



Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club Inc

Season 2022-2023

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. VALIDITY

These Sailing Instructions (SI) are valid from October 2022 until September 2023 for races conducted by Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club Inc. (GLYC).

2. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority is Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club Inc.

Supplementary Sailing Instructions (SSI) will be issued for each race or session of races. These will be available online at www.sailglyc.com

An 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 Australia Sailing (AS) will govern the races.

4. SAFETY

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.

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

A support vessel can return a sailor separated from his/her boat without penalty (This changes Rule 41). No assistance to righting a capsized boat is allowed.

Radio Communications

GLYC Race Control monitors the designated race frequency VHF Ch 77. The call sign of Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club Clubhouse is 'SG'

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

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.

Twilights and Ancient Mariners

- SIGN ON
 - a. On the day of the race, prior to going afloat, the person in charge (RRS 46) shall sign on for the race electronically <https://sailglyc.com/sailing-sign-on/>
- SIGN OFF
 - a. For races finishing at the Clubhouse, sailing through the finish line will signify signing off.
 - b. Boats that retire and/or do not finish shall inform the Tower/ Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity. This shall be done by the expiration of the time limit for the race.
- Boats that fail to complete the Sign-on and Sign-off procedures may be subject to disqualification.

Sunday Racing

- SIGN ON
 - a. On the day of the race, prior to going afloat, the person in charge (RRS 46) shall sign on for the race on the sheet provided at the entrance to the breezeway.
 - b. Or by advising the tower by radio on Channel 77.
 - c. Or start boat before the start sequence.

- **SIGN OFF**
 - a. At the conclusion of racing the boat shall sign off for the race on the sheet provided at the entrance to the breezeway.
 - b. or by advising the tower by radio on Channel 77.
 - c. For races finishing at the Clubhouse, sailing through the finish line will signify signing off.
 - d. Boats that retire and/or do not finish shall inform the Tower/ Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity. This shall be done by the expiration of the time limit for the race.
- Boats that fail to complete the Sign-on and Sign-off procedures may be subject to disqualification.

4. ENTRIES

As per NOR

5. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the 'breezeway'. Where possible information may also be displayed on the club website.

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.

8. SCHEDULE OF RACES

The schedule of races or event will be as listed in the Sailing Calendar poster September 2022 on the GLYC website .

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 warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable after the last boat finishes or retires.

9. RE-SAILS

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

10. CLASS FLAGS

Division 1	Naval Numeral 1
Division 2	Naval Numeral 2
Division 3	Naval Numeral 3
Division 4	Naval Numeral 4
Division 6	Naval Numeral 6
Combined Divisions	Flag 'Q'

11. RACING AREA

Racing is conducted on the waters of Gippsland Lakes. Mainly Lake Victoria, Unless signified in the SSI's

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 will be displayed on the GLYC Official Notice Board.

Passage race courses will be available by SSI

14. MARKS

Marks will be orange inflatable type truncated cones or fixed Markers.

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

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 will follow with the start of the preceding division being the next warning signal.

General Recalls will be restarted at the end of the start order

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 from the GLYC Tower and the light pole on the Grassy Point Jetty

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 shall 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 races where the finish is GLYC Tower the course may be shortened at a course or gate mark with Code 'S' attached to the 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 from the GLYC tower through to the light pole on the Grassy Point Jetty

b. Committee Boat

The Finish line will be between a staff displaying a Blue flag on the Committee Boat, and a finishing mark with an orange flag or a designated mark of the course.

20. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for Divisional and Club Championship races is 60 minutes after the first boat of each Division has finished. For all other races the time limit will be Sunset. 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

The handicapping will be as follows.

Twilights and Ancient Mariners – As per the Handicappers rules of each event.

Racing Sundays – As per the Handicaps issued by the Australian Sailing Victorian Trailable division.2020, OTB handicapping and GLYC assigned handicaps.

23. PROTESTS

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

Protests shall be lodged with the Race Committee within 1 hour 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

Sail numbers may only 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 3, 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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