



Notice of Regatta

Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th February 2026

1. INTRODUCTION

The South Gippsland Yacht Club is pleased to host the 12th annual Wooden Dinghy Regatta, over the weekend of the 14th and 15th of February for classic dinghies of all classes. This year we are celebrating 70 years of the Australian Sailfish.

The Inverloch Classic Wooden Dinghy Regatta is for the display and racing of historic and classic dinghies of a type typically sailed prior to 1985 that used to be once a familiar sight at beaches around Australia, but are now quite rare. These will be principally of wooden construction and traditional rigging with timber or aluminum spars, however boats with a hull incorporating composite materials plus timber deck (eg. NS14) may also be considered at the discretion of the organizing committee. A brief history of the boat (and optional photo) should be provided as part of the entry documentation and organizers will arrange a display of information for public appreciation.

The Regatta includes social activities, a series of 4 races and a relaxed display of classic boats. Sailors entering their classic or historic wooden dinghy in one or more of the scheduled races will be eligible for a range of awards and prizes. There will also be awards for boat presentation, based on a judging or voting system to be advised. Each paid boat entry will receive a commemorative regatta shirt and additional shirts will be available for sale on a first come, first served basis.

Young sailors participating in at least 2 races during the Regatta will receive a cash award courtesy of Bendigo Bank, Inverloch and are eligible for the overall "Best Youth Sailor" Award.

An informal Regatta dinner comprising pre-dinner nibbles, main and dessert will be held on the Saturday evening and participants are encouraged to return their entry form and book early to ensure availability.

2. ELIGIBILITY

The Regatta is open to members of yacht clubs affiliated with Australian Sailing who will sail a dinghy that complies with these rules.

3. ENTRY FEES

The entry fee for sailors entering boats is as follows:

- Adults \$80
- Juniors (under 16) \$50
- Entry fee is per boat and includes one commemorative Regatta shirt.
- Additional shirts \$40.

Please advise your shirt size on the entry form so we may endeavour to supply the right size, however as shirts are pre-ordered, we cannot guarantee.

Preferred entry method is by email to Simon Wilson at: simon.wilson@bigpond.com, cc. dnwarren@bigpond.com, together with a scan or copy of the Registration Forms. Alternatively, entries may be mailed to SGYC Yacht Club, P. O. Box 2, Inverloch 3996, however please also send an email as confirmation detailing the items for which the payment is being made.

Entry fees and dinner bookings are to be paid as follows:

Direct Transfer:	Bank	Bendigo Bank
	BSB	633 000
	A/C Name	South Gippsland Yacht Club
	A/C No.	105612162

Credit card/EFTPOS facilities will be available at the club over the weekend.

4. DINNER BOOKING & LUNCHES

The Regatta Dinner at the Yacht Club will be held on the Saturday night and will require booking. The cost for this will be \$43 per head for adults and \$25 per head for juniors, excluding drinks, available from the bar. **Please note: previous years dinners were a sellout, so booking this along with your entry is strongly advised and will greatly assist in the running of the event.**

Light lunches will be available on both the Saturday and Sunday and these can be booked and paid for at registration. SGYC will do it's best to accommodate dietary requirements.

5. EVENT SCHEDULE

		<u>Approx Timing</u>
Saturday 14 th February	Sign-In and boat set up	09:30 to 11:30
	Public boat display on water / beach	11:30 to 16:30
	Lunch	12:00 to 12:45
	Sail Past	13:15
	Race 1	13:30
	Race 2	15:15
	Regatta Dinner at SGYC	18:00 for 18:30 dinner
Sunday 15 th February	Public boat display on water / beach	09:30 to 15:00
	Race 3	11:00 to 12:30
	Lunch	12:30 to 13:30
	Race 4	13:30 to 15:00
	Presentations	15:00 to 16:00
	Pack up	16:00 on

The above program is provisional, and final schedule is subject to weather/inlet conditions and the regatta committee.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions are available at the SGYC Clubhouse and on the SGYC website:
www.sgycinverloch.com.au

7. REGATTA SITE

All sailing will be held on the waters of Anderson Inlet, Inverloch. Boats will be displayed on the beach in front of the clubhouse and/or within the club compound, if required by tide or weather.

8. COURSES

The courses to be sailed will comprise a number of loops and marks will be set depending on available water, current, wind direction and weather. The Race Officer will make the final decision on the day.

9. DIVISIONS

The number of starts will be determined by the Race Officer.



10. HANDICAPS

Yardsticks developed using Australian Sailing, South Gippsland Yacht Club and historical data and appropriate for a range of classic dinghies will be used. Yardsticks may be adjusted within each boat class based on the age and build materials of an individual boat.

11. RACE SCORING

There will be race awards for place getters across each of the 4 races with the best 3 results counting towards the "Dennis Ginn Cup" series final score. The Low point scoring system will apply.

12. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmission while racing nor receive radio communication not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.

13. PRIZES

Prizes and/or trophies will be presented to the place getters in the following races and categories. To be eligible, boats must enter at least one race and cross the start line:

Sailing:

- **Race 1 through 4 (each):** First place.
- **Dennis Ginn Cup Series (best of 3 races):** First, Second & Third placings.
- **Jack Carroll Memorial Trophy for Sailfish:** Best of 3 races in series, First place.
- **Youth Sailor Trophy:** Best result in series for a junior sailor in the regatta.
- **Adhoc Awards:** A bit of fun as judged by the Regatta committee!

Regatta Dinner:

- **Door Prize Saturday Regatta Dinner:** Raffle

Classic Wooden Dinghy Category Awards, onshore:

- **Overall 'Best In Show' Boat** - Inverloch & District Lions Club Perpetual Trophy. Judging panel
- **Best Presented Australian Sailfish** - Perpetual Trophy. Judging panel
- **People's Choice** – Award based on participants' favourite

The presentation of Awards will be awarded at the SGYC Club house on Sunday 15th afternoon after the last race.

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. Attention is drawn to page 3 of the Registration Form, Waiver. The South Gippsland Yacht Club Inc., its Officers, members and volunteers accept no liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after the Regatta.

15. INSURANCE

SGYC has Public Liability Insurance cover for the event within the compound. Membership also offers cover via Australia Sailing's personal injury insurance. Damage to you boat or third-party property however is the sole responsibility of the entrant. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$5,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

16. ACCOMODATION

Inverloch offers a range of accommodation options, including short stays, motels and caravan park/cabins. Please check your preferred option on line, eg. <https://inverlochshortstays.com.au/>

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

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