



FESTIVAL OF SAILS

GEELONG EST. 1844

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LAND ROVER



What is the regatta website?

Please check out <http://festivalofsails.com.au/>

Is there an event app?

The new Festival of Sails can be downloaded from the [Apple Store](#) or [Google Play](#).

Where do I find a competitor list and boat handicap allocations?

For the list of competitors and the allocation of divisions, please click [HERE](#)

When do I get my division flag and skipper pack?

The division flags and skipper packs which include the regatta passes are to be picked up at the Regatta Office on arrival following the passage race. Flags will not be available for the passage race this year. The number of regatta passes will be based on your crew who are entered into the TopYacht crew declaration online.

How do I submit my crew declaration?

We would like to be sure that everyone who is sailing in the Festival of Sails presented by Rex Gorell Land Rover is covered under the Australian Sailing Silver membership insurance policy. If you are a member of a yacht club, you can access your Silver membership number [HERE](#). If you or your crew are not members of a Yacht Club, you can access a FREE regatta pass from Australian Sailing, through the Discover Sailing program [HERE](#). Skippers then need to enter the following details of ALL crew members who will be sailing during the regatta with the following details, and enter them into the TopYacht crew declaration.

- Name
- Email
- Postcode
- Silver membership (YA no.)

To enter your crew declarations, go to the following link, and enter your boats sail number and password:

http://www.topyacht.com.au/db/aus/login_crew_list.php?evid=656&sn

How do I download the free TackTracker feature for my boat?

This year Royal Geelong Yacht Club and the Festival of Sails has partnered with sailing software developer TackTracker. Tacktracker has made available FREE for all competitors in the passage race, the opportunity to download the App on their smartphone, and tell their friends and family to track their progress for the passage race.

Follow the TackTracker link for further information on how to use this feature:

<http://tacktracker.com/web/fos2017/trackersetup>



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How do my friends and family watch the live racing?

Click HERE -> <http://tacktracker.com/web/fos2017>

VHF communications Information Sheet

The following radio channels are being used by regatta organizers. Please check the Sailing Instructions for course area radio channels:

Royal Geelong Base (tower):	VHF Channel 71
Mooring assistance & refueling (marina)	VHF Channel 73
Water taxi (leaves floating dock east of the marina gate)	VHF Channel 78

Will there be a daily skipper briefing?

Local Corio Bay expert and RGYC life member, Tony Bull from Bull Sails will be available for a skippers briefing daily. This will be held at 0930 hrs. at Soos' bar, near the front lawn.

Who is the Media Spokesperson for the event?

Media Coordinator: Lisa Ratcliff : 0418 428 511

If you would like to talk to the media, please contact Lisa Ratcliff directly.

Who are the Racing Officers?

Principal Race Officer: Denis Thompson

Who is on the Festival of Sails Executive Committee?

Peter Alexander	Chairman (Vice Commodore)
Chris Williams	RGYC Commodore
Phil Francis	RGYC Rear Commodore
Greg Sinclair	RGYC Club Captain
Phil Clohesy	RGYC General Manager
Beth Davis	RGYC Major Events Manager
Peter Kirman	RGYC Event Operations Manager
Steve Hassell	RGYC Commercial Partnerships Manager
Mike Williams	RGYC Sailing & Boating Manager

How do I protest a result/ query a scoring?

Contact the Regatta Office located opposite the Official Notice Board. You will be asked to fill out a protest or results query form to be considered by the Race Officials and Jury

I would like to request a change to my racing handicap/ division.

Please contact RGYC in writing prior to the Regatta, and we will ask the Handicapping committee to review your request. Email sailadmin@rgyc.com.au with your request.



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I've lost my boom sticker/battle flag, can I get another one?

Please ask for a replacement at the regatta office located opposite the Official Notice board.

An ambulance is coming, where will it pick up the injured?

Please take an injured person to the first aid room, which is located on the ground floor of the Cadet Shed (see appendix A).

If you have an injured person on board your boat, and need to bring them in, please radio Royal Geelong Base on VHF 71 or VHF 16, or phone the Principal Race officer on 0417 686 640, and call 000. The radio operator will direct you to the area under the crane, via the eastern side of the marina.

For further information on the regatta **On Water Emergency Management Plan**, please contact the Regatta Office, or email sailadmin@rgyc.com.au.

Where can I find an After-hours doctor?

The Myers Street Medical Clinic is open from 8am-10pm, and is located at 148 Myers St, Geelong VIC 3220. ph (03) 5229 5192

Outside of these hours, please contact Barwon University Hospital, located a short distance from RGYC at 284 Ryrie Street, or in an emergency, call 000.

I need to locate the Regatta Office.

The Regatta Office is located opposite the Official Notice board, alongside the main slipway. Enquiries on these matters please call 0437 689 928.

I do not have my bow/boom sticker, can I still race?

Yes, just ask for replacements at the Regatta Office, located opposite the Official Notice Board.

When and where is the Skippers' function and can I bring a guest?

The Skippers' Function, presented by Marina YE, will be held on Sunday 22nd January at 19:30. This function is for skippers only and unfortunately partners and other crew members cannot attend. An invitation link is included in your Skipper information email, and RSVPs must be registered through the TryBooking link provided.



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What are the details for the Weather Bureau?

<http://www.bom.gov.au/>

Victoria	
Full State Service	1900 955 363
Port Phillip and Western Port Service	1900 926 110
VIC Coastal Waters Service	1900 969 930
Central Coast, Cape Otway to Wilsons Promontory Service	1900 969 931
Northern Tasmania Coastal Waters Service	1900 969 932
East Coast, Wilsons Promontory to 60nm east of Gabo Island Service	1900 969 933
West Coast, SA/VIC border to Cape Otway Service	1900 969 934
VIC Coastal Waters Service (including Gippsland Lakes)	1900 969 966
Yacht Forecast for Port Phillip and Western Port	1900 920 557

How can I get copies of photos taken by official photographers?

Please contact the event photographer La Photo at their website

<http://www.photographers.com.au/Lafoto>, or visit their stall in the Festival of Sails regatta village.

Are the Land Rover cars available for test drive?

The Land Rover supplied vehicles are from Rex Gorell Land Rover, who is the major sponsor for the regatta. To inspect the Land Rover fleet, head to the Terrapod stand, located on Eastern Beach Road directly outside the Yacht Club.

Tall ships race

Tenacious, Enterprize and Alexander Stewart will be racing down with the fleet this year. If your family members wish to be part of this, they can contact the different tall ships and book a crew position for a fee. Please contact the ships directly for information on pricing and departure.

[Book a berth on Tenacious](#)

[Book a berth on Enterprize](#)

[Book a berth on Alexander Stewart](#)

Pro-Am Race

The Festival of Sails Celebrity Pro-Am event is a new initiative in 2017, born out of the idea of wanting to link the Festival of Sails, to be held from Saturday 21st – Friday 27th January 2017, and the Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Race, to be held from Friday 27th – Sunday 29th January 2017. Hosting an event in the middle of the week on Wednesday



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25th January that incorporates participants from both events seemed the perfect solution.

The event aims to partner elite level world class sailors with celebrities and corporate partners who would never usually have the opportunity to experience the excitement of sailing, all while raising money for charity.

The Pro-Am will be one sailing race held in the afternoon on the waters of Corio Bay, with the magnificent Geelong waterfront as the backdrop.

To enter, invited yachts will be asked make a \$200 donation.

For yacht entrants: <https://www.trybooking.com/OHZV>

Corporate partners will be invited to participate by contributing a minimum \$400 donation. \$400 will give them access to two spots on a yacht in the celebrity Pro-Am race. Additional spots can be purchased for a donation of \$200 per person.

For Corporate entrants: <https://www.trybooking.com/OIAI>

Where do I catch a cab into town?

There is an event taxi rank during the Festival of Sails – located at the corner of Eastern Beach Road and Yarra Street, just outside the Club.

What hours are the Club café open?

Saturday 21st January – 7am – 4pm
Sunday 22nd January – 7am – 4pm
Monday 23rd January – 7am – 5pm
Tuesday 24th January – 7am – 5pm
Wednesday 25th January – 7am – 5pm
Thursday 26th January – 7am – 5pm
Friday 27th January – 7am – 9pm
Saturday 28th January – 7am – 5pm
Sunday 29th January – 7am – 5pm

The café will be open for breakfast and lunch daily throughout the regatta. Food vendors will be open for dinner and all day in the Regatta Village precinct. The café will be open for dinner on Friday 27th January; bookings are essential and can be directed to cafe staff.

What hours is the Club office open?

The RGYC office is strictly closed until 30 January 2017. All enquiries are to be directed to the Regatta Office located opposite the Official Notice Board



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What are the Club bar hours during the event?

Bars will open at 11am daily and last drinks will be called at 24.30

What's the situation with event passes?

There is no entry for anyone into club premises without a 2017 wristband pass after 6pm each evening. Passes can be purchased from the Regatta Village entry point from 6pm and are \$20 for a full weekend pass or \$10 for a single night entry.

I am rafted in – how do I get out?

The best way is to discuss with skippers around you. The Regatta Office can give you the mobile number of skippers but cannot assist in getting out.

I have lost property where do I report/collect it?

All lost property is kept in the Regatta Office for the duration of the Festival of Sails

Where do the presentations take place?

All presentations will take place on the Regatta Village stage, or in front of the big screen beside the stage. Passage Race presentations will take place on Saturday 21st January from 6pm. Daily race wrap ups will take place on Sunday and Monday evening from 6pm. Major prize giving will take place on Tuesday 24th January from 6pm.

Where's the First Aid Room?

There is a First Aid room located under the Cadet Club house, along the breeze way to the men's wet change rooms and toilets. Ambulances have access to the first aid station if called.

Can I get fuel in the marina?

There is only diesel available, cash only paid to person manning the bowser/ Marina Manager. However please be aware that maneuvering around the marina will be very difficult.

Trailer/yacht storage/launching

The City of Greater Geelong and RGYC will be providing a fenced, temporary storage facility on the site of Limeburners Point boat ramp. (A gravel area of approx. 1000sqm located 2.5km from the yacht club). This deep water public ramp is ideally located for launching, retrieving and trailer storage.

Can I get a bus to Avalon airport?

A taxi to Avalon will cost about \$50 depending on traffic. Bus is approximately \$12 one-way adult.

Avalon Airport Shuttle will meet all arriving and departing flights from Avalon Airport on a 7 day per week basis.



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Phone (03) 52 788 788 fax (03) 5278 6712

- Geelong Bus Port to Avalon will operate on a "pre-booked" basis
- Geelong Bus Port to Avalon approx. - 35 minutes
- Located at 11-15 Douro Street, North Geelong to assist passengers with travel information and to allow payment of fares.

Can I get a bus to Tullamarine airport?

A taxi to Tullamarine will cost about \$160 depending on traffic. The bus is approximately \$25 one-way adult. Bookings necessary.

The Gull Airport Service, 45 McKillop Street, Geelong, Vic 3220

PHONE 5222 4966

Email: enquiries@gull.com.au

Appendix A – site map of Royal Geelong Yacht Club showing key location points and First Aid stations

