap pair of sunglasses)
- Do - Hang on and keep low when moving about
- Do - Beware of ropes and sheets, that you don't wrap them around your hands or get them caught around your feet
- Do - Keep your hands and fingers clear of blocks and winches
- Do - Keep your head down – watch out for the boom especially when gybing (get your skipper to explain what this means)
- Do - Have fun!!!!

## **Some Suggestions for “post-race hospitality”**

- Stay on for a Twilight dinner in the main clubhouse (you can book a table and pre-order prior to racing).
- Drinks are available at the bar

## **What happens before your Twilight Sail:**

- Contact the Club on 5229 3705 or [info@rgyc.com.au](mailto:info@rgyc.com.au) to find out if there are spots available on the date you would like to sail
- You need to register by filling in a Day Pass Form available to download from the website.
- We need to know if you have any physical disabilities or limitations so that we can allocate you to an appropriate boat.