



NOTICE of RACE

Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club Inc

Sailing Season 2023-2024

The Organising Authority is Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club Inc. (GLYC).

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. Rules

- 1.1. All races will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. The Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1 shall apply for keel boats and trailable yachts.
- 1.3. The Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 shall apply for Off the Beach (OTB) boats.
- 1.4. Race Committee: The race committee is the Sailing Committee appointed by the Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club Inc.
- 1.5. All Twilight Races and Ancient Mariners will be classified as '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

2. Sailing Instructions

- 2.1. Sailing Instructions are available on the Noticeboard in the Breezeway and on the GLYC website.
- 2.2. Supplementary Sailing Instructions (SSI) will be issued. These may be posted in the club breezeway and will give details of the day's course on www.sailglyc.com

3. Communication

- 3.1. The Official Notice Board is the Notice Board in the Breezeway.
- 3.2. [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This includes mobile phone usage.

4. Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1. Entry is open to all boats that comply with the requisite safety category and have provided their Safety Compliance Declaration and Checklist. All boats must have insurance cover as described in Section 14.
- 4.2. Divisions are defined in the table below.

Division 1	OTB boats Including Flying Fifteens	Boats with an AS Dinghy Yardstick of 91 to 119
Division 2	Monohull Keelboats, Trailables and large multihulls	
Division 3	OTB boats	Boats with an AS Dinghy Yardstick greater than 119
Division 4	OTB boats	Boats with an AS Catamaran yardstick or a Dinghy yardstick less than 91

Division 6	OTB novices	Yardstick greater than 130
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- 4.3. The entry for the GLYC 2023-24 season will consist of; Race Entry Form, the Division's Safety Declaration and audit compliance. Any boat not lodging **ALL** of the required documentation shall be considered not to have entered and be ineligible to appear in race results
- 4.4. Owners must complete their entry and safety declaration online at <https://sailglyc.com/seasonentry/>.
- 4.5. OTB dinghy and catamaran entries for the Twilight Series and Ancient Mariners may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Officer
- 4.6. 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 Pursuit races 2 hours before first start
- 4.7. Eligibility – Club members must be financial to compete in Club races.

5. Fees

- 5.1. If the boat is entered by a GLYC Member, no fee is payable.
- 5.2. A non-member of GLYC may enter for individual race days, and the fee may be charged as follows:
 - a) \$15 per race day
- 5.3. Fees may be changed by Supplementary Sailing Instructions.

6. Crew Limitations

Boats racing as Division 2 boats shall have a minimum of 2 crew members on board.

7. Schedule of Events

- 7.1. The Schedule of Races will be published as the GLYC Sailing Program and will be available on the GLYC website.
 - 7.1.1. The Twilight Series will run on Tuesdays during periods of daylight saving.
 - 7.1.2. Ancient Mariners will run all year on a Thursday.
 - 7.1.3. The Summer Series consists of a Club Championship series, a Divisional Series and separate Trophy Races which do not constitute a series.
- 7.2. Club Championship series will consist of one or more races per session.
 - 7.2.1. The first race results will contribute to Life Buoy and Bell series. All boats will sail the same course for the scheduled heats.
 - 7.2.2. Subsequent races on the day will be Divisionally raced and contribute to the Bill Gamble trophy.
- 7.3. Divisional series races will be back-to-back for Divisions 1,3 and 4. Div 2 will race a long course described in the Supplementary Sailing Instructions issued for each race or sequence of races.
- 7.4. Trophy races will be sailed according to their deed of gift.

8. Venue

The racing area will be on the waters of the Gippsland Lakes.

9. Courses

The courses to be sailed will be described in the Supplementary Sailing Instructions.

10. Scoring

- 10.1. Three entries are required to constitute a series.
- 10.2. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.3. One boat will constitute a race.
- 10.4. The Low Points Scoring System specified in RRS Appendix A will apply as modified :
 - a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores
 - b) When from 5 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score

- c) When from 10 to 14 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores
 - d) When 15 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her three worst scores.
 - e) If a boat is scored as DNC for a series race, they will receive points equal to the number of boats that come to the starting line for that race plus 2. This changes RRS Appendix A5.3.
- 10.5. Trophy/long distance races shall be scored as defined in the Supplementary Sailing Instructions for the race.
- 10.6. The current Australian Sailing Yardsticks shall be used in calculating the mixed class OTB fleet racing results
- 10.7. Boats without a published Australian Sailing Yardstick will be allocated a yardstick number by the Race Committee

11. Media

By lodging an entry, all competitors, including owners, give absolute right and permission for any photographs and/or video footage of their boat and crew to be published in any media stream for editorial, publicity or advertising purposes.

12. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is her's alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes. The Organising Authority, and the host club, their officers, members, servants and agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in this Event or howsoever arising in connection with this Event.

13. Safety

- 13.1. The safety categories applicable to these races are as follows :-
- 13.2. Division 1: in accordance with the AS Special Regulations Part 2.OTB
- 13.3. Division 2: AS Special Regulations Part 1 Category 7 plus :-
- a permanently installed VHF radio (or a waterproof handheld radio) of at least 5-watt power
 - 2 red and 2 orange handheld flares
- 13.4. Division 3: in accordance with the AS Special Regulations Part 2.OTB.
- 13.5. Division 4: in accordance with the AS Special Regulations Part 2.OTB 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.

14. Insurance

All competing yachts shall have public liability insurance covering a racing risk extension or social racing (Tuesday Twilight and Ancient Mariners) for an amount of not less than Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000). All owners/competitors who complete the entry form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover.

15. Trophies

Club Championship Series

Winners Divisional on Yardstick
Winner Performance Handicap

Gamble Consultants Trophy
Lifebuoy and Bell Trophy

Divisional Series

Winner DIV 1 on Yardstick
Winner DIV 1 on Performance Handicap
Winner DIV 2 on Yardstick

King & Heath Trophy
John Trevorrow Trophy.
W.G.M Group Trophy

Winner DIV 2 on Performance Handicap
Winner DIV 3 on Yardstick
Winner DIV 3 on Performance Handicap
Winner DIV 4 on Yardstick
Winner DIV 4 on Performance Handicap

Lessels Trophy
Sam Turner Trophy
PAC Dinghy Trophy
Kraken Trophy
Multihull Aggregate Trophy

'Most improved' sailor
Best Performing Female Sailor
Best performing Junior Sailor

R S Thomson Trophy
Evelyn French Trophy
Junior Apex Trophy

Winter Series

Tuesday Twilight Series

Twilight Lady Skippers Series

NOTE: The 'Most Improved' and 'Best Performing Female Sailor' will be determined by the GLYC Sailing Committee

The Discover Sailing Principal and coordinator will determine the 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 Prizes may be amended by Supplementary Sailing Instructions.