

Geographe Bay Yacht Club

Supplementary Sailing Instructions – Bunbury and Return Shorthanded races March 5 – 6, 2022

These SSIs cover the Shorthanded races between Port Geographe Marina (PGM) and Bunbury Saturday March 5 and Sunday March 6 2022. They supplement the existing *GBYC Sailing Instructions 2021/2022 Season* which remain in force except as amended by these SSIs.

1. The Course (this replaces SI 8):

1.1 PGM to Bunbury 5 March 2022:

Start in the vicinity of 0.5NM downwind of GBYC Club Mark 3
GBYC Club Mark 3 to port
Bunbury Port Outer Marker “No 3” to starboard
KBSC Armstrong mark to starboard
KBSC finish line in westerly direction

1.2 Bunbury to PGM 6 March 2022:

Start between the KBSC control tower and an inflatable mark placed 100m north of the tower, in line with KBSC Outer Yellow cross marker, in an easterly direction
KBSC Armstrong mark to port
Bunbury Port Outer Marker “No 3” to port
Finish between a virtual buoy 0.5NM north of the PGM outer port navigation buoy and the PGM outer port navigation buoy itself.

2. Marks (this replaces SI 9)

Bunbury Port Outer Marker “No 3” 33°17.674S 115°38.926E
GBYC Club Mark 3 33°37.50S 115°20.80E
KBSC Armstrong Mark 33° 19.070S 115° 39.150E
KBSC Inner finish marker: 33° 19.010S 115° 38.720E
KBSC Outer Yellow cross marker: 33° 18.950S 115° 38.740E
Port Geographe Marina outer port navigation buoy 33° 37.550S 115° 22.811E

3. The Start (this replaces SI 10)

3.1 PGM to Bunbury 5 March:

The start will be a rabbit start in the vicinity of GBYC Club Mark 3. Selkie will be the rabbit boat and will have right of way during the start sequence. The Rabbit Boat will initially be proceeding on Port tack.

At 1255 the Rabbit Boat will announce the commencement of the start procedure on VHF77 and announce the 5-minute mark.

After the start time all boats will start by passing the stern of the Rabbit Boat on Starboard tack. When all boats have started the Rabbit Boat may tack towards the first mark of the course and normal right-of-way will apply from then on. A diagram of the Rabbit Start is at the Appendix.

DURING THE START PROCEDURE THE RABBIT BOAT HAS THE RIGHT-OF-WAY

3.2 Bunbury to PGM 6 March 2022:

Start 0730 between the KBSC Control tower and an inflatable mark 100m north of the Outer Yellow cross marker. KBSC will be running the start procedure. Details to follow once fleet numbers are confirmed.

4. The Finish (this replaces SI 13)

4.1 PGM to Bunbury 5 March 2022

The finish line for all yachts shall be an imaginary line between the KBSC Race control tower and the outer of the two finish marker buoys (KBSC Yellow Cross marker). All boats must pass between the inner finish marker buoy and the outer Yellow Cross marker) to have finished correctly. Finish times shall be recorded by competing boats and advised to Selkie via text on 0488 055 816.

4.2 Bunbury to PGM 6 March 2022: The finish line will be between a virtual buoy 0.5NM north of the PGM outer port navigation buoy and the PGM outer port navigation buoy itself. Finish times shall be recorded by competing boats and advised to Selkie via text, on 0488 055 816.

5. Time Limit (SI 15): as per Passage Series instruction there will be no time limit for either race.

6. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

6.1 All boats shall be of monohull construction and comply with the ASSR Part 1 for Category 5

6.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing 'Sailing nomination' at <https://www.gbyc.com.au/on-the-water> by 1700 on March 3 2022.

6.3 All boats must supply the following document to alison.stock70@gmail.com by 1700 on March 3 2022:

Valid ASSR Category 5 Equipment Audit Form available at <https://www.sailingresources.org.au/safety/equipment-auditing/>

6.4 The event is open to all Short-handed boats. PFDs shall be worn at times.

6.5 Maximum number of personnel per yacht shall be determined by the length of the yacht:
20 - 30 feet = 2 persons, 30 – 40 feet = 3 persons, 40 – 50 feet = 4 persons. There shall be a minimum of 2 persons.

6.6 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements.

6.7 If a Double-handed entry, the boat must be fitted with automatic helming capability in working condition

6.8 GBYC reserves the right to reject an entry at any time up until the Warning Signal of the race

6.9 GBYC reserves the right to cancel or postpone the race in the event of a strong wind warning

7. FEES

There are no fees additional to regular GBYC requirements

8. Handicaps

Two sets results shall be calculated as follows

- Yardstick - Yachts will be allocated a yardstick handicap which will represent, or be the equivalent of, the IRC rating for the yacht if the yacht has a current rating OR a handicap shall be allocated by GBYC considering the IRC ratings for sisterships or similar yachts considering any yacht changes or modification.
- Performance Handicap - GBYC shall allocate a handicap based on past performance of each yacht considering both performance at GBYC and performance at other clubs/events.
- KBSC boats shall, for the purposes of the KBSC set of results, carry their own club handicaps. These handicaps will be taken into account when calculating the combined results.

9. Results: There will be three sets of results – one for the GBYC and DBYC boats, one for the KBSC boats, and a final combined set.

10. Radio Communication (SI 19): Ch77 will be the communications frequency between participating yachts during the PGB - Bunbury race. **All boats are to maintain listening watch on VHF77 for the duration of the race.** Solstice will be the radio control boat for the races. Boats are to check in with POB 30 mins before the start. Solstice will conduct safety skeds with each boat on the hour after the start until last boat notifies their finish.

Ch 72 will be the communications frequency between participating yachts for the Bunbury – PGM race. All yachts are to maintain a listening watch on VHF 72 for the duration of the race.

11. Racing Requirements (SI 23): Skippers are to complete the Australian Sailing (AS) 2017-2021 Special Regulations Equipment Audit Form - **Category 5** and submit to alison.stock70@gmail.com by email prior to 3 March 22.

All boats shall carry a motor and enough fuel enabling them to return to their home port unaided and shall carry a VHF radio. Life jackets/PFDs must be worn at all times on deck.

Staying clear of shipping in Bunbury harbour shipping channel

Boats must monitor VHF 12 (“Bunbury Port Operations”) while inside the Bunbury port limits and comply with all directions.

Boats MUST NOT enter the shipping channel ahead of a ship (>49m long) once the ship has entered the channel, and must not cross within one ship length astern of a ship. Ships entering the channel may or may not sound one long blast on the ships horn to indicate to boats that the ship is entering the channel.

Any yacht already in the channel when a ship enters the channel must immediately leave the channel by the fastest possible route to the side.

12. Safety

GBYC may not have a Race Officer on duty during the races. Safety coverage will be provided by ACRM Base (VHF 16/80). Selkie will call ACRM Base to log-on all boats collectively prior to race start and will log-off all boats collectively once the last boat has finished.

Any emergencies during the race are to be notified to all other boats on VHF77 or 72. Yachts should stand by to assist, but if further assistance is required ACRM Base should be notified (VHF16/80) and asked to call-out Busselton or Bunbury Volunteer Marine Rescue (contact details below).

Busselton Volunteer Marine Rescue Group

VMR 640 VHF 16/80

Telephone: +61 8 9754 7777 OR **0407 755715**

Email: secretary@busseltonsearescue.org.au

Bunbury Sea Rescue Group

VMR 634 VHF 16/80

Telephone: +61 8 9791 2330 OR **0438 937038**

Email: bunburysearescue@outlook.com

All competitors are encouraged to carry a Personal Locator Beacon and/or AIS MOB Beacon on their person at all times while on deck.

For further information, please contact alison.stock70@gmail.com

Appendix: Rabbit start diagram

Appendix: Bunbury Harbour chart from WA859

RABBIT START



