



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

73RD Sailing Season 2009/2010



1. RULES

All races will be governed by the Yachting Australia (Y.A.) Racing Rules of Sailing for 2009-2012 including amendments made from time to time by Y.A. , by the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Y.A. , by these Sailing Instructions , by the rules of an applicable class measurement or handicap system (except as any made by these Sailing Instructions) and any supplementary Sailing Instructions that will be displayed on the Breezeway notice board prior to each race. All Marine Safety Victoria minimum safety requirements must be adhered to.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to Competitors will be available from the Breezeway Notice board and maybe available from the Club Website.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted not less than one hour prior to the scheduled race start time, except if a change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before the event. Any change will be available from the Club Website.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Club Flagstaff located on the Western side of the Clubhouse

4.2 If the AP flag is displayed ashore , '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

4.3 If AP over Code Flag H is flown with 2 sound signals, racing is postponed until further signals are made ashore.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 The race program will be as per the G.L.Y.C. 2009-2010 Sailing Calendar. This is available at the G.L.Y.C. Clubrooms and the G.L.Y.C. website.

5.2 All times shown in the club Sailing Calendar are **START** times for the first division.

6. DIVISIONAL FLAGS

Div 1:	Monohulls YVY less than or equal to 112.	Numeral Pennant 1
Div 2:	Trailerable, Keelboats, Open Ballasted & Large Multis.	Numeral Pennant 2
Div 3:	Monohulls YVY greater than 112	Numeral Pennant 3
Div 4:	Off the Beach Multihulls	Numeral Pennant 4

When all Divisions are started together Code Flag "T" will be used.

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A Division Flag displayed with Code Flag “N” shall mean abandonment of the race for boats of that division, even if the divisions start together.

7. COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be predominantly triangular style for the Divisional Series races. Passage race courses shall be posted not less than 1 hour prior to the Advertised start time of the race. Tuesday Twilight and Tuesday P.M. races shall be of the pursuit style and be sailed as a “no extras” race.

8. MARKS OF THE COURSE

8.1 Marks shall be rounded (or passed where noted) in the order described and leaving each mark on the required side.

8.2 All Navigational Marks not detailed as race marks are deemed as marks of the course and must be left to their correct side. Navigational Marks may be used in conjunction with or used separately with laid Club marks as outlined on the course board for the particular race. I.E. Compass swinging marks in Eagle Bay.

9. STARTING PROCEDURES

9.1

Races will be started in accordance with Rule 26 : STARTING RACES.

SIGNAL	FLAG & SOUND	MIN. PRIOR TO START SIGNAL
Warning	Class flag; 1 sound	5min.
Preparatory	P,I,Z,Z WITH I, or Black Flag 1 sound	4min.
One Minute	Preparatory flag removed;1 long sound	1min.
Starting	Class flag removed;1 sound	0min.

9.2 The warning signal for a following Division will correspond with the lowering of the Division flag of the preceding Division. The Division flag for the new start will be displayed as soon as possible after the lowering of the Division flag for the previous start.

9.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat at the Starboard end of the of the line and the Port “Pin” end of the line. The Committee Boat may use a Barging buoy attached this in turn becomes part of the Committee Boat.

9.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.

9.5 A boat starting more than 5 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored as Did Not Start.

9.6 Clubhouse starts

The starting line will be an extension of the piles from the new floating marina directly in front of the Loft area of the Clubhouse and bounded by the opposite bank.

A limit mark may be laid near the opposite bank , if so , boats shall not sail between the mark and the bank.

10. THE FINISH

10.1 BOAT FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the finishing boat at the starboard end and the port end finishing mark.

Boats are not permitted to cross the finishing line in either direction except when finishing. Boats breaking this rule will be disqualified without hearing.

10.2 CLUB FINISH

The finishing line will be an extension of the piles from the new floating marina directly in front of the Loft Area of the Clubhouse and bounded by the opposite bank.

A limit mark may be laid near the opposite bank, if so boats shall not sail between the mark and the bank.

11. TIME LIMITS

Time limits will be set out in the following table. Boats not finishing within the time limit shall be scored Did Not Finish.

DIV. SERIES WITH SINGLE RACE:	1 Hour after first boat in Div. Finishes.
DIV. SERIES WITH BACK TO BACK:	30 minutes after first boat in Div. Finishes.
TROPHY RACES :	Sunset.
TUESDAY TWILIGHT SERIES:	2000hrs.
TUESDAY P.M. SERIES :	1500hrs.

12. SAFETY

The safety categories for the G.L.Y.C. 2009-2010 season are as follows:

TRAILERABLE, KEELBOATS ,BALLASTED OPEN BOATS AND LARGE MULTIHULLS.

Long distance races marked CAT 6 on the calendar: Y.A. Special Regs. Pt. 1 cat 6

All other club events marked cat 7 on the calendar: Y.A. Special Regs. Pt. 1 cat 7

NOTE: If boats sailing with no approved lifelines fitted all crew **MUST** wear a PFD 1 or PFD 2 At all times.

In addition if Code Flag "Y" (PFDS must be worn) is flying from the G.L.Y.C. flagstaff or Committee vessel **ALL** crews **MUST** wear the relevant PFD.

Boats shall not lift centreboards, or lift or cant keels while racing, other to free an obstruction. See Club notice board for ruling from Y.V.

OFF THE BEACH MONOHULLS AND MULTIHULLS.

Y.A. Special Regs. Part 2.

13. PENALTIES

13.1 A boat may take a 2 turns penalty when she may of broken a rule of part 2 of the R.R.S. OR if rule 31 has been broken a 1 turn penalty must be taken. If both rules have been broken in the same incident only the part 2 rule may be used as a penalty.

13.2 If the boat caused injury or serious damage or gained a significant advantage in the race by her breach her penalty shall be to retire.

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 Protest forms are available at the G.L.Y.C. office and the breezeway notice board. Protests and redress requests shall be lodged within the protest time limit.

14.2 PROTEST TIME LIMIT

The time limit for lodging a protest or request for redress shall be 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day. Notices will be posted within 60 minutes of the protest time. This allows time for witnesses and other compactors to be notified of the hearing.

15. SCORING

Scoring of the G.L.Y.C. season 2009-2010 will be a modified* version of Y.A. 2009-2012 RRS Appendix A9 using the Low point score system.

*The modification to this system is as follows: that if a boat does not sail in a particular heat , points will be given from the number of entries on the day plus 2 points.

One series will be run throughout the season. Results will be provided as follows:

DIV 1: Monohulls YVY less than or equal to 112. Results on YVY

DIV 2: Trailerables, Keelboats, Open Ballasted & Large Multis: Results on CBH/GLYC

DIV 3: Monohulls YVY greater than 112. Results on YVY

DIV 4: Off the Beach Multihulls. Results on YVY

If there are less than 3 starters in a division, then results of that race will not count towards a series result for that division.

A division fielding more than 3 starters for a minimum of 10 races will be eligible for a trophy.

The number of discards allowed is 25% of the number of races completed by a division.

15.2 DIVISION 2 NON-SPINNAKER ADJUSTMENT TO CBH

Any competitor in Division 2 can nominate on the day of racing the intent to race as a "Non Spinnaker" entrant. This MUST be done by noting "N.S." on the sign-on sheet located at the Eastern end of the Breezeway.

The allowance for a "Non Spinnaker" entrant shall be a 2.3% reduction in the boats CBH.

16. SIGNING ON AND OFF

Prior to going afloat the skipper or representative of the crew shall ensure the boat is signed on to the race, this can be done by using the sign on sheets on the Eastern side of the Clubhouse, adjacent to the Breezeway.

Boats can also sign on at the committee boat prior to the first starts warning signal.

A boat which retires shall inform race management as soon as possible after her retirement.

After coming ashore at the end of the days racing all boats must sign off.

The sign off sheets will be located at the Eastern side of the Clubhouse, adjacent to the Breezeway. The sign off sheets will be removed 60 minutes after the last boat finishes.

17. OFFICIAL G.L.Y.C. BOATS

All Official Club boats shall fly a G.L.Y.C. Burgee.

17. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

A boat shall neither make or receive radio transmissions while racing that are not available to other competitors. This also applies to the use of Mobile telephones.

G.L.Y.C. maintains a radio watch during race days , any boat with radio communications are asked to monitor either VHF CHANNEL 73 or 27mhz CHANNEL 94. And be able to hear these transmissions in the cockpit.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club events entirely at their own risk.

ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO FUNDAMENTAL RULE 4 OF THE R.R.S. DECISION TO RACE.

The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after racing.

19. INSURANCE

All competing boats shall have and maintain for the entire Sailing season a current Insurance policy with a Public Liability of not less than Five Million Dollars AUD (\$5,000,000)

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

If further information is required please contact the G.L.Y.C. via email or Sailing Captain , Stuart Loft on 0488 055 462