



Geographe Bay Race Week

Saturday 5th – Tuesday 8th February 2022
Geographe Bay Yacht Club



**Etchells
And
Vipers
Sailing
Instructions**

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Bill Steel Cup
AND
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Sailing Instructions (Amendment A)

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 Etchells Class (except as any of these are altered by the Sailing Instructions), and by the Sailing Instructions.

2.2 All skippers and crews are invited to the welcome function on Saturday 5th at the GBYC at 1800 in the main Clubhouse.

2.3 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 mast of the Race Committee vessel when in the Marina.

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore or on the Race Committee vessel in the Marina, '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

5 th Feb 21	1200	Briefing at Tavern lawn area – Port Geographe Marina
5 th Feb 21	1800	Welcome at GBYC
6 th Feb 21	1100	First warning signal
7 th Feb 21	0900	First warning signal
8 th Feb 21	0900	First warning signal

6.2 Eight (8) races are scheduled, and more than one race may be sailed on any race day.

6.3 When more than one race will be held on the same day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that another race will begin soon, flag L will be displayed at the finish of the previous race.

6.4 On the last day of the regatta, no warning signal will be made after 1200 hours.

Scoring

6.5 The Championship scoring shall be in accordance with the Low Point System in the Rules Appendix A.

6.6 Three (3) races must be completed to constitute a series.

6.7 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

7 CLASS FLAGS

For the purpose of these Sailing Instructions including RRS 26, the class flag will be displayed on the start boat .

8 RACING AREAS

The course area will be to an area to the **East** of the Busselton Jetty.

9 THE COURSES

9.1 The diagrams in Attachment **A amendment "a"** show the course configuration, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9.2 The course to be sailed will be designated by displaying Numeral Pennant 2 or Numeral Pennant 3 from the Race Committee vessel.

9.3 The Race Committee vessel may display the approximate compass bearing from the Starting Line to Mark 1.

10 MARKS

10.1 Marks 1 **and 1a** will be a yellow MarkSetBot inflatable buoy.

10.2 Marks 4s and 4p will be yellow inflatable MarkSetBot buoys.

10.3 New marks, as provided in instruction 12 will be yellow inflatable buoy.

10.4 The starting / finish marks will be the Race Committee vessel displaying a Orange Flag and a yellow inflatable **Marksetbot** buoy.

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 Course side of the starting staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee vessel at the starboard end and yellow Marksetbot inflatable buoy at the port end.

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

11.4 The starting line will remain open for any boat for 4 minutes after the starting signal. Boats starting later than that time will be scored 'Did Not Start' without a hearing. This changes RRS A3.

11.5 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 via VHF radio by the Race Committee vessel 1 minute after the recall signal. The Race Committee may attempt to notify OCS, UFD and BFD boats. 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)

12 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a **Orange** flag on the Race Committee vessel and the yellow inflatable **Marksetbot** finishing mark.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 shall be a One Turn Penalty except that for infringements occurring with the Zone as defined in the current RRS the penalty shall be a Two Turns Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1 and 44.2.

13.2 *[NP] [DP]* A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the Regatta Office within the protest time limit.

14 TIME LIMITS

14.1 The time limit for Course 2 will be 1.5 hours from the starting signal or for Course 3 it will be 2 hours from the starting signal. If one boat finished within the time limit, then the race will stand.

14.2 If no boat has passed the first windward mark within 30 minutes after the starting signal, the race shall be abandoned.

14.3 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored “Did Not Finish” DNF. This changes RRS 35 & A4.1 & A5

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 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: gbycsn@westnet.com.au

Contact: Terry Compton

Phone: 9752 2522

Competitors need to confirm receipt of Protest by calling GBYC.

15.2 Protest time limit – the protest time limit is one and a half hours (1 ½ hrs) after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

15.3 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.

15.4 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.

16 SCORING

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

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

16.3 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.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 A boat which retires shall advise the Race Committee/Regatta Control, as soon as possible.

17.2 Races for Etchells and Vipers are classified Category 7.

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

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

17.5 If a Y flag is displayed by the race committee boat all participants are to wear their PFD

18 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected for compliance with the Special Regulations (including Cat 7) 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 73**. Or as advised by the race committee at the Briefing

20.2 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 to 1st, 2nd and 3rd overall. Etchells- Bill Steel Cup perpetual trophy and Viper Cup

22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors shall accept that participation at the regatta is entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, 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.