



## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS - February 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> 2025

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta and Social Sail will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028.
- 1.2. AS Special Regulations Part 2 and class rules will apply.

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. 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.

### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. 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 is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 15 minutes" in the race signal AP.
- 4.3. When flag Y is displayed ashore, rule 40 applies at all times while afloat. Wear personal flotation device.

### 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. Dates and Times of Racing – as detailed in the Notice of Regatta.

### 6. INTENTION TO START

- 6.1. All competitors intending to start a race 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

- 7.1. 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.
- 7.2. Divisional flags will be the numeral pennant corresponding to the division number.

### 8. RACE AREA

- 8.1. Races will be conducted on Anderson Inlet.

### 9. COURSES

- 9.1. The course, number and sequence of laps will be stated at the race briefing and displayed on the course board.

### 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 and finishing mark will be a buoy designated by the Race Officer at the race briefing.

## **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 staff displaying an orange flag 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.

## **12. THE FINISH**

12.1. The finish line will be between a mark specified at the race briefing and flagstaff on the committee vessel or tower.

12.2. 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. RRS 44 apply.

13.2. Following an infringement between boats that are sailing; after getting well clear, a boat shall take a 2-turn penalty in the same direction, including 2 tacks and 2 gybes.

13.3. A boat may take a 1 turn penalty when she infringes by touching a mark.

## **14. TIME LIMITS**

14.1. The time limit to complete the course will be 90 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 30 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 an Invitation Race on the Saturday and the Regatta Race on the Sunday plus a Social Sail on the Monday. The results will be calculated on the Sunday 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**

- 19.1. 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**

- 20.1. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.
- 20.2. The SGYC is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat where the entry is accepted, or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. The SGYC, its members, or those persons assisting the SGYC will not be responsible for damage to boats caused by club rescue boats or by other boats assisting in rescue duties or in any other circumstances or manner whatsoever.

## **21. INSURANCE**

- 21.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$5,000,000 AUD (\$10,000,000 recommended) per incident or the equivalent.

