



**CLUB
MARINE**

**GEOGRAPHE BAY
RACEWEEK**

FEBRUARY 18TH - 23RD 2018

2018



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1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY (OA)

The Organising Authority will be Geographe Bay Yacht Club (Inc) (GBYC) 1 King St, Busselton WA.

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 For boats entered in the Sports Boat Class, the constitution and rules of the Australian Sports Boats Association will apply.
- 2.4 Boats with permanently installed movable or variable ballast may utilize 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 Rules 51 and 52.
- 2.5 RRS 55 will be changed in the Sailing Instructions by adding the following sentence to the rule: "However, discarding elastic or wool bands when setting a sail will not be considered a breach of rule 55".

3 ADVERTISING

- 3.1 Advertising shall be in accordance with World Sailing Advertising Code, Regulation 20.
- 3.2 Boats shall nominate when they register, their intention to carry advertising including names of companies and/or products to be advertised.
- 3.3 In addition to Regulation 20.2 a boat shall not display advertising in the Marina precinct for a product or entity in conflict with the event sponsors. Details of all Sponsors are included on the Race Week website.

4 ELIGIBILITY, ENTRY AND EVENT CATEGORY

- 4.1 The regatta is open to boats eligible in the following divisions. Additional information on divisions will be available on the regatta website.

IRC Racing - Division 1

Mixture of short, medium or long passage races.

Yachts holding current IRC Rating Certificate.

Races will be classified YA Special Regulations Category 6.

Sports Boats - Division 2

Mixture of short, medium or long passage races.

Boats shall conform to the Australian Sports Boats Association Rules and Constitution.

A Sports Boat Measurement System (SMS) rating of 0.755 or greater is required.

Rule 49.1 shall not apply to Melges 24 and Magic 25 boats if racing in compliance with their respective class rules and it is noted on the SMS certificate that the rating incorporates hiking devices. Each competing yacht shall produce a valid SMS Measurement Certificate.

Races will be classified YA Special Regulations Category 6.

Racer/Cruiser - Division 3

Mixture of short, medium or long passage races.

Races will be classified YA Special Regulations Category 6.

Cruising - Division 4

Mixture of short, medium or long passage races.

Races will be classified YA Special Regulations Category 6.

Jib and Main Cruising – Division 5

Mixture of short, medium or long passage races.

Spinnakers shall not be allowed. For the purposes of this Notice of Race, a spinnaker is defined as any sail set forward of the mast not attached to a forestay at regular intervals or hoisted in a continual groove device.

Races will be classified YA Special Regulations Category 6.

Multihulls – Division 6

Mixture of short, medium or long passage races.

Races will be classified YA Special Regulations Category 6.

Double Handed – Division 7

Mixture of short, medium or long passage races.

As per Offshore WA guidelines.

- 4.2 If by the closing date, insufficient entries are received in any division, the OA may change the eligibility requirements, or cancel that Division, or reallocate boats. Boats affected will have the option of confirming their entry under the new eligibility requirements, or transferring to another Division (if eligible) for no additional fee, or having their entry fee refunded.
- 4.3 The OA may, at its discretion, divide any Division into further subdivisions.
- 4.4 The OA may, at its absolute discretion, allocate a boat to a particular Division.
- 4.5 Entries including all necessary fees shall be lodged by 1700 on the 29th January 2018. Entries can be lodged online, please click on the following link to access the form: [ENTRY FORM](#).
- 4.6 The OA may accept entries after 30th January 2018 subject to payment of an additional late entry fee of \$75.00.
- 4.7 Except as provided in Notice of Race (4.2), a boat which requests a change to its nominated Division after 30th January 2018, will be charged an additional fee of \$50.

5 FEES

- 5.1 The required fee for each division will be \$295.00. Please note, the entry fee does not include mooring or pen fees.
- 5.2 A fee of \$20 will be charged for cancellations up to and including the 29th January 2018. Cancellations after this date will incur the loss of the full entry fee.

6 SCHEDULE AND DATES OF RACES are at the discretion of the Race Committee and weather dependent.

Saturday February 17 Registration 1200 to 1600

Sunday February 18 Briefing for all Divisions 1000 at Regatta Office

Divisions 1 & 2 PM – Passage race

Divisions 3 to 6 PM – Passage race

Division 7 PM – Passage race

Monday February 19 Divisions 1,2,4,5,6 PM - Passage race
Divisions 3 PM - Passage race
Division 7 PM - Passage race

Tuesday February 20
Divisions 1 & 2 AM – Passage Race
Divisions 3 to 6 AM – Passage Race
Division 7 AM – Passage Race

Wednesday February 21 LAY DAY

Thursday February 22
Divisions 1 & 2 PM – Passage Race
Divisions 3 to 6 PM – Passage Race
Division 7 PM – Passage Race

Friday February 21
Divisions 1 to 6 AM – Short Passage Race
Division 7 AM – Short Passage Race

7 IDENTIFICATION

Boats not having sail numbers in compliance with Rule 77 shall affix a clearly identifiable number on the hull approved by the Race Committee. This changes Rule 77.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available online at www.gbyc.com.au (using the raceweek tab) prior to the start of the event and will be included in the competitors' pack available at registration.

9 REGATTA OFFICE

The regatta office location will be advised.

10 RACING AREA

The racing area will be on the waters of Geographe Bay.

11 COURSES

Courses for passage races will use fixed marks and the lengths, where possible, will be between 2.5hrs and 6hrs duration. A diagram of the course area and marks will be included in the Sailing Instructions.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

For Division 6 (Multihulls) Rule 44.1 is changed so that the two-turn penalty is replaced by the one-turn penalty.

13 HANDICAPS & SCORING

13.1 Handicaps

Division 1 IRC Ratings – current certificates to be lodged at registration

Division 2 ASBA

Division 3 Time Correction Factor (TCF) performance handicaps

Division 4 Time Correction Factor (TCF) performance handicaps

Division 5 Time Correction Factor (TCF) performance handicaps

Division 6 Time Correction Factor (TCF) performance handicaps

Division 7 Time Correction Factor (TCF) performance handicaps

TCF handicaps for Divisions 3,4,5,6 and 7 will be set by the Race Committee and re-assessed after each race. Division 2 handicaps will be set by the ASBA.

13.2 The handicap systems listed above, will be the basis for the allocation of prizes at the conclusion of the regatta. Other handicaps/ratings may be used; however, these results will be for interest only and not the allocation of final prizes.

13.3 The scoring system will be in accordance with the low points system and as detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

14 PROTEST ARBITRATION

Protests arising from participation in this regatta shall be subject to arbitration as detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

15 HAULING OUT AND BERTHING

15.1 No boat shall be hauled out from the water for the period of the regatta without the prior approval of the Race Committee.

15.2 Geographe Bay Yacht Club is not involved with any berthing arrangements for any Geographe Bay Race Week competitor. Berthing facilities are available at:

Port Geographe Marina

Phone: 08 9754 8300

Email: info@pgmarina.com.au

Web: www.pgmarina.com.au

16 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

16.1 ALL boats in Divisions 1 to 7 shall have a working VHF Radio on board, which shall be turned on.

16.2 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

17 PRIZES

17.1 Awards will be presented for the first three placings on corrected time in each race for each Division. In addition, awards will be presented to the overall point score winners and two place getters in each Division.

17.2 Results for each day's racing will be held as soon as practical after completion of sailing, or no later than 1800 at Geographe Bay Yacht Club.

17.3 Prizes for overall points score winners will be presented at a ceremony following the completion of sailing on Friday 23rd February 2018 at the Geographe Bay Yacht Club.

18 INSURANCE

Boats shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000 per event or equivalent. It is also suggested that boats shall be insured with comprehensive cover for racing.

19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 19.1 Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. Attention is drawn to RRS 4 "Decision to Race", which states, "the responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".
- 19.2 Those taking part in this regatta are responsible for the seaworthiness of the boat that they are sailing and for the sufficiency and adequacy of its equipment.
- 19.3 The Organizing Authority, its associates and appointees, will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death or inconvenience sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

20 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact the following:

Geographe Bay Yacht Club

Email: gbycbsn@westnet.com.au
Website: www.gbyc.com.au

Marina Enquiries

Phone: 08 9754 8300
Email: info@pgmarina.com.au
Website: www.portgeographemarina.com.au

The event web site for Geographe Bay Race Week 2018 is located at www.gbyc.com.au and information regarding the event may be obtained from this site. Entrants should check the site periodically in order to keep up to date with the latest information.

Mooring Arrangements

The Navigation Act prohibits any vessel anchoring or mooring within a navigation channel. Berthing facilities are available at Port Geographe Marina.

Marina Services & Trades

The following Marina trades people and facilities should be available during the series if required:

- ☐ Rigger & chandlery
- ☐ Diesel mechanic
- ☐ Shipwright
- ☐ Boat lifter – NOTE: Marina conditions apply, please read and refer to the Marina policy listed at www.portgeographemarina.com.au