



## Notice of Race

### Ancient Mariner Series 2019/20

The Ancient Mariner Series (AMS) is conducted by the Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club and sailed on Lake Victoria, Lake King and within the McMillan Straits This NOR should be read in conjunction with the annual updated GLYC Summer Series documents and covers both:

- Ancient Mariner – Winter (*Nippy*) Series;
- Ancient Mariner – Summer (Sizzler) Series.
- A challenge Series will be conducted though out the year in conjunction with both winter and summer racing.

#### **Ancient Mariners Periods of Race:**

- Ancient Mariners Winter (*Nippy*) Series Yacht Racing - is a sternchaser held every Tuesday until the commencement of the daylight saving period and then reverting to Thursdays. The series is conducted annually from the 1st July to 31st December.
- Ancient Mariners Summer (Sizzler) Series Yacht Racing – is a sternchaser held every Thursday until the completion of the daylight saving period and then reverting to Tuesdays. The series is conducted from the 1st December to 31st May 2019.

*Note: The GLYC Sailing calendar shows individual race dates located on sailglyc website.*

#### **Rules:**

- All races will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing;
- All Sternchaser races will be classified as 'No Extras' i.e., no spinnakers.

#### **Race Officer:**

- The Race Officer is appointed annually by the GLYC Sailing Captain;

#### **Adverse Weather Conditions:**

- Weather Forecast - The Race Officer of the day is to obtain the latest possible Bureau of Meteorology weather forecast and wind strength report on the day of the race.
- Race Abandonment – There will be an automatic abandon/postponement and notification by email prior to 10am should the BOM weather site show a “*Strong wind warning or greater for the Gippsland Lakes*”
- The Race Officer also has the authority to abandon/postpone a race or event should the forecast weather conditions on the day be not conducive to sailing. This decision is to be based on existing and forecast weather conditions, with due respect to the Race Safety Category under which the event is being conducted. Race abandonment/postponement may be decided prior to the start of a race, or when necessary, be decided during a race.
- The electronic mobile messaging service will only be used for notification after 11am and/or in emergency situations, all other communication will be by email.
- The accepted sailing range is:
  - Temperature is too hot (> 38 degrees) or too cold (< 5 degrees);
  - Fresh winds as shown on the BOM weather site (> 20 knots) or light winds (<3 knots) however if a Strong wind warning or greater for the Gippsland Lakes is posted the AM Racing will automatically be cancelled or postponed;



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- Any other reason that the AM sailors don't want to move out of the comfort of the loft.
- Once a race has started should conditions be considered too strong the Race Officer is to contact the control tower Radio (VHF Channel 77), to indicate all boats should return to shore/dock with all haste possible.

#### Eligibility & Entry

- The AMS is restricted to Division 2 boats or keel boats and entrants are advised that they must comply with:
  - Category 6 – All trailer sailors with the exception of Etchells, Dragons and Tumblaren class;
  - Category 7 – All Etchells, Dragons and Tumblaren class.
- There are no designated support craft attending the Ancient Mariner fleet, however should a yacht get into difficulty the closest yachts are to provide assistance. An appropriate time will be allowed towards final finish times;
- Off the beach boats are not eligible to sail in this race;
- A VHF radio (CH77) must be carried and monitored during the period of the race. Prior to the start of the race is the skipper is to conducted and a radio check with the tower stating the of persons on board;
- Casual entries may, at the discretion of the Race Officer, be accepted up to one (1) hour before the scheduled start time on the day;
- The GLYC Race Entry & Declaration Form for the current sailing season must be submitted along with the Safety Declaration and confirm the required insurance coverage before an entry will be accepted. Any boat not lodging the required documentation shall be considered not to have entered and be ineligible to appear in race results;
- The race will be monitored at the GLYC Club House and sailors can radio the tower Communication Officer to sign on before the start of the race and sign off at the first opportunity on finishing. *(All competitors must be listed on the sign on sheet or will be awarded a DNS)*;
- The sign on sheet will be located in the loft bar;
- A race fee of \$2 is to be paid on signing on.

#### Schedule:

The racing schedule of dates is shown in the GLYC Sailing Calendar available on the website

- Ancient Mariner Winter (*Nippy*) Series commencing on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2019 and concludes 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019;
- Ancient Mariner Summer (*Sizzler*) Series. commencing on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2019 and concludes 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020.



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#### Courses:

- The course to be sailed will be taken from Ancient Mariner Course sheet and determined on the day depending on wind strength and direction. The RO can notify the sailors a set course in the race announcement email;
- Although the Ancient Mariners Course Sheet provides a selection of courses, the sailors on the day can decide to sail an alternate course when the majority of sailors are in agreement;
- A copy of the courses will be available on the day of racing;

#### Shortening of Course

The shortening of a course maybe be carried out at the discretion of the RO of the day by:

- Reducing the length of an existing course under agreement with the sailors prior to the race commencing (*i.e. drop a leg*);
- Notifying by Radio, after boats have commenced the race, and gaining confirmation of their understanding. (*This would normally be carried out by the tower officer under instructions from the RO of the day*).

#### Course Extension

If the first boat reaches the five knot mark heading for the finish line on the final leg before 3pm, tower control can make (*but not necessarily as wind and weather can effect this decision*), the decision to lengthen the course by:

1. sending the fleet back to Bluff Head (thereby *adding two additional legs*) and a starboard turn to the finish line at the Centre 5 Knot Mark (*this is to maintain clearance between boats on the run to the finish line and the late arrivals that still have the additional legs to sail*), or
2. sending the fleet down Newlands Arm to Sunset Cove 5 knot sign (*which will require a turn to port once the stern has fully past the sign at right angles to the shore*), and then a straight run to the finish line at the club.

The notification to extend will be by radio so a normal radio watch is required although by the time the first boat reaches the 5 knot mark it will give you a good indication of what is required.

Please note: when reaching the 5 knot mark off Montague Point the normal starboard turn will have to be taken as a **port rounding** so the call will be given on the approach to the mark to give the skipper time to ready the boat for a port turn, and to know what additional mark he is to include.

#### Prizes

The following will be presented to the:

- A bottle of wine - to the first boat home on each race day;
- A memento - to the best performing boat for each series;
- A memento/bottle of wine – to the best performing boat for each challenge.

*Note: The prizes are Sponsored by Lightfoot Wines or purchased from the race fee.*



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1. Race Times Tuesday or Thursday's outside of GLYC daylight saving period:
  - Start 1300hrs (Briefing: 1200 hrs in loft);
  - Finish 1530hrs.

*Note: Should the Tuesday Ancient Mariner race be postponed due to extreme weather conditions (wind or temperature), the race will be conducted on the following Thursday of the same week.*

2. Race times Thursday's during GLYC daylight saving period
  - Start 1300hrs (Briefing: 1200 hrs in loft);
  - Finish 1530hrs.

Note: Should Thursday's AMS race be postponed due to extreme weather conditions it will be resailed on the following Friday.

#### General Information

The Ancient Mariner Series is run on a similar format to the Tuesday Twilight Series but with some variations as noted below.

- This is a non-spinnaker event;
- Single handed sailing is not permitted;
- The start and finish lines will be the extension of a line projected from a yellow line on the GLYC starters box through to the light pole marked with yellow stripes on the Grassy Point Jetty (Sailability), bounded by the opposite bank;
- A digital clock will display the official time for starts and will be located on the GLYC loft balcony. The time displayed is the official time and sailors may have to set their clocks accordingly;
- Boats are to remain clear of the start line and not restrict other competitors from starting or finishing;
- All fixed navigation marks are marks of the course and to be passed on the correct side;
- With the exception of the five (5) knot marks, all marks are imaginary. Twenty (20) metres distant from the navigation marks shown on the Ancient Mariner Course sheet is to be taken as the turning point.
- In order to create more certainty, all virtual marks require a port turn at the 20 metre point leaving the physical mark to starboard .
- 5 knot marks are to be physically rounded to Port with the exception of the final leg and run to the Club finish line when 5 knot mark (*closest to Montague Point*) it is to be considered as a hitch mark, and rounded to Starboard (*Note: This is the only Starboard rounding on the race course*);
- Should a boat complete the course within the allocated time the remainder of the fleet is to continue racing to cross the finish line to be eligible to be allocated a place. There is an allowance of 1 hour after 1530 for all boats to finish, any boat not finishing within the time period (up to 1630 hours) is to be awarded a DNF;
- Should no boat cross the finish line by 1530hrs the race will conclude on the water and placings noted (*Boats are required to radio the tower with their placings*);



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- Once the race has commenced and the weather declines to outside the accepted sailing range for the series, the RO will abandoned racing for the day.

*Note: No rescue boat will be available for this series and it is the responsibility of every competitor to provide assistance to any boat in difficulty and time taken will be recognised in the race results.*

#### **Insurance**

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