



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club Inc.

Sailing Season 2024-2025

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. The notation (DP) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification

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 and Special Regulations Part 2 shall apply for Off the Beach (OTB) boats.
- 1.3 Class Rules apply where boats are racing as a class.
- 1.4 Spinnakers are not allowed for all Twilight and Ancient Mariner races.
- 1.5 In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instruction shall prevail (changes RRS 63.7)

2. Safety

- 2.1 All boats sailing under Cat 7 shall carry an operating VHF radio. The radio shall be fitted with VHF channel 77 in addition to the channels required under the Special Regs. Call sign for GLYC races is "SG"
- 2.2 All Cat 7 boats will monitor channel 77 at all times while racing.
- 2.3 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.

2.4 Anchors to be securely housed behind the vessels stem head while racing.

2.5 Sign on/ Sign off

- On the day of the race, a boat shall sign on electronically on the club website sailglyc.com/sailing-sign-on/. at least 1 hour before the first scheduled start.
- At the conclusion of racing the boat shall sign off electronically by using the GLYC website.
- Boats that retire and/or do not finish shall inform the GLYC Tower at the first reasonable opportunity. This must be done by the expiration of the time limit for the race.
- For races that finish at the Clubhouse, sailing through the Finish line will signify Signing Off.
- Boats that fail to complete the Sign-on and Sign-off procedures may be subject to disqualification.

3. Sailing Instructions

3.1 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the day before it will take effect, except that any change to the GLYC Calendar will be posted the week before it will take effect

3.2 Supplementary Sailing Instructions (SSI) may be issued

4. Communication

4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the breezeway notice board and the GLYC website.

4.2 An information session may be held near the breezeway one hour prior to the first warning signal.

4.3 On the water the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio.

4.4 The GLYC Tower monitors the designated race frequency VHF 77. The call sign for GLYC is 'SG.

5 Code of Conduct

5.1 Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials and volunteers.

5.2 The GLYC Code of Conduct is located on the GLYC website.

6 Signals Made Ashore

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the GLYC flagpole.
- 6.2 When the AP flag is displayed ashore, '1 min' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes in Race Signals AP.'

7 Schedule of Races

- 7.1 The schedule of races is shown in the GLYC calendar.
- 7.2 Any scheduled races that are not sailed as planned will be resailed during Barnseys Last Chance regatta.
- 7.3 Times shown in the GLYC Calendar are approximate for the Warning Signal. Except in the case of a CRS (Casual Race Start) the time shown in the GLYC Calendar is for the opening of the start window.

8 Divisions

8.1

| Division | Division Flag |
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| 1 | Numeral Pennant 1 |
| 2 | Numeral Pennant 2 |
| 3 | Numeral Pennant 3 |
| 4 | Numeral Pennant 4 |
| All Combined | Code Flag Q |

- 8.2 In the event of one design starts the class association flag will be used.

9 Racing Areas

The racing area will be the Gippsland Lakes

10 Courses

- 10.1 Courses for all races including passage races will be shown on the GLYC website and the GLYC breezeway notice board.

- 10.2 Division 2 course races – new for this season, the course will be a single larger course rather than the back to back courses for the other divisions. Half the division 2 course races will be a casual race start (CRS) and feature a 15 minute start window, all boats will get 15 minutes to start, their start times and finish times will be recorded to obtain an elapsed time and starts and finishes will be in the club area. Courses will be shown on the GLYC website.
- 10.3 Tuesday Twilight course will be shown on the club website.
- 10.4 Ancient Mariners courses and start times will be advised via email before 10am on the day of the race.

11 Marks

- 11.1 Marks will be orange or yellow inflatable type truncated cones, or fixed Marks.
- 11.2 All fixed navigation marks are marks of the course and must be passed on the appropriate side.

12 Starts

- 12.1 Committee Boat starts - 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.
- 12.2 Sequential starting of subsequent divisions will follow with the start of the preceding division being the next warning signal.
- 12.3 General recalls will be restarted at the end of the start order.
- 12.4 Division 2 starts at club house for CRS – will provide a 15 minute window from the starting signal for all boats to cross the start line. Prior to the start window opening a message will be broadcast over VHF Channel 77 advising the start window will open shortly. Elapsed times will begin as soon as a boat crosses the start line when the start window is open. Changes RRS 26.
- 12.5 Tuesday Twilight and Ancient Mariners stern chasers start – all starts will be at the club house and start times will be available from 1000 on the day before the first start time on the day and can be confirmed via radio checks.
- 12.6 Boats starting before their allocated time will be considered OCS and may not be given a finish position.

13 Start line

- 13.1 Committee 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. Or in the case of a CRS start the Club house start line (13.3) will apply.

- 13.2 A clearance mark may be laid attached to the Committee boat and is considered part of the Committee boat.
- 13.3 Stern Chasers and Club house Starts – starting line will be an extension of the line from the GLYC Tower to the light pole on the Grassy Point jetty identified by a yellow stripe.

14 Change of Course after the Start

When a course is changed, the next mark will be replaced by a new mark with a contrasting band around the trunk.

15 Shorten Course

- 15.1 On races where the finish is the GLYC tower, the course may be shortened at a course or a 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 passing all navigation marks on the correct side.
- 15.2 Tuesday Twilight and Ancient Mariners – a shortened course will be broadcast over VHF channel 77 and boats shall proceed directly to the GLYC Club finish line.

16 Finish

- 16.1 Committee boat finish – 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.
- 16.2 Club house Finish - The finish line will be an extension of the line from the GLYC Tower to the light pole on the Grassy Point jetty identified by a yellow stripe.

17 Penalties

A boat may take a one turn penalty instead of two for an infringement while racing, this changes RRS 31.

18 Time Limit

- 18.1 The time limit for Course Races is 60 minutes for B2B races and 120 minutes for a single race after the first boat of each Division has finished.
- 18.2 For all other races the time limit will be Sunset.
- 18.3 At the expiry of the time limit, the RO (Race Officer) may advise on VHF Channel 77 that boats not already finished have exceeded the time limit.

19 Hearing Requests

- 19.1 Protest forms are available from the GLYC Breezeway cabinet at the GLYC Clubhouse.
- 19.2 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.
- 19.3 Protests will be heard on the Wednesday following the race.
- 19.4 Appendix T arbitration shall apply.

20 Scoring

- 20.1 Three entries are required to constitute a series.
- 20.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 20.3 One boat will constitute a race.
- 20.4 The GLYC Yardsticks shall form the basis to be used in calculating the mixed class fleet racing results. Refer to GLYC website.
- 20.5 Boats without a GLYC Yardstick will be allocated a yardstick number by the Sailing Committee.
- 20.6 A 'No Spinnaker' Yardstick allowance will apply to boats that nominate 'No Spinnaker' for the Season in their Entry form.
- 20.7 Ancient Mariners and Tuesday Twilight races use a standalone handicap system and race with no spinnakers allowed.

21 Equipment and Measurement Checks

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance against the relevant Australian Sailing Special Regulations audit form. Boats not complying may receive a warning before disqualification.

22 Official Boats

Official boats will fly a Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club burgee.

23 Trash

Trash may be placed aboard official or support vessels.

24 Prizes

Refer to the Notice of Race.

25 Risk Statement

- 25.1 It is the competitor's decision to enter the Event or to start in any race. Competitors shall except that their participation in the Event is at their exclusive risk in every aspect. By way of Entry in the event competitors must indemnify the Organising Authority, their officers, members, staff and agents in respect to all claims and demands of whatever nature which may be made upon them in connection with or howsoever arising from their participation in the Event.
- 25.2 The Organising Authority, their officers, members, staff, and agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in the Event or howsoever arising in connection with the Event.
- 25.3 Competitors attention is drawn to RRS 3 – Decision to Race.

26 Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party insurance with a minimum cover of A\$10 Million.