



Sailing Information Sheet

Ancient Mariner Series 21/22

This Sailing Information Sheet is a combination of the NOR & SI and is provided to give guidance to sailors wishing to participate in the Ancient Mariner Social Sailing (AMSS) conducted in sheltered waters, in daylight hours only on the waters of the Gippsland Lakes

AMSS Sailing Windows:

- AMSS – Winter Series (conducted during the months of autumn & winter with a possible 26 sailing days);
- AMSS – Summer Series (conducted during months of Spring & Summer with a possible 23 sailing days);
- A challenge Series may be conducted throughout the year in conjunction with both winter and summer sailing as weather conditions allow.

Note: AMSS Winter & Summer Series are sternchasers held every Thursday unless circumstances prevent access, then it may be postponed until the Friday or else cancelled. The GLYC Sailing calendar shows individual sail dates and is located on the Sailglyc website.

Rules:

- All races will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing;
- All AMSS are sternchaser races and are classified as 'No Extras' i.e., no spinnakers;
- Single handed entrants are not permitted.

Duty Officer:

- The Duty Officer (DO) is appointed annually by the GLYC Committee;

Adverse Weather or Other Adverse Conditions:

- Weather Forecast - The DO 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 DO 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;

- Once a race has started should conditions be considered too strong the DO is to contact the Communications office in the control tower radio (VHF Channel 77), to indicate all boats should return to shore/dock with all haste possible.
- Other adverse conditions (smoke, fog, algal bloom, etc) will be sailed under the controls identified within the Club's Risk Management Plan related to this race series.

Postponement

- Should Thursday's sailing be postponed due to extreme weather conditions or other reasons associated with Club operations it will be resailed on the following day (Friday):
 - When, for any reason Thursday is postponed Friday sailing can have a flexible start time;
 - The DO may choose an earlier start time in the hope of gaining a better chance of getting the fleet on the water under safer sailing conditions;
 - The start times can only be changed to - on the hour, between 10 am and 2 pm. (*e.g. An 11am start would mean sailing between 11.00 and 13.30 hours with the aim of having all boats home and off the water by 1400 hours*);
 - Friday's sailing briefing will be sent out the night before to allow time for anyone who has to travel some distance. Should conditions change overnight an SMS message would be sent indicating the change;
- N.B. Wherever possible when the wind is sailable the start times will always be 1300 hours.

Eligibility to Entry

- The AMSS 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 Tumlaren class;
 - Category 7 – All Etchells, Dragons and Tumlaren class.
 - Off the beach boats are not eligible to sail in this race;
 - Where a large number of one design (5 or more) start an AMSS race they would form a single division within the fleet and will be awarded a separate finish, (i.e. Etchells have this potential). Where there is less than 5 one design boats start they would join with all the other boats;
 - Nothing would change from the way the race is currently conducted with the exception of possible multiple winners;
- Casual entries of GLYC registered yachts from members may, at the discretion of the DO, be accepted up to two (2) hours before the scheduled start time on the day;
- Visitors are welcome but should contact the Club 2 days prior to a race to put the relevant documentation in place;
- The GLYC Race Entry & Safety Declaration Form for the current sailing season must be submitted on-line, confirming 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;
- An entry fee of \$2 is to be paid at the Club after the race.

Safety

- A VHF radio (CH77) must be carried and monitored during the period of the race. Prior to the start of the race each skipper shall conduct a radio check with the tower stating the number of persons on board;
- All sailors must wear approved PFDs at all times while participating;
- There are no designated on-water support craft attending the AMSS fleet, however should a yacht get into difficulty the closest yachts shall provide assistance. An appropriate time will be allowed towards final finish times;
- The race will be monitored at the GLYC Club House and sailors sign on electronically at least one hour before the start of the race and sign off by radio should they withdraw from the race;
- Boats finishing at the Club will be signed off by the Communications officer in the tower. (All competitors must be listed on the sign on sheet or will be awarded a DNS).

Electronic sign on is required and can be accessed on <https://sailglyc.com/sailing-sign-on>

Schedule:

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

- AMSS Summer Series - Commencing on the first Thursday in October and concludes on the last Thursday in March;
- AMSS Winter Series - Commencing on the first Thursday in April and concludes on the last Thursday in September.
- The course to be sailed will be taken from AMSS Course sheet and determined on the day depending on wind strength and direction. The DO can notify the sailors a set course in the race announcement email;
- Although the AMSSs 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 chosen course will be available on the day of racing;

Shortening of Course

The shortening of a course may be carried out at the discretion of the DO 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 Communication Officer under instructions from the DO of the day*).

Course Extension

If conditions are such that the leading boat will arrive at the 5 knot mark before 3pm, competitors will be advised by radio that the course will be lengthened. Boats shall continue past the 5 knot South mark, round the middle 5 knot mark to Port, and proceed to Bluff head, rounding in the normal manner before heading back to the standard finish via the 5 knot South mark. The notification to extend will be by radio so a normal radio watch is required.

Prizes

This race is a non-trophy race, the following will be presented:

- 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.

General Information

The AMSS Social Series is run on a similar format to the Tuesday Twilight Series.

- This is a non-spinnaker event;
- The start and finish lines will be the extension of a line projected from a yellow line on the GLYC starter's box through to the light pole marked with yellow stripes on the Grassy Point Jetty (Sailability), and 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 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 AMSS Course sheet are to be taken as the turning point.
- In order to create more certainty, all virtual marks require a port turn within the 20 metre radius of the navigation marks 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 southern 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*);

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)

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. Issued under the authority of Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club Inc