



Southern Ocean Multihull Regatta

17th – 20th 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 Tuesday 17th January to Friday 20th January 2017.
- 1.2 The start area for all races will 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 3129.

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 as stated in Notice-of-Race 8.1.
- 2.2 Royal Geelong Yacht Club Inc. (RGYC) may amend any detail of this Notice-of-Race. Amendments made prior to 14th 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 boats 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: 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 Penalties at the Time of the Incident:

For all races the Two-Turns penalty (RRS 44.1) is changed to a One-Turn penalty.

2.8 Southern Ocean Multihull Regatta 2017 is designated a 'Wet' regatta for all boats. 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.

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 Southern Ocean Multihull Regatta 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 (www.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	Early Bird	Standard
Southern Ocean Multihull Regatta & Festival of Sails	\$485	\$504

ENTRY TYPE	DATE
Early Bird	0000hrs Thursday 1 st September – 2400hrs Wednesday 14 th December 2016
Standard	0000hrs Thursday 15 th December – 2400hrs Sunday 8 th January
Entries Close	2400hrs Sunday 8 th January 2017

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 Royal Geelong Yacht Club with details of all the crew likely to be racing on the boat, including their full names 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 ELIGIBILITY

4.1 **Southern Ocean Multihull Regatta** entrants shall have a valid Offshore Multihull Rule rating (OMR).

4.2 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.

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. INDEMNITY

6.1 (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 RRS Fundamental Rules 3 and 4.

7 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;

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.

8. SAFETY

- 8.1 The Safety Categories will be Australian Sailing Special Regulations will be AS Special Regulations Part 1, Category 5.
- 8.2 All crew on boats without lifelines are required to wear a Personal Floatation Device (PFD) at all times whilst racing.
- 8.3 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.

9. PROGRAM CHANGES

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

10. HANDICAPS

- 10.1 OMR ratings will be obtained from Multihull Yacht Club of Queensland. Except as a result of a rating protest, or to correct a rating office error, no changes to a boat's OMR rating will be permitted after 1700hrs Tuesday 13th January 2017. A boat's OMR rating will be used as a multiplier of elapsed time for each race.

11. SCORING

- 11.1 Boats with sail numbers not registered with the organising authority may not be recorded as finishers (This changes RRS A5).
- 11.2 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.
- 11.3 Southern Ocean Multihull Regatta will be scored combined with Festival of Sails (except the Melbourne to Geelong Passage race). Nine races are scheduled.

12. TROPHIES

- 12.1 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.
- 12.2 The Melbourne to Geelong Passage race will have trophies awarded for Line Honours Overall and in both Monohull and Multihull divisions.

13. PRIZE GIVING FUNCTIONS

- 13.1 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 Classes.

14. SECURITY & SITE ACCESS DURING THE EVENT

- 14.1 Access to the RGYC venue throughout the event will to 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.

15. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

16. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Classes/Divisions	Tues 17	Weds 18	Thurs 19	Fri 20
Southern Ocean Multihull Regatta	2 x SC	2 x SC	Reverse Passage race	lay day

Classes/Divisions	Sat 21	Sun 22	Mon 23	Tues 24
Festival of Sails Multihull Series	Passage	1 x SC & 1 x TW	Med Distance	1 x SC

Legend

Passage race - Melbourne to Geelong
Corio Bay, Geelong
Southern Ocean Multihull Regatta (Geelong)
SC - special course (fixed marks) TW - afternoon / twilight race

17. Mooring Arrangement & Support Facilities

Moorings for competing boats in the marina at Royal Geelong Yacht Club will be available from 1000hrs Saturday 14th until 1200 hrs Wednesday 27th 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 14th and/or leave after 27th 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 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 from Saturday 14th January. Entrants with trailable boats 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 tradesmen 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.

18. Accommodation

If you are not staying on a boat, accommodation information is available at 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

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