



## Australia Day Weekend 2017

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

#### 1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016. The Rules will also apply to the Social Sail, particularly regarding safety requirements, where appropriate.

1.2 Trailable boats will comply with AYF Special Regulations Part 1.

1.3 Off the beach boats must comply with AYF Special Regulations Part 2.

#### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the sailing committee white board located on the door of the shed beside the seaward gate next to the Sign On/Off sheets.

It is a prerequisite that all competitors in the regatta conducted by the South Gippsland Yacht Club wear an acceptable personal floatation device (PFD).

#### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to sailing instructions will be posted before 10:00 am on the day it will take effect.

#### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the South Gippsland Yacht Club control tower flagpole.

4.2 When flag AP (shown at the briefing) is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 15 minutes" in the race signal AP.

4.3 When flag Y (shown at the briefing) is displayed ashore, rule 40 applies at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble. Flag Y is deemed to be on display at all times.

#### 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES - Dates and Times of Racing – as detailed in the Notice of Regatta

#### 6 INTENTION TO START (Social Sail and Regatta Race)

All competitors intending to start are required to nominate on the "Sign On" form located adjacent to the sailing committee white notice board. Failure to sign on as specified may render the participant a non-competitor by the race committee.

#### 7 DIVISION FLAGS

It is intended that there will be one race start but the Race Officer will decide if the number and diversity of boats warrants multiple starts.

#### 8 RACE AREA

Races will be conducted on Anderson Inlet.

#### 9 COURSES

The Courses are to be a series of equal loops of shape depending on where the Marks are placed. Courses will be displayed on the course board at the briefing prior to the start of the race. Instructions written on the course board will form part of and may modify these instructions.

#### 10 MARKS

10.1 Marks used in programmed races may consist of:

- Orange inflatable buoy;
- Yellow inflatable buoy;
- Pink mooring buoy;
- Fluorescent orange flag marker buoy;
- Fixed red or green channel and yellow speed restriction buoys.

**10.2** The starting mark will be a buoy described in 10.1 designated by the Race Officer at the briefing prior to the start of the race.

**10.3** The finishing mark will be a buoy described in 10.1 designated by the Race Officer at the briefing prior to the start of the race.

## **11 THE START**

**11.1** Races will be started in accordance with rule 26 with the warning signal given five (5) minutes before the starting signal.

**11.2** For multiple divisions, the Warning Signal for each subsequent division will be the start signal of the previous division.

**11.3** The starting line will be between the flagstaff on the committee vessel and a mark specified by the Race Officer at the briefing prior to the start of the race. A barging buoy may be moored from the committee vessel. All yachts shall leave this buoy on the same hand as the committee vessel when starting. For the purpose of the application of the Racing Rules, the buoy is deemed to form part of the committee vessel it protects, and any yacht touching the buoy, or passing between it and the committee vessel shall be deemed to have touched the committee vessel and shall exonerate herself in accordance with YA rule 31.2.

**11.4** Boats for who the warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

**11.5** A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This instruction changes rule A4.

## **12 THE FINISH**

The finish line will be between a mark described in 10.1 and flagstaff on the committee vessel or tower. A yacht that has finished shall keep clear of the finishing line. A successful finish will be indicated with a gong and/or green light from the tower.

## **13 PENALTY SYSTEM**

**13.1** For monohull classes, rules 44.1 and 44.2 apply.

**13.2** For catamaran classes rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one turn including one tack and one gybe is required.

**13.3** As provided in rule 67, the protest committee may, without hearing, penalize a boat that has broken rule 42.

**13.4** Appendix P will apply (as changed by instruction 13.2)

## **14 TIME LIMITS**

**14.1** The time limit to complete the course will be one hour thirty minutes.

**14.2** If no boat has passed the first mark within 30 minutes after the divisional flag signal the race will be abandoned for that division.

**14.3** Boats failing to finish within thirty minutes of the first boat in each division, or after the time limit expires, whichever is the later, will be scored a Did Not Finish. This changes rule 35 and A4.

## **15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

**15.1** Protest forms are available from the South Gippsland Yacht Club Control Tower. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

**15.2** For each division, the protest time limit is sixty (60) minutes after the last boat of the division of which the protesting boat is a member, has finished the last race of the day. The same protest time applies to all protests by the Race Committee and Protest Committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes rule 61.3 and 62.2.

**15.3** Notices will be posted within thirty (30) minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the South Gippsland Yacht Club Room as soon as practicable after the last race of the day.

**15.4** Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted on the Sailing Committee Notice Board to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

## **16 SCORING**

**16.1** The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.

**16.2** The Classic Wooden Dinghy Regatta consists of a Social Sail on the Thursday and the Regatta Race on the Friday. The results will be calculated on the Friday race.

## **17 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

**17.1** For safety purposes all competitors shall sign off on the "Sign On" nomination form as noted in item 6 within 60 minutes of the last boat finishing Race 2. Boats that fail to do so may be scored a Did Not Finish.

**17.2** A competitor that retires from a race shall notify the Race Result Recorder, located in the South Gippsland Yacht Club Control Tower as soon as possible of their retirement.

## **18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

**18.1** Substitution of competitors will not be allowed unless signed on.

**18.2** In the event that a competitor changes his/her boat, the points scored for the replaced boat will not be transferred to the replacement boat.

## **19 OFFICIAL BOATS**

Official boats will be the SGYC Rescue boat and the rubber inflatable or other boat nominated at the briefing by the Race Officer. The Media and Photography Boat will become an Obstacle of the Course and is to be avoided when stationary and will be able to move within the fleet of racing boats.

## **20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

## **21 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1 million for the regatta.