



21st – 28th January 2017

NOTICE OF RACE

1. INVITATION AND LOCATION

- 1.1 The Royal Geelong Yacht Club Inc. as the organising authority, invites owners and charterers of eligible boats to apply for entry to this regatta, to be conducted on the waters of Port Phillip and Corio Bay from Saturday 21st January to Saturday 28th January 2017.
- 1.2 The start area for the Melbourne to Geelong Passage Race on Saturday 21st January will be located at the northern part of Port Philip and the course areas for all other racing will be Corio Bay, and nearby waters, Geelong. The course areas details will be in the sailing instructions.
- 1.3 The race office will be located at Royal Geelong Yacht Club, 25 Eastern Beach Road, Geelong, Victoria 3220.

2. RULES

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2017 – 2020 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing (WS), the Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 1 or Part 2 as stated in Notice-of-Race 9.1, and the current class rules of each Class.
- 2.2 Royal Geelong Yacht Club Inc. (RGYC) may amend any detail of this Notice-of-Race. Amendments made prior to 20th January 2017 will be published on the event website, www.festivalofsails.com.au. Entrants should check the site periodically in order to keep up to date of the latest information.
- 2.3 All boats shall comply with the Victorian statutory requirements.
- 2.4 A National Jury constituted as specified in RRS with RRS 70.5 will be appointed. The Jury's decisions will be final, in accordance with RRS 70.5
- 2.5 For protests involving an alleged breach of the rules of Part 2 of the RRS, an arbitration hearing may be held prior to a protest hearing. A boat that accepts fault at an arbitration hearing will be penalised by having her race score increased by 30% of the difference between the boat's finishing score and the score for DSQ in her division or class, rounded to the nearest whole number. All

other boats' scores will remain the same. Once accepted, this decision is not subject to reopening or appeal. This alters RRS 63, 66 and Appendix A.

- 2.6 The following alterations to RRS have been made: -
RRS 51: Subject to clause 2.7 a boat with movable ballast or variable ballast (within the meaning of those terms in the special regulations) may move that ballast for the purpose of changing trim or stability.
RRS 52: is amended to permit powered winches for boats over 14.0m LOA and as detailed in NoR 2.7.
RRS 55 is changed by adding the following sentence to the rule: 'However, discarding cotton or wool when setting a sail is permitted.'
- 2.7 Boats shall request permission from the Race Committee at the time of entry to use movable and/or variable ballast for the purpose of increasing stability. Any such request must be accompanied by full details of the system involved, and any such system will be taken into account in establishing the yacht's handicap. Stored power may be used for the operation of movable ballast systems.
- 2.8 Penalties at the Time of the Incident:
For Windward / Leeward Courses, the Two-Turns penalty (RRS 44.1) is changed to a One-Turn penalty.
- 2.9 Festival of Sails 2017 is designated a 'Wet' regatta for all boats except Off the Beach classes. Boats shall be afloat from one hour before the start time of her first race of the regatta and remain afloat until the finish of her last race in the regatta.
- 2.10 For Sports Boats Series ASBA Rule 49.1 shall not apply to Melges 24 and Magic 25's if racing in full compliance with their respective class rules and it is noted on the boat's SMS certificate that the rating incorporates hiking devices. ASBA Constitution section 4.1.13 shall not apply to Elliott 7's if racing in full compliance with their respective class rules.
- 2.11 Boats may be required to carry an additional media personality on board whilst racing. The media personality will be allocated to each boat by the organising authority. The additional media personality will not be included in the IRC crew number.

3. ENTRY

- 3.1 Entries will be accepted from boats on the register of Clubs or Associations affiliated with Australian Sailing or other entrants who shall be affiliated with their appropriate Yachting Authority.
- 3.2 By lodging an entry, the owner/charterer agrees that he/she will ensure that the entered yacht is covered by suitable public liability insurance of at least AU\$10,000,000 (or foreign currency equivalent), valid for racing, and current for the duration of Festival of Sails 2017.
- 3.4 By lodging an entry the entrant agrees to be bound by the rules and conditions of the event.
- 3.5 Eligible boats shall enter online electronically only, through the event web site (<http://festivalofsails.com.au/>) from 0000hrs Thursday 1st September 2016 until 2400hrs Sunday 8th January 2017. Late entries may be accepted after 8th January until 1700hrs Friday 13th January with an additional fee of \$250.00.

3.6

| Classes and Divisions | No Races | Early Bird | Standard |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Teams Trophy Series | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Grand Prix & Rating Series | 7 | \$490 | \$515 |
| Super 11 Series | 7 | \$490 | \$515 |
| Sydney 38 One Design Series | 8 | \$490 | \$515 |
| Cruising AMS Series | 4 | \$385 | \$404 |
| Cruising Series - (Spinnaker) | 4 | \$385 | \$404 |
| Cruising Series - (Non spinnaker) | 4 | \$385 | \$404 |
| Classic Yacht Series | 4 | \$385 | \$404 |
| Multihull Series | 4 | \$385 | \$404 |
| Sports Boats Series | 9 | \$450 | \$473 |
| S80 Series | 5 | \$435 | \$457 |
| Trailer Yacht | 6 | \$340 | \$357 |
| Off-the-Beach Boats | 6 | \$45 | \$50 |

| ENTRY TYPE | DATE |
|-------------------|--|
| Early Bird | 0000hrs Thursday 1 st September – 2400hrs Wednesday 30 th November 2016 |
| Standard | 0000hrs Thursday 1 st December – 2400hrs Sunday 8 th January |
| Entries Close | 2400hrs Sunday 8 th January 2017 |
| Late Entries | May be accepted with additional fee of \$250.00 up to 1700hrs Friday 13 th January. |

- 3.7 Entry Cancellation and Refunds - If written cancellation of entry is received at the Regatta Office by 0800hrs on Friday 13th January 2017, the whole fee less a \$100 administration charge, will be refunded. Thereafter refunds will be made only in exceptional circumstances. In the event of a race being abandoned or cancelled, entry fees will not be refunded.
- 3.8 Race registration packs containing sponsor decals/pennants, class numerals (if ordered), Racing Guide, Sailing Instructions, Regatta Passes (wristbands) and any initial amendments to the NOR or Sailing Instructions may be available at the close of entries.
- 3.9 **Crew Details**
- 3.9.1 Prior to the start of the Regatta, every boat shall provide Festival of Sails with details of all the crew likely to be racing on the boat, including (but not limited to) their full names, email address and post code. This shall be done online and shall be completed by the close of Entries (2400hrs Sunday 8th January 2017).
- 3.9.2 Entrants are required to take all reasonable steps to ensure that the crew information provided to Festival of Sails is accurate and up-to-date.
- 3.9.3 Changes made during the regatta should be notified to the emergency contact described in 3.9.4
- 3.9.4 Prior to their first race, each entrant is required to supply Festival of Sails with the details of an emergency contact ashore who shall keep an accurate record of the details of all crew sailing on the boat on each day during the regatta.

4 CLASSES AND ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 The event will be handicapped in the following classes or as determined under NoR 4.15

| Class | Handicap |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Teams Trophy Series | EHC |
| Grand Prix and Rating series | IRC & AMS |
| Super 11 Series | AMS |
| Sydney 38 One Design Series | Scratch |
| Cruising AMS Series | AMS & EHC |
| Cruising Series (Spinnaker) | EHC |
| Cruising Series – (Non Spinnaker) | EHC |
| Classic Yacht Series | EHC |
| Sports Boats Series | SMS |
| S 80 Series | Scratch |
| Multihull Series | OMR |
| Trailer Yacht Series | CBH |
| Off-the-Beach Boats Series | Scratch by Class and/or Yardstick |

- 4.2 **Grand Prix Series** shall be invited to enter by the organising authority. Invited boats shall have a valid IRC certificate. Grand Prix Series boats may also enter in the Rating Series.
- 4.3 **Rating Series** entrants shall have a valid IRC or AMS certificate and shall be scored in each Class separately.
- 4.4 **Super 11 Series** entrants shall comply with their Class Rules and shall have a valid Australian Measurement System (AMS) rating.
- 4.5 **Sydney 38 One Design Series** entrants shall comply with their Class Rules.
- 4.6 **Cruising AMS Series** entrants shall have a valid Australian Measurement System (AMS) rating. Cruising AMS Class will also be scored by Event Handicap (EHC).
- 4.7 **Sports Boat Series** entrants shall comply with the Australian Sports Boat Association (ASBA) Rules with an SMS rating of 0.755 or greater.
- 4.8 **S80 Series** entrants shall comply with their Class Rules.
- 4.9 **Cruising Class** entrants shall be fitted out to comfortable cruising standards and will typically not have working sails of custom built modern exotic construction unless the race committee grants dispensation. Boats shall advise the Race Committee at the time of entry of the sails carried aboard and their material construction. The Race Committee will consider written applications for inclusion of boats that may not otherwise meet the spirit and intention of the class, giving details of the boat and the reasons for consideration. Applications based on crew criteria alone will not be considered. The Race Committee's decision shall be final and not be subject to requests for redress.
- 4.10 **Classic Yachts** will be boats designed before 1970 and built from traditional materials. If there are sufficient entries a Modern Classic Division will be formed. Modern Classics will be boats designed after 1970 along classic lines.
- 4.11 **Non-Spinnaker Class** entrants will be the same requirements as for Cruising Class, but boats shall sail with a main and jib only. A jib is defined as a headsail with the entire luff of the sail attached along the headstay. A reaching

strut/whisker pole may be used with one end attached to the mast in accordance with RRS 50.2.

- 4.12 **Trailer Yachts** will comply to the Australian Trailer Yacht and Sports Boat rule and will be handicapped by Class Based Handicaps (CBH).
- 4.13 **Off-the-Beach Boats** will comply with each competing Class rules.
- 4.14 Pro-Am Celebrity Race will be conducted as a charity fundraiser for the Geelong based 'Give Where You Live'.
- 4.15 The organising authority may alter, amalgamate or divide any class and may add classes as required. The organising authority may cancel any class if fewer than seven entries have been received by the closing date. In this event, boats that have entered will have the option of transferring to another class (if eligible) or having their entry fee refunded.
- 4.16 Further information on the type of racing offered in the above classes can be found under - Racing /Competitor Info / "Which Class for me" - on the event website.

5. ADVERTISING

- 5.1 Competitors may be required to display event advertising, in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20, on each side of the forward 25% of the hull and / or display backstay pennant(s) to be supplied by the sponsor.

6. TEAMS EVENT

- 6.1 There will be an EHC Club Teams Event for boats entered in Cruising AMS Series.
- 6.3 Club Teams shall consist of up to three boats on an A.S. affiliated Club's register.
- 6.4 A Club shall enter no more than one team in the Team Event. There shall be no changes to a Club's Teams after 1700 hours on Wednesday 18th January 2017.
- 6.5 The Teams Events will be scored on each Club Team's boats' best four (4) races of the EHC Series. Boats will be scored against boats entered in the teams' series by the following method:-
Each boat starting & finishing and not there after retiring, being penalised or given redress will be scored points as follows;
Points = number of boats with larger corrected times, plus 2
DNS, DNF or RET will be scored 1 point.
All other boats will be scored 0 points.
The team with the highest total score over the series shall be the winner.

7. INDEMNITY

- 7.1 (a) All those taking part in races conducted by the RGYC and associates do so at their own risk and responsibility.
- (b) The RGYC is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.
- (c) RGYC will not certify the suitability of a boat to race.

(d) By lodging an entry, the owner/charterer agrees that;

1.1 It is a fundamental condition of entry that he, she or it releases, holds harmless and indemnifies RGYC and its associates, its office bearers, servants, agents and members and the sponsors of Festival of Sails 2017 from all liability any of those persons has to the owner/charterer or any crew member on the owner/charterer's yacht, or to any person claiming through or under any such person arising from loss or damage how so ever caused, including negligent act or omission, arising out of or relating to:

Participation by the owner/charterer's yacht or any other yacht in a race;

The conduct or course of the race in any respect including, without limitation, any act or omission (whether reasonably foreseeable or not) causing or relating to loss of or damage to any yacht or the death or injury of any person; or

Any of the matters referred to in the paragraphs above;

1.2 Participation by the yacht and by the crew in Festival of Sails 2017 is agreed by Royal Geelong Yacht Club Inc on the basis that participation is entirely at the risk of the owner/charterer and each member of the crew on the owner/charterer's yacht;

1.3 The owner/charterer will provide each crew member or proposed crew member with a copy of these Conditions of Entry.

1.4 Attention is drawn to WS Fundamental Rules 3 and 4.

8 MEDIA RIGHTS & RESTRICTIONS

The conditions of entry include:

A requirement that the owner or charterer of the boat and all crew members:

- a) acknowledge that the Organising Authority owns all media rights to the Royal Geelong Yacht Club and may exercise those rights as it sees fit;
- b) grant the Organising Authority the unconditional, perpetual right and authority to publish and broadcast anywhere in the world, for any purpose and in any media, the names, images and biographical information relating to the crew and photographs, video footage and audio recordings taken of the boat and its crew prior to, during and after the race;
- c) Grant the Organising Authority permission to place media equipment and personnel on board a yacht (prior to, during or after racing), providing this will not enhance or hinder a vessels performance during the regatta.

Crew members of boats may, prior to, during and after the regatta, speak or provide material to any media representatives accredited by the Organising Authority, regarding the regatta and the prospects, performance or strategy of boats entered or participating in the regatta, subject to any comments and material not undermining or interfering with, or having a detrimental impact on, the Organising Authority and its officers and employees, the Race Committee, the National Jury, measurers or current or former sponsors of the Organising Authority. This approval may be revoked by the Organising Authority in respect of a boat or media representative at any time.

By lodging an Entry into the Festival of Sails 2017 all crew members acknowledge and accept the media restrictions referred to in this paragraph on the entry. Any breach of these conditions may, at the discretion of the Organising Authority or the Race Committee, lead to the rejection of an entry, the cancellation of an entry or the disqualification of a boat (refer RRS 76.1).

This does not limit the right of the Organising Authority to take any other action it sees fit to enforce compliance with these conditions.

9. SAFETY

9.1 The Safety Categories will be Australian Sailing Special Regulations as detailed below: -

- Sports Boats – Part 1 Category 7
- All other Keel Boats – Part 1 Category 5
- Multihulls – Part 1 Category 5
- Trailer Yachts – Part 1 Category 7
- Off-the-Beach Classes - YA Special Regulations Part 2

9.2 All crew on boats without lifelines are required to wear a Personal Floatation Device (PFD) at all times whilst racing as required by the relevant Safety Category.

9.3 All boats shall submit a completed AS Special Regulation Audit Form for the Safety Category in which she will compete. Boats without a completed Special Regulations Audit Form will be subject to spot checks at any time during the regatta.

10. PROGRAM CHANGES

10.1 The RGYC may add or delete races or series and alter starting times. Any such changes will be notified in the Sailing Instructions.

11. HANDICAPS

11.1 IRC ratings will be obtained from valid IRC certificates. Except as a result of a rating protest, or to correct a rating office error, no changes to a boat's IRC rating will be permitted after 1700hrs Wednesday 18th January 2017.

11.2 AMS ratings will be obtained from valid AMS certificates. Except as a result of a rating protest, or to correct a rating office error, no changes to a boat's AMS rating will be permitted after 1700hrs Wednesday 18th January 2017.

11.3 Entrants for Series designated EHC (Event Handicap) will be handicapped by the Event Handicap Committee.

11.4 The Event Handicap Committee may adjust performance based handicap values any time during the regatta.

11.5 One Design Classes will race with no handicaps applied.

11.6 Divisional handicap rating bands will be allocated after the close of entries.

11.7 Sports Boats will be handicapped by Sportsboat Measurement System (SMS).

11.8 The decision of the handicap committee will be final and will not be subject to requests for redress.

12. SCORING

- 12.1 Boats with sail numbers not registered with the organising authority may not be recorded as finishers (This changes RRS A5).
- 12.2 The scoring system for all classes will be the Low Point System, RRS Appendix A except if there are five (5) or fewer races sailed for a class or division then all races will count. One completed race will constitute a series.

13. TROPHIES

- 13.1 Trophies and prizes will be awarded to boats placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each series. Other trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 13.2 The Melbourne to Geelong Passage race will have trophies awarded for Line Honours Overall and in both Monohull and Multihull divisions.
- 13.3 Deakin University Helmswoman Trophy – To be awarded to the woman whose boat finishes the Passage Race as best performed boat on handicap within its division, when compared across all divisions. The helmswoman must be at the helm for at least 75% of the race period, including a minimum of one hour commencing from the preparatory signal. She must also be at the helm for at least 15 minutes prior to and including the finish. In the event of eligible boats having the same finishing position in different divisions, the boat that is in the division with the largest number of entries, will be the winner.
- 13.4 Passage Race Youth Team Trophy- To be awarded to the boat which finishes the Passage Race as best performed boat on handicap within its division, when compared across all divisions. The helmsperson must be under 25 years of age as of 23/01/2016. He/she must be at the helm for at least 75% of the race period, including a minimum of one hour commencing from the preparatory signal. He/she must also be at the helm for at least 15 minutes prior to and including the finish. The boat must have 75% of the crew under 25 years of age as of 23/01/2016. In the event of eligible boats having the same finishing position in different divisions, the boat that is in the division with the largest number of entries, will be the winner.
- 13.5 The Deakin Worldly Junior Trophy – Overall Winner of the International Cadet Series as part of the Off The Beach Boat Series.

14. PRIZE GIVING FUNCTIONS

- 14.1 Trophies and prizes will be awarded on the main stage at RGYC as soon as practical after racing on Tuesday 24th January 2017 for all.

15. SECURITY & SITE ACCESS DURING THE EVENT

- 15.1 Access to the RGYC venue throughout the event will be controlled through a ticket entry system with checks by security at entrance and exit points. All competitors will be required to wear and display (wrist band) either a 'Day Pass' or 'Regatta Pass' at all times throughout the event. Included in the entry fee, each competing yacht will be allocated the number of wrist passes for all their crew identified during their entry. Additional and replacement passes can be purchased as below:
 - 'Regatta Passes' (\$20) covering entry to the RGYC venue for the full regatta period can be purchased at the venue.

- 'Day Passes' are available to purchase at point of entry during the regatta for \$10 per day for both general public and regatta participants.

16. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

16.1 It is the intention of the organising authority to have the Sailing Instructions available on the Regatta website from approximately Wednesday 11th January 2017.

17. SCHEDULE OF RACES

| Classes/Divisions | Sat 21 | Sun 22 | Mon 23 | Tues 24 |
|--|---------|-----------------|--------------------------|---------|
| Grand Prix & Rating Series (IRC & AMS) | Passage | 3 x WL | 1 X WL & Medium Distance | 2 x WL |
| Super 11 Series | Passage | Passage | 3 x WL | 1 x SC |
| S80 Series | Passage | 2 x WL | 2 x WL | |
| Sydney 38 Series | 3 X WL | 3 x WL | 2 x WL | |
| Cruising AMS | Passage | 1 x SC & 1 x TW | Med Distance | 1 x SC |
| Cruising Series Spinnaker Series | Passage | 1 x SC & 1 x TW | Med Distance | 1 x SC |
| Cruising Series Non Spinnaker Series | Passage | 1 x SC & 1 x TW | Med Distance | 1 x SC |
| Classic Yacht Series | Passage | 1 x SC & 1 x TW | Med Distance | 1 x SC |
| Sports Boats Series | 2 x WL | 3 x WL | 3 x WL | 2 x WL |
| Multihull Series | Passage | 1 x SC & 1 x TW | Med Distance | 1 x SC |

| Classes/Divisions | Weds 25 | Thurs 26 | Fri 27 | Sat 28 |
|----------------------------------|----------|--------------|-----------|--------|
| Pro-Am Celebrity Fundraiser Race | 1 x Race | | | |
| Trailer Yacht Series | 2 x WL | Med Distance | 3 x WL | |
| Off the Beach Boat series | | 3 x Races | 3 x Races | |

Legend

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| Passage race - Melbourne to Geelong |
| Corio Bay, Geelong |
| Pro-Am Celebrity Fundraiser Race |
| WL -windward / leeward course |
| SC - special course (fixed marks) |
| TW - afternoon / twilight race |

18. Mooring Arrangement & Support Facilities

Moorings for competing boats in the marina at Royal Geelong Yacht Club will be available from 0800hrs Thursday 19th until 1200 hrs Saturday 28th January at no charge. It is a condition of entry that boats must moor in accordance with the directions of the Marina Manager.

Boats wishing to arrive before 19th and/or leave after 28th January should contact the Marina Office on 03 5229 3705 or marina@rgyc.com.au to arrange berthage for the extra days.

Due to Workplace, Health and Safety policies RGYC crane access may be limited from Thursday 19th January until Wednesday 25th January and any crane access

will be directed and managed by the OA. Additional 24 hour public ramp launching facilities are available at Limeburners Point boat ramp and St. Helens boat ramp. Entrants in the Trailer Yacht Series will have included in their entry fee, access to a secure trailer storage facility at the Limeburners Point boat ramp for the duration of the regatta.

The following trades and facilities will be available during the series should they be required: Sailmaker – Rigger - Chandler - Diesel engineer - Shipwright - Slipping facilities - Supermarket, bakery, deli, etc. - Laundromat - ATM - Post Office and public telephones - 24 hour medical service.

19. Accommodation

If you are not staying on a boat, accommodation information is available at <http://www.visitgeelongbellarine.com.au>. There are plenty of options available in and around Geelong, ranging from high end hotels to Bed & Breakfasts, and caravan parks

For Further Details

Contact the Sailing Manager at RGYC: Mike Williams, phone: +61 3 5229 3705 or 0437 689 928

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