



Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club Inc

Summer Series 2019-2020

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority for both the Summer Series and Twilight Series is Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club Inc. (GLYC) who invites entries for the 2019-2020 Race Program to be sailed from October 2019 to May 2020 on the Gippsland Lakes.

1. RULES

- 1.1 All races will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Race Committee: The race committee is the Sailing Committee appointed by the Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club Inc.
- 1.3 All Twilight Races will be classified as 'no Extras' ie. no spinnakers.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 Entry is open to all Monohull Keelboats including Trailable yachts, large multihulls and OTB mono and multi hulls that comply with the requisite safety category and have completed their Safety Compliance Declaration.
- 2.2 Junior Member entries for the Twilight Series may be accepted on the day at the discretion of the Race Officer.
- 2.3 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, or in case of the Twilight Series at 1700 hours on the day of the race.
- 2.4 The GLYC Race Entry Form 2019-20 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.

Owners may 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 race.
- 3.3 There will be no refund of casual entry payments for owners of boats that subsequently [apply to] become members of GLYC.

4. RACE FORMAT

Summer Series Races may be started from either a boat or the GLYC Clubhouse. Twilight Races will be started from the GLYC Clubhouse Tower in a pursuit format, ie. staggered start times adjusted to handicap. Courses will be around laid buoys and/or fixed markers as described in the Supplementary Sailing Instructions issued for each race or sequence of races.

5. RACE PROGRAM

- 5.1 Details of the Summer season schedule are given in 2019-20 Sailing Calendar. The Twilight Series will run on Tuesdays from October 2019 to April 2020.
- 5.2 The Summer Series consists of an 8 session Club Championship Series, an 8 session Divisional Series and 7 separate Trophy Races, which do not constitute a series.
- 5.3 A maximum of 3 races will be held in any race session
- 5.4 All boats will sail the same course for the scheduled heats of the Club Championship.
- 5.5 Provision for Resails is set for within Barnesy' Last Chance Series. There will be no resails for the Twilight Series.

6. HANDICAPS and RATINGS

- 6.1. Performance Handicaps will be allocated by the Race Committee for each race and adjusted as per PHS formula. Existing competitors boats will carry over their PHC from last season. New entrants that do not have a current PHC will be allocated a Provisional PHC of Yardstick plus a 2% penalty.
- 6.2. Yardsticks will be issued in accordance with GLYC procedure as published on the GLYC website.
- 6.3. CBH ratings for trailable boats will be those issued by Yachting Australia and converted to YS by current factor 80.25 for Divisional and Trophy racing.
- 6.4. 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.
- 6.5 For the Twilight Series boats will start at their allocated start time by the clock displayed on the Clubhouse. Start times will be posted near the Sign On/Off desk by 1600 hours on race day.

7. DIVISIONS

Boats shall race in divisions based on the following guidelines:

Division 1: Flying Fifteens and OTB mono-hulls with a Yardstick of 113 or less.

Division 2: Monohull Keelboats and Trailables.

This Division will include Etchells, Dragons and Tumblaren classes, additional classes may be added on application, at the discretion of the GLYC Sailing Committee.

Division 3: OTB Monohulls, with a Yardstick greater than 113 and less than 140.

Division 4: OTB Multihulls

Division 6: OTB Monohulls with a Yardstick of greater than 140

Note: Notwithstanding the above guidelines, boats may be allocated to a division at the absolute discretion of the Race Committee.

If there are more than 3 entries of a class or subset within a Division a subset of results may be published and prizes awarded.

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, although on some days courses may extend into Lake King and beyond. Twilight Races will be held in Lake Victoria and Newlands Arm.

10. COURSES

Courses will be as described in the Supplementary Sailing Instructions.

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 Series Scoring for both Club Championship and Divisional racing will be the aggregate of the all races sailed with a number of drops ie. Club Championship: 6 to 8 races = 5 to count; 5 or less races all races to count.

Divisional as above with 3 drops for 8 to 10 races and 4 drops for 11 or more races.
- 11.3 Three entries are required per Division to constitute a series; and 1 boat will constitute a race.
- 11.4 Only boats owned by financial GLYC members will be eligible for the Summer Series score.
- 11.5 The Club Championship Series will be scored on Performance Handicap for the fleet and Yardstick in divisions.
- 11.6 Divisional Series results shall be calculated on Yardstick and Performance Handicap.
- 11.7 The Australia Day Trophy Race results will be calculated on Yardstick.
- 11.8 The Commodores Trophy Series will be scored on Yardstick by Division.
- 11.9 The Easter Regatta, which will have a separate NoR and SI will be scored on Yardstick by Division.
- 11.10 Performance Handicaps are to be carried over from last season and any new competitor / boat will start with a penalty of +2% on YS/CBH/GLYC handicaps. The PHC for each competing boat will be reviewed by the Sailing Committee prior to the commencement of the sailing season and may be adjusted as deemed appropriate.
- 11.11 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

Divisional Winners of Club Championship series on Yardstick	Gamble Consultants Trophy
Overall Performance Handicap Club Championship Series	Life Buoy and Bell Trophy

Please note: For the divisional series winners on Yardstick will not be eligible for Handicap trophies

Winner DIV 1 on Yardstick	King & Heath Trophy
Winner DIV 1 on Performance Handicap	John Trevorrow Trophy.
Winner DIV 2 on Yardstick	W.G.M Group Trophy
Winner DIV 2 on Performance Handicap	Lessels Trophy
Winner DIV 3 on Yardstick	Sam Turner Trophy
Winner DIV 3 on Performance Handicap	PAC Dinghy Trophy
Winner DIV 4 on Yardstick	Kraken Trophy
Winner DIV 4 on Performance Handicap	Multihull Aggregate Trophy
Winner DIV 6 on Yardstick	Eagle star Trophy
Winner DIV 6 on Performance Handicap	Harbour Park Trophy
'Most improved' sailor	R S Thomson Trophy
Best Performing Female Sailor	Evelyn French Trophy
Best performing Junior Sailor	Junior Apex Trophy

NOTE: the GLYC Sailing Committee will determine the 'Most Improved', Best Performing Female and Junior trophy winners.

Series and Trophy winners will have their inscriptions added to the respective perpetual trophies and will be awarded a memento trophy. Trophies will be presented at the end of the season. Perpetual trophies shall remain in the clubhouse for display in the trophy cabinet.

13. SAFETY

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

- 13.1.1 Division 1: in accordance with the YA Special Regulations Part 2.
- 13.1.2 Division 2: (excluding Etchells, Dragon and Tumlaren): 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 Division 2 – Etchells, Dragon and Tumlaren: YA Special Regulations Part 1 Category 7 plus a waterproof handheld VHF radio located ready for quick access plus 2 red and 2 orange handheld flares.
- 13.1.4 Division 3: in accordance with the YA Special Regulations Part 2.
- 13.1.5 Division 4: in accordance with the YA Special Regulations Part 2 plus masts of OTB catamarans shall be fitted with a sealed plug at the masthead and not have any points of ingress for water in the upper half of the mast
- 13.1.6 Large Multihulls will be in Division 2 and must comply with: YA Special Regulations Part 1 Category 6 plus 2 red and 2 orange handheld flares, and as a minimum a waterproof handheld VHF radio located ready for quick access.
- 13.1.7 Division 6: in accordance with the YA Special Regulations Part 2.
- 13.1.8 Boats in Divisions 2 shall have a minimum crew of 2 onboard.
- 13.1.9 Crews are reminded that Australian sailing regulations require the wearing always of a PFD (lifejacket) if the boat is not equipped with lifelines. **All competitors should wear a PFD (lifejacket) at times of heightened risk.**

13.1.10 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.

13.1.11 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. DUTY ROSTER

Due to the manpower requirements to conduct races a duty roster will be established and competitors advised of the day on which it is their turn to provide a person for this task. Volunteers on duty roster *will be briefed on their tasks and not asked to do anything beyond their capabilities.*

As recompense for serving on the duty roster or when competing at a State, National or International Regatta a boat will be awarded points equal to the average of its three (3) best placings for the series over the course of the full season.

INSURANCE

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