



Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club Inc

Summer Series 2019-2020

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. VALIDITY

These Sailing Instructions (SI) are valid from October 2019 until September 2020 for races conducted by Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club Inc. (GLYC).

Separate Sailing Instructions may be issued for class championships and other special events conducted by GLYC in which case it will be specified in the NOR for the event.

2. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority is Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club Inc.

Race Committee: The race committee is the Sailing Committee appointed by the Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club Inc.

Supplementary Sailing Instructions (SSI) will be issued for each race or session of races. The SSI will contain details of the course, start sequence etc and will be available from the Breezeway at least one hour prior to the first Warning signal time.

A (non mandatory) information session may also be held near to the Breezeway one hour prior to the first warning signal time.

3. RULES

The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of the International Sailing Federation and the Prescriptions and Special Regulations (SR) of Yachting Australia (YA) will govern the races.

Boats shall comply with the requirements of the State Legislation and local authorities, particularly with respect to the Marine Safety Act including observance of speed limits and no-boating zones.

All Fixed Navigation marks are marks of the course and must be passed on the correct side.

Anchors are to be stored below deck, or securely housed behind the vessels stem head when racing.

Use of a motor, assistance from Club boats or any other means to clear a vessel from grounding or entanglement will not incur any penalty unless an advantage is gained RRS42.39(i).

Crews are reminded that Australian sailing regulations require the wearing at all times of a PFD if the boat is not equipped with lifelines. **All competitors should wear a PFD (lifejacket) at times of heightened risk.**

If the Committee Boat has an amber flashing light displayed-this is an instruction that conditions are unsuitable for sailing and all racing is abandoned. All boats must immediately return to shore.

The Race Committee may carry out *Safety Compliance Declaration* (SCD) audit checks at random. Boats not complying with a reasonable request of the Race Committee to carry out a check may be liable to have its entry invalidated from the race or series after protest.

Rescue Availability

Given the disparity of boat types sailing from GLYC, priority for rescue of boats in difficulty will be at the judgement of the race officer and those adjudged most vulnerable will be attended to first.

Competitors are reminded of their obligations under RRS 1.1 'Helping Those in Danger' as far as possible having due care for the safety of their own boat and crew.

Radio Communications

GLYC Race Control monitors the designated race frequency VHF Ch 77.

All Division 2 boats should monitor the designated VHF Radio race frequency whilst racing

The call sign of Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club Clubhouse is '**SG**' and the calling frequency is Channel 77 unless otherwise advised.

A boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions while racing that are not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

Sign-On and Sign-Off:

To enable efficient and safe management of racing, boats shall 'sign on' and 'sign off' for each session of racing.

- 1) Prior to going afloat the person in charge (RRS 46) shall sign on for the race on the sheets located outside the. Division 2 boats that intend to race but are not moored at the Club may sign on by advising the Race Committee by radio on Channel 77.
- 2) For Divisions 1, 3, 4 and 6: After coming ashore at the conclusion of racing the boat shall record on the sign-on sheet that the crew have returned to shore.
- 3) For Division 2: At the conclusion of racing the boat shall sign off either by recording on the sign-on sheet that the crew have returned to shore or by advising the race committee by radio on Channel 77.
- 4) For races finishing at the Clubhouse, sailing through the finish line will signify signing off.
- 5) All vessels must sign on prior to starting and sign off upon reaching shore. Boats that retire and/or do not finish shall inform the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity, either by radio on VHF 77 (or other designated race frequency), by telephone or in person. Boats shall make every effort to inform the Race Committee before the expiration of the time limit for the race.
- 6) Boats that fail to complete the Sign-on and Sign-off procedures may be subject to disqualification, after protest. In this event the protest time limit may be extended.

4. ENTRIES

Entries are open to boats listed in the Notice of Race (NOR) for each series, event or race. Eligible boats shall be entered in accordance with the requirements of the respective NOR. Only financial members can compete.

5. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the 'breezeway' and may also be displayed on the club website. Where possible, series-entered competitors may be advised of such notices by email.

6. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes to the SI will be posted on the official notice board not less than one hour before the scheduled start time of the race affected.

Any change to the schedule of races will be posted not later than 1900 hours on the day before it will take effect.

7. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole on the western side of the clubhouse. Signals will be made in accordance with RRS Race Signals except as follows:

Flag 'AP' with two sound signals means that the race is postponed. When displayed on the mast outside the western side of the clubhouse, a new warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after the postponement signal ashore is lowered.

Flag 'H' when displayed with 'N' or 'AP' shall, in addition to the meaning in RRS Race Signals, means that competitors shall remain ashore until a further signal is made.

8. SCHEDULE OF RACES

The schedule of races for each series or event will be as listed in the respective NOR and Supplementary Sailing Instructions.

All times shown in the club program are warning signal times for the first division. In the case of multiple races, only the warning signal time of the first race is shown. The timing of subsequent heats on the day is at the discretion of the Race Committee. AP will be flown from the Committee boat to indicate that another race is to be run.

The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable after the last boat finishes or retires. To alert boats that another race or sequence of races will begin soon, AP will be removed at one minute before the warning signal for the first division start sequence.

9. RE-SAILS

Provision for races to be re-sailed will be set out in the respective NOR.

10. CLASS FLAGS

Division 1	Naval Flag 1
Division 2	Naval Flag 2
Division 3	Naval Flag 3
Division 4	Naval Flag 4
Division 6	Naval Flag 6

Combined Divisions Flag 'Q'

11. RACING AREA

Racing is conducted on the waters of Gippsland Lakes.

12. RACES DESIGNATED 'NO EXTRAS'

For races designated 'no extras', boats may only set normal working sails tacked in the normal position for working to windward. Boats shall not set additional headsails, spinnakers or the like. Headsails may be poled out.

13. THE COURSE

Courses are generally one of the following types:

a. 'Windward - Leeward - Triangle' are around laid marks and will be started from the Committee Boat. The finish may be at the Committee Boat or at the GLYC Clubhouse as set out in the SSI.

b. Fixed Mark Courses These utilise fixed navigational marks and may include some laid marks, races may be started and finished from the GLYC Clubhouse or the Committee Boat.

c. Twilight Races. These races are a pursuit race and the first start will be at 1700 hours. Races will be started and finished from the clubhouse.

Note: Please check the breezeway on the day of racing for course formats

14. MARKS

a. Laid Marks

Marks will generally be orange inflatable type truncated cones.

The port end Starting mark will be a buoy bearing an orange flag. The Finish mark may be a buoy bearing an orange flag OR a mark of the course as per Supplementary Sailing Instructions posted pre race in the Breezeway.

b. Fixed Navigation Marks

As installed and maintained by Gippsland Ports.

15. THE START

a. Boat and Clubhouse Starts

Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26 with the warning signal for the first division made 3 minutes before the starting signal and with the preparatory signal one minute after the warning signal. This changes RRS26.

Sequential starting of subsequent divisions may follow with the start of the preceding division being the next warning signal.

b. Clubhouse Starts - Pursuit Races

Individual Boat starting times will be available from 1 hour before the first start time on the day of the race.

A timing device will display the current time and boats shall start according to their allocated time, no sound signals shall be made – this alters RRS 26. In the event of failure of the timing device boats shall start according to EDST.

Boats starting up to 2 minutes before their allocated time will have 5 places penalty applied to their finish position. Boats starting more than 2 minutes before their allocated time will be considered OCS and not given a finish position.

16. START LINE

a. Clubhouse Starts

The starting line will be an extension of the line made from of the GLYC Tower and the light pole on the Grassy Point Jetty (Sailability) bounded by the opposite bank.

b. Boat Starts

The start line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat at the starboard end, and the port end starting mark with an orange flag.

A clearance mark may be laid attached to the Committee Boat and is considered as part of the Committee Boat.

A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.1

17. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

When a course is changed in accordance with RRS 33, the next mark will be replaced by a new mark with a contrasting band around the trunk.

18. SHORTENED COURSE

Courses may be shortened in accordance with RRS 32.

On Passage races the course may be shortened at a course or gate mark with Code 'S' attached to one mark. When this applies boats must complete the mark rounding or pass through the gate and proceed from there to cross the Finish Line in the direction shown on the course description, passing all navigation marks on the correct side. This changes RRS 32.

19. FINISH LINE

a. Clubhouse

The Finish line will be an extension of the line made from the GLYC tower through the lightpole on the Grassy Point Jetty and the opposite bank.

b. Committee Boat

The Finish line will be between a staff displaying a Blue flag on the Committee Boat, and a finishing mark.

20. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for Trophy Races will be Sunset and for Divisional and Club championship races 60 minutes after the first boat of each the Divisions finished.

At the expiry of the time limit, the Race Officer may advise on the VHF Channel 77 that boats not already finished have exceeded the time limit.

21. SCORING

The scoring system will be as specified in the NOR for each race or series.

22. HANDICAPS

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 that will improve the boat's performance.

23. PROTESTS

Protest forms are available from the Breezeway at the GLYC Clubhouse.

Protests shall be lodged with the Race Committee within two hours of the finishing time of the last yacht in the last race of the day.

Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt at a time to be advised. Generally protests will be heard asap after the race.

24. OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will fly a Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club burgee.

25. SAIL NUMBERS

Competitors are reminded of RRS 77 for sail numbers to be carried. For GLYC races numbers are not required on spinnakers, this changes Appendix G 1.3 9(d). Boats without sail numbers on the mainsail must advise the Race Committee or will be considered as not competing.

Sail numbers may be changed from the number recorded on the Entry Form by prior agreement of the Race Committee, and by advising the Start Boat crew.

26. DISCLAIMER

All those taking part in races conducted by Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club Inc. do so at their own risk and responsibility. Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club Inc, its staff, officers and volunteers accept no responsibility whatsoever for the seaworthiness of boats whose entries are accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.

Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 4, which states that a boat is solely responsible for deciding whether or not to start or to continue racing. Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club Inc, its staff, officers and volunteers accept no responsibility whatsoever for loss or damage to boats or equipment or personal injury associated with races conducted by the Club.

The person in charge of each boat should ensure that all crewmembers have sufficient capability for the tasks they will be required to undertake.

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