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Geographe Bay Yacht Club



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1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY (OA)

The Organising Authority (OA) is Geographe Bay Yacht Club (GBYC) 1 King Street, Busselton.

2 RULES

2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Australian Sailing Special Regulations, the rules of the respective classes (except as any of these are altered by the Sailing Instructions), and by the Sailing Instructions.

2.2 The IRC Rules, parts A, B and C will apply where appropriate.

2.3 Sports Boats, shall comply with the constitution and rules of the Australian Sports Boats Association and Category 6.

2.4 Boats with permanently installed moveable or variable ballast may utilise such systems for the purpose of increasing stability and may use stored power for these purposes. Boats with permanently installed electric/hydraulic winches may use stored power. This changes RRS 51 and 52.

2.5 Sponsors logos supplied by the OA shall be applied to a cleaned starboard bow commencing approximately 300mm from the bow and 100mm below the gunnel.

2.6 All helmspersons (or their representatives) are asked to attend both the Compulsory Competitor & Safety Meeting on Saturday 6th February 2021 at 1700 in the GBYC Sail Training Centre. All skippers and crews are invited to the welcome function at GBYC at 1800 in the main Clubhouse.

2.7 Appendix T – Arbitration shall apply.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices will be posted on the Official Noticeboard situated on the outside of the GBYC clubhouse in the south west corner and may be electronically sent to your email and/or mobile phone. Failure of competitors to receive electronic versions of notices shall not be grounds for seeking redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Noticeboard and may be sent electronically to your email and/or mobile phone no later than 2 hours prior to the start time of the first race it will affect, except that any changes to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect. Failure of competitors to receive electronic versions of notices shall not be grounds for seeking redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole on the tower at Geographe Bay Yacht Club.

5.2 A signal displayed over a division flag means it applies to that division only.

5.3 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced by 'not less than 55 minutes' in the rule Race Signal AP, this changes Race Signals.

6 SCHEDULE AND DATES OF RACES

6.1 Attachment A – *Schedule of Races and Events*; details, dates, divisions, race types and the time of warning signals.

6.2 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal shall be made after 1200.

7 CLASS FLAGS

For the purpose of these Sailing Instructions including RRS 26, 'division' is used in place of 'class'. The flags for each division will be issued at Registration.

Division 1 – Racing Light Blue Pennant

Division 2 – Racing Green Pennant

Division 3 – Premier Cruising Royal Blue Pennant

Division 4 – Jib and Main Gold Pennant



8 RACING AREAS

8.1 The racing area is in front of the GBYC Clubhouse.

8.2 **Out of Bounds** The area to the southeast of mark OB at 33.38.625 and 115.19.68 is out of bounds. A sand bar runs from OB to the shore where the jetty leaves the shore.

9 THE COURSES

9.1 Attachment B – *Race Courses* lists the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, the side on which each mark is to be left and the approximate length of each race.

9.2 In addition to flag signals and prior to the starting signal, for the convenience of competitors the start boat may broadcast the course number to be sailed. Failure to make or receive the said broadcast shall not be grounds for boats to seek redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

9.3 The race course will be indicated by the numeral pennant displayed by the Signal Boat.

10 MARKS

Race marks will generally be inflatable buoys. Descriptions including name, type and GPS co-ordinates are listed in Attachment C – *Race Marks*.

11 THE START

11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.

11.2 The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal Boat at the starboard end and yellow inflatable buoy at the port end.

11.3 To alert boats that a race will start soon, the orange starting line flag on the Signal Boat will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

11.4 Boats shall sign on for each race. To sign on, boats shall log on to GBYC using VHF radio channel 77, up to one hour prior to their start time.

11.5 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other divisions.

11.6 The starting line for races will remain open for any boat for 5 minutes after the starting signal for the last fleet of that start sequence. Boats starting later than that time will be scored 'Did Not Start' without a hearing. This changes RRS A3.

11.7 Boats will be started generally in the sequence listed in Attachment A - *Schedule of Races*.

11.8 Individual recalls – In addition to the normal signals as per RRS 29.1 the boat names and/or sail numbers of recalled boats **may** be broadcast by the Signal Boat after the recall signal. Failure of the race committee to broadcast or boats to receive the recall broadcast shall not be grounds for the boats to seek redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a)

11.9 General recall – when a general recall is signalled, the signal shall be displayed for one minute only. The warning signal for the first recalled division will be made with the starting signal of the last division in the original sequence followed by any succeeding recalled divisions. This changes RRS 29.2 and rule race signals.

12 THE FINISH

12.1 The finish will be between the green stick mark (as per Appendix C) and the Geographe Bay Yacht Club tower flag mast. There will be a red stick mark at the Yacht Club end as an extremity mark and to be left to port. A signal boat may be on station displaying a blue flag and replacing the red stick mark.

12.2 No boat shall pass through the finishing line at any time after the starting signal for their class other than to finish the race. Breach of this instruction will cause disqualification without a hearing. This changes rule 63.1.

13 TIME LIMITS

A boat finishing after 1700 on any racing day will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35 & A3, 4 & 5.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 Protest forms are available from the Regatta Office at GBYC. Protests shall be delivered to the Regatta Office at GBYC, or emailed to:

GBYC

Email: gbycbsn@westnet.com.au

Contact: Terry Compton

Phone: 9752 2522

Competitors 'need to confirm receipt of Protest by calling GBYC.

14.2 Protest time limit – for each division, the protest time limit is one and a half hours (1 ½ hrs) after the last boat in that division has finished the last race of the day.

14.3 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered to the Regatta Office at GBYC;

a) Within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day,

or

b) No later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.

14.4 Protest hearings – details of the time and place of the hearings will be posted on the Official Regatta Noticeboard at GBYC within 30 minutes of the protest time limit. Such notice will be deemed to be notice to the parties in accordance with RRS 63.2.

15 SCORING

15.1 The low point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.

15.2 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.3 All Divisions: If four or more races are completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. If less than 4 races are completed a boats series score will be the total of all her race scores. This changes RRS A2.

15.4 Handicaps:

Division's 1-4 Time Correction Factor (TCF) performance handicaps.

TCF handicaps for Divisions 1,2,3,4 will be set by the Race Committee and re-assessed after each race.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

16.1 A boat which retires shall advise the Race Committee/Regatta Control, preferably by radio using the frequency nominated, as soon as possible. A boat shall also advise the reason for its retirement and its intentions, and shall maintain routine communication until safely in to port. A boat which fails to advise its retirement may in its next race, or failing there being a next race, the previous race to which she retired, be scored three points more than her actual finishing position without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

16.2 Races for all divisions are classified Category 6.

16.3 PFD's should be maintained in a very accessible location, and crews should review the wearing of their own.

16.4 Hazards: Keep clear of the Busselton Jetty where divers, swimmers and fishers etc are active (A dive boat may also be in the vicinity).

17 REPLACEMENT CREW

17.1 Crew members may be substituted prior to any race. The primary helmsperson may be substituted without prior approval in writing by the Race Committee.

17.2 Before its first race each boat shall lodge a crew list with the Regatta Office at GBYC or by completing the [online crew list here](#). Any subsequent changes shall be lodged before the first race in which it will take effect.

18 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected for compliance with the Special Regulations (including Cat 6) and Rating Rules when required by the race committee at any time, except whilst racing. A boat shall comply with all reasonable requests from the race committee to facilitate inspection.

19 OFFICIAL BOATS

Identification flags (if any) for Official Boats will be advised at the competitors meeting.

20 RADIO COMMUNICATION

20.1 Radio communication for Geographe Bay Race Week shall be conducted on **VHF CH 77**. While racing (including before and after racing) all boats shall maintain a continuous listening watch.

20.2 Signing on for a race will be to the GBYC log on using VHF channel 77, up to one hour prior to their start time.

20.3 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing, nor receive radio communication not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.

21 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded too 1st, 2nd and 3rd in all divisions.

22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors shall accept that participation at the regatta is entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organising Authority, its officers, members, servants and other agents accept no liability in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of a competitor's participation or intended participation in the regatta or howsoever arising in connection with the event.

23 INSURANCE

All boats shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000 per event or equivalent. Boats shall be insured with comprehensive cover for racing. Documentary evidence is required to be provided at or before registration.