



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club Inc

Sailing Season 2023-2024

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

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.

2. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 2.1. Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board not less than one hour before the scheduled start time of the race affected.
- 2.2. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted not later than 1900 hours on the day before it will take effect.

3. Communications with Competitors

- 3.1. 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.
- 3.2. An information session may also be held near to the Breezeway one hour prior to the time of the first warning signal.
- 3.3. Radio Communications
 - 3.3.1. GLYC Race Control monitors the designated race frequency VHF Ch 77. The call sign of Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club Clubhouse is 'SG'.
 - 3.3.2. All Division 2 boats will monitor the designated VHF Radio race frequency whilst racing.

4. Signals made Ashore

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole adjacent to the clubhouse. Signals will be made in accordance with RRS Race Signals except as below.
- 4.2. **Flag 'AP'** with two sound signals means that the race is postponed. When displayed, a new warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after the postponement signal ashore is lowered.

5. Schedule of Races

- 5.1. The schedule of races or events will be as listed in the Sailing Calendar posted September 2023 on the GLYC website.
- 5.2. 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.
- 5.3. The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable after the last boat finishes or retires.

6. 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"
Etchells Class	Etchells Class flag

7. Racing Area

- 7.1. Racing is conducted on the waters of the Gippsland Lakes, mainly on Lake Victoria, unless otherwise defined in the SSI's.

8. Courses

- 8.1. Courses will be displayed on the Official Notice Board.
8.2. Passage race courses will be available by SSI.

9. Marks

- 9.1. Marks will be orange or yellow inflatable type truncated cones, or fixed Marks.
9.2. All Fixed Navigation marks are marks of the course and must be passed on the appropriate side.

10. Sign-on and Sign-off

- 10.1. Sunday racing – SIGN ON
10.1.1. On the day of the race, and before going afloat, the person in charge (RRS 46) shall sign on for the race :-
a. On the sheet provided at the entrance to the breezeway.
b. Or by advising the tower by radio on Channel 77
c. Or by advising the start boat before the start sequence
- 10.2. Sunday racing – SIGN OFF
10.2.1. At the conclusion of racing the boat shall sign off :-
a. On the sheet provided at the entrance to the breezeway.
b. Or by advising the tower by radio on Channel 77
10.2.2. For races finishing at the Clubhouse, sailing through the finish line will signify signing off
- 10.3. Twilight races and Ancient Mariners – SIGN ON & SIGN OFF
10.3.1. 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/>.
10.3.2. For races finishing at the Clubhouse, sailing through the finish line will signify signing off.
- 10.4. 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.
- 10.5. Boats that fail to complete the Sign-on and Sign-off procedures may be subject to disqualification.

11. The Start

- 11.1. Boat Starts
11.1.1. 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.
11.1.2. Sequential starting of subsequent divisions will follow with the start of the preceding division being the next warning signal.
11.1.3. General Recalls will be restarted at the end of the start order.
11.1.4. A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4.1
- 11.2. Clubhouse Starts - Pursuit Races.
11.2.1. Individual Boat starting times will be available from 1 hour before the first start time on the day of the race.
11.2.2. Boats shall start according to EDST. This changes RRS 26.
11.2.3. Boats starting up to 2 minutes before their allocated time will have a penalty of 5 places applied to their finish position.
11.2.4. Boats starting more than 2 minutes before their allocated time will be considered OCS and not given a finish position.

12.The Start Line

- 12.1. Boat Starts
 - 12.1.1. 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.
 - 12.1.2. A clearance mark may be laid attached to the Committee Boat and is considered as part of the Committee Boat.
- 12.2. Clubhouse Starts - Pursuit Races.
 - 12.2.1. The starting line will be an extension of the line from the GLYC Tower to the light pole on the Grassy Point Jetty.

13.Change of Course after the Start

- 13.1. 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.

14.Shortening the Course after the Start

- 14.1. Courses may be shortened in accordance with RRS 32.
- 14.2. 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.

15.The Finish

- 15.1. **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.
- 15.2. **Clubhouse Starts - Pursuit Races** - The Finish Line will be an extension of the line from the GLYC Tower to the light pole on the Grassy Point Jetty.

16.Time Limits

- 16.1. The time limit for Divisional and Club Championship races is 60 minutes after the first boat of each Division has finished.
- 16.2. For all other races the time limit will be Sunset.
- 16.3. At the expiry of the time limit, the Race Officer may advise on VHF Channel 77 that boats not already finished have exceeded the time limit.

17.Protests and Requests for Redress

- 17.1. Protest forms are available from the Breezeway cabinet at the GLYC Clubhouse.
- 17.2. 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.

18.Arbitration and Post-race Penalty

- 18.1. Appendix T shall apply.

19.Safety

- 19.1. 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.
- 19.2. Anchors are to be stored below deck, or securely housed behind the vessels stem head when racing.
- 19.3. A support vessel can return a sailor separated from his/her boat without penalty. (This changes RRS 41). No assistance in righting a capsized boat is allowed.

20.Official Boats

- 20.1. Official boats will fly a Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club burgee.

21.Sail Numbers

- 21.1. 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.

22.Safety

- 22.1. 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.
- 22.2. **Attention is drawn to RRS 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.**
- 22.3. The person in charge of each boat should ensure that all crewmembers have sufficient capability for the tasks they will be required to undertake.