

NOTICE of RACE



Geographe Bay Race Week Saturday 5th – Friday 11th February 2022 Geographe Bay Yacht Club



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The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NoR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. DEFINITIONS

1.1. Event

Geographe Bay Race Week refers to the organised on-water and off-water event taking place at the Geographe Bay Yacht Club (GBYC) from 5th February 2022 to 11th February 2022. This is one of the largest keel boat events in Western Australia and aims to provide great racing and socialising for yachts complying with Australian Sailing (AS) Category 6 or better.

1.2 The Organising Authority is the 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 Sports Boats, shall comply with the constitution and rules of the Australian Sports Boats Association and Cat 6.

2.4 Boats with permanently installed movable 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 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 RRS 55".

2.6 Arbitration will be conducted in accordance with Appendix T.

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 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. The regatta is classified Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Category 6. See website to download Audit Template: <https://www.sailingresources.org.au/safety/equipment-auditing/>

4.1.1 Division 1 – Racing

Boats holding a current IRC Rating Certificate are included.

4.1.2 Division 2 – Racing

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4.1.3 Division 3 – Premier Cruising

May include spinnakers

4.1.4 Division 4 - Jib and Main

Spinnakers shall not be permitted. For the purposes of this Regatta, 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.

4.1.5 Division 5 – Multihull

4.1.6 Division 6 – Double Handed

Shall comply with the current Ocean Racing WA guidelines.

Website: <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/offshoryacht/competitor-information/orwa-handbook/>

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 The OA will allocate Racing boats to Division 1 or 2 depending on the rating of the entries.

4.6 Entries including all necessary fees shall be lodged by 1700 on the 28th January 2022. Entries can be lodged online <http://www.gbyc.com.au/race-week-gbrw>

4.7 The OA may accept entries after 1700hrs on 28th January 2022 subject to payment of an additional late entry fee of \$75.00. This is to enable the committee to have boats in the correct division.

4.8 Except as provided in NOR 4.2, a boat which requests a change to its nominated Division after 1700hrs on 28th January 2022, will incur an additional fee of \$50.

5 FEES

5.1 The required fee for each division will be \$310. 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 28th January 2022. Cancellations after this date will incur the loss of the full entry fee.

6 SCHEDULE

6.1

DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME / WARNING SIGNAL
Saturday 5th February 2022	Registration at the GBYC Compulsory Competitor & Safety Meeting Welcome Function	1200 to 1700 1700 1800
Sunday 6th February 2022	ROUND THE JETTY RACE	1255
Monday 7th February 2022	Divisions 1 to 6 – Passage Race	1255
Tuesday 8th February 2022	2 RACES MORNING AND AFTERNOON	0910
Wednesday 9th February 2022	Lay Day and Reserve Sailing Day	All day
Thursday 10th February 2022	Divisions 1 to 6 – Passage Race	1155
Friday 11th February 2022	Divisions 1 to 6 – Passage Race Presentations	0910 1330

6.2 All helmspersons (or their representatives) shall attend and crew are asked to attend both the Competitor & Safety Meeting and the Welcome Function at the GBYC.

7 EQUIPMENT & MEASUREMENT

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

7.2 A boat 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 an inspection.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

9 REGATTA OFFICE

9.1 The regatta office will be located in the GBYC Clubhouse.

10 RACING AREA

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

11 COURSES

11.1 Courses for passage races will be a mixture of short, medium and long passage.

Fixed marks will be used and the course 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.

11.2 Windward / Leeward races may be scheduled for some Divisions subject to approval by the Race Committee.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1 For Division 5 (Multihull) RRS 44.1 is changed so that the two-turn penalty is replaced by the one-turn penalty.

13 HANDICAPS & SCORING

13.1 Time Correction Factor (TCF) performance handicaps for all Divisions will be set by the Race Committee and re-assessed after each race.

13.2 The handicap system In NoR 13.1, will be the basis for the allocation of prizes at the conclusion of the regatta.

13.3 The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.

14 HAULING OUT AND BERTHING

14.1 No boat shall be hauled out during the regatta except with and according the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee. [DP]

14.2 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

14.3 Anchorage area is available in the vicinity of GBYC by prior approval of GBYC, all at the boat owners 'risk and responsibility.

15 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

15.1 ALL boats shall have a working VHF Radio on board, which shall be tuned on to the race committee channel VHF 77.

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. [DP]

16 PRIZES

16.1 Prizes will be given to the first three placings on handicap in each race for each Division. In addition, awards will be presented to the overall first three placings in each Division.

16.2 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.

16.3 Prizes for overall winners will be presented at a ceremony following the completion of sailing on Friday 12th February 2022 at the Geographe Bay Yacht Club.

17 INSURANCE

17.1 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.

18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

18.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, "Decision to Race". The Organising Authority, its associates and appointees, will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

18.2 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 and that the boat complies with a minimum of AS Category 6.

19 FURTHER INFORMATION

The event web site for Geographe Bay Race Week 2022 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.

Email: raceweek@gbyc.com.au

Website: www.gbyc.com.au

Port Geographe Marina Enquiries

Phone: 08 9754 8300

Email: info@pgmarina.com.au

Website: www.portgeographemarina.com.au

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