



Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club Inc

Winter Series 2018-2019

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority for both the Winter Series is Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club Inc. (GLYC) who invites entries for the 2018-2019 Winter Program to be sailed from June 2019 September 2019 on the Gippsland Lakes.

1. RULES

- 1.1 All races will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 Entry is open to all that comply with the requisite safety category and have completed their Safety Compliance Declaration.
- 2.2 Casual entries may, at the discretion of the Race Officer, be accepted up to 1 hour before the scheduled time of the Warning Signal for the first race of the day.
- 2.3 The GLYC Race Entry Form 2018-19 must be submitted along with the Safety Declaration and confirm the required insurance coverage before the entry will be accepted. Any boat not lodging **ALL** of the required documentation shall be considered not to have entered and be ineligible to appear in race results.
- 2.4 Owners are to complete their entry and safety declaration online.

3. ENTRY FEES

- 3.1 Club Members must be financial to compete in club races.
- 3.2 A Casual Entry fee for non-GLYC members of \$15 per day.

4. RACE FORMAT

- 4.1 Winter Series Races will be started from a boat in Lake Victoria or out the front of the club. Courses will be around laid buoys, as determined on the course board.

5. RACE PROGRAM

- 5.1 The races will be on the first Sunday in June, July, August and September.

6. HANDICAPS and RATINGS

- 6.1. Yardstick handicaps will be issued in accordance with GLYC procedure as published on the GLYC website.
- 6.2. Competitors are to be cognizant of the handicap rules on the GLYC web site and notify the handicapper of any changes to either the boat or crew.

7. DIVISIONS

Boats shall race in divisions based on the following guidelines:

- Div 1- Yardsticks 100 or less
- Div 2- Yardsticks 100.1 to 130
- Div 3- Yardsticks 130.1 and higher

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

GLYC Sailing Instructions are posted on the Noticeboard in the Breezeway and are available on the GLYC website.

Supplementary Sailing Instructions (SSI) will be issued on the day of racing. These will be posted in the club breezeway and will give details of the day's course.

9. RACING AREA

Races will be conducted on Gippsland Lakes; the majority of the racing will be in Lake Victoria.

10. COURSES

Courses will be as described at the briefing on each day of racing.

11. SCORING

- 11.1 Scoring shall be in accordance with a modified version of YA 2017-20 RRS Appendix A Low Scoring System. The modification to this system is as follows: If a boat is scored as DNC for a race she will receive points equal to the number of boats that come to the starting line for that race plus 2.
- 11.2 Three entries are required per Division to constitute a series; and **2** Starters will constitute a race.
- 11.3 Only boats owned by financial GLYC members will be eligible for the Winter Series score.
- 11.4 Boats that have sailed as casual entries that subsequently convert to GLYC membership will not be scored in the series for races sailed prior to admission to membership.

12. TROPHIES

Winter Series trophy – first

13. SAFETY

13.1 The safety categories applicable to these races are as follows:

- 13.1.1 All OTB boats: in accordance with the YA Special Regulations Part 2.
- 13.1.2 All Keel boats and trailables (note FF15"s will count as OTB) :YA Special Regulations Part 1 Category 6 plus a VHF radio either permanently installed or a waterproof handheld radio of 5 Watt power. Plus 2 red and 2 orange handheld flares.
- 13.1.3 All Keel boats and trailables shall have a minimum crew of 2 onboard.
- 13.1.4 **All competitors must wear a PFD (lifejacket) at times while racing in the winter series.**
- 13.1.5 A valid Safety Compliance Declaration (SCD) shall be submitted in respect of each competing boat. The SCD expires on 30 September each year. The SCD certifies that the boat meets the required safety category, that it will be maintained in that condition for the duration of the SCD period, and that any change to the level of compliance will be notified to the Race Committee.
- 13.1.6 Persons in Charge (owners) are requested to keep a register of their regular crews next of kin and forward to the sailing captain with their entry.

13.2 Persons in charge (skippers) are reminded of RRS 4 – Decision to Race. The responsibility for a boats decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.

14. INSURANCE

All competing yachts shall have public liability insurance covering a racing risk extension for an amount of not less than Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000)