



FINNISS RIVER VINEYARD/COORONG QUAYS

MILANG-GOOLWA FRESHWATER CLASSIC

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Sailing Instructions

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1.0 RULES

- 1.1 The Organising Authority for the Race is the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club (GRYC).
- 1.2 The Race will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Australian Sailing Special Regulations (ASSR), the Notice of Race, relevant Class Rules, and these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.3 The rules and documents referred to in clause 1.2 apply in respect of every aspect of participating in the Race, including entry, preparation to race, when on water proceeding to the starting area, racing, leaving the Race area and post Race.
- 1.4 All boats and crew must comply with and must carry the safety equipment required by or under South Australian Legislation, including the SA Harbours & Navigation Act and the Regulations made thereunder.
- 1.5 For each Division, except Divisions 8 and 9, this Race is an ASSR Part 1 Category 7 Race and all boats must comply with the requirements for a Category 7 race and in addition, all boats must comply with ASSR Part 1 Regulations 3.01.1, 3.08.3, 3.08.7, 3.09.1, 3.18.4, 3.20.5, 3.22, 3.24.3, 3.24.4, 3.24.5(b), 3.24.5(c), 3.25.4(a), 3.25.4(d), 3.25.6, 4.07.2, 4.10.1, 4.15.1, 4.23.1 and 4.26.
- 1.6 Division 8 and 9 boats must comply with Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 For Off The Beach Boats and, in addition, must also carry a torch and a whistle.
- 1.7 All Competitors must wear a Personal Floatation Device at all times while afloat except while briefly changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. This changes the Preamble to RRS Part 4 and RRS 40.
- 1.8 Boats in all Divisions except Divisions 8 and 9 must carry a motor capable of propelling the boat into a 30 knot wind and each boat must carry enough fuel for at least 3 hours motoring. Outboard motors may be tilted or raised, but must be attached to the outboard bracket or transom and kept in their normal position for immediate use.
- 1.9 Due to shallow waters in the racing area, the prohibition in ASSR Part 1 Regulation 3.02.3(c) does not apply. It is recommended that boats sail with centreboards locked down

fully where possible and that trailable boats do not lift centreboards or keels while racing. RRS 52 (manual power) does not apply to centreboards and lifting keels.

- 1.10 All boats must have or carry a working permanently installed or handheld VHF Transceiver.
- 1.11 For each Division except Divisions 8 and 9, each boat must have a Person in Charge and at least 1 other crew member.
- 1.12 The Person In Charge of each boat must be 16 years of age or over unless exempted in writing by the Race Committee.
- 1.13 Racing will be conducted for all Divisions, providing there are at least 4 entrants in a Division. If there are less than 4 entrants in a Division, the Race Committee may group these boats with the nearest appropriate Division
- 1.14 Monohull Dinghies must be a minimum length of 4.15 metres and have a Yardstick of less than 120. Dinghies designed to be sailed singlehanded are eligible to sail in Division 8.
- 1.15 Off the Beach Catamarans must have a Yardstick of less than 120. Catamarans designed to be sailed singlehanded are eligible to sail in Division 9.
- 1.16 GRYC will use the GRYC Mixed Fleet Ratings List as posted on the GRYC website at www.goolwaregattaweek.com.au. Any boat not on this list will be allocated, after consultation with the owner, a Rating. This Rating is not appealable. For Off the Beach (OTB) classes (Divisions 8 and 9), the AS Yardsticks will apply.
- 1.17 The course is designed to keep competitors within 2NM of the shoreline. Competitors proceeding further offshore must comply with the South Australian requirements for Un-protected Waters.
- 1.18 The GRYC reserves the right to accept or reject any entry in accordance with RRS 76.

2.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to Competitors will be posted on GRYC's website under the "Racing" tab. Notices to Competitors may also be posted on the Official Notice Board located at the Information Desk at the Milang Regatta Club.

3.0 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0800 on Sunday 27th January 2019.

4.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole located adjacent to the Milang jetty.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than thirty minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signal AP.

5.0 IDENTIFICATION

- 5.1 **All boats in Divisions 1-4 and 7 shall carry clearly visible identifying race numbers.**
- 5.2 **All boats in Divisions 8-9 shall carry clearly visible identifying sail numbers.**

- 5.3 All race numbers must match the number allocated after the entry was submitted and comply with MGFC NOR paragraph 2.11. Failure to do so may result in the boat being recorded as DNF (Did Not Finish).
- 5.4 All sail numbers must match the number submitted on the entry and comply with RRS Appendix G. Failure to do so may result in the boat being recorded as DNF.
- 5.5 Boom and/or bow stickers may be provided by Finniss River Vineyard and/or Coorong Quays Hindmarsh Island. If such stickers are provided they must be affixed to the boom or each side of the bow or cabin, depending on the type of stickers provided.

6.0 SCHEDULE

6.1 REGISTRATION

The Person in Charge for each boat must register and attend one of the following briefings:

- Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club at 0900 hours Saturday January 26th 2019
- Milang Regatta Club at 1800 hours Saturday January 26th 2019
- Milang Regatta Club at 0800 hours Sunday January 27th 2019

6.2 DIVISIONS

Divisions	Start #	Starting Code Flag	Warning Signal
1 - Vintage River Boats 1A-Restricted 21s	1	Numeral Pennant 1	0855
8 - Monohull Dinghies	2	Numeral Pennant 2	0905
2 - Trailable Monohull Boats "Spinnaker" GRYC MFR greater than .750	3	Numeral Pennant 3	0915
3 - Trailable Monohull Boats "Spinnaker" GRYC MFR equal to or less than .750	3	Numeral Pennant 3	0915
4 - Trailable Monohull Boats "Non-Spinnaker"	4	Numeral Pennant 4	0925
7 - Large Multihulls	5	Numeral Pennant 5	0935
9 - Off the Beach Catamarans	6	Numeral Pennant 6	0945

6.3 INTENTION TO RACE

Boats shall notify the Race Committee of their intention to race by depositing the completed Sign-On Card included with these Sailing Instructions, in the appropriate box at

the Information Desk at Milang Regatta Club on Race morning. This Desk will open at 0700 hours.

7.0 THE COURSE

- 7.1 The course is from the Starting Line, east of the Milang Jetty, across Lake Alexandrina, through **Gate 1**, to Point Sturt, passing through **Gate 2**, then downstream to the finish line at Goolwa in front of the GRYC.
- 7.2 **Gate 1** will be set approximately half way between Milang and Point Sturt and within 2 NM of the shoreline. The Gate will be approximately 150 metres wide and marked by large orange inflatable buoys. A Committee Vessel displaying an orange flag and a flashing light may be stationed adjacent to the northern buoy.
- 7.3 **Gate 2** will be bounded by Channel Marker 88 and Point Sturt.
- 7.4 Race and sail numbers will be recorded at each gate.
- 7.5 **All boats must pass through both gates.**

8.0 THE START

- 8.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made five minutes before the starting signal.
- 8.2 There will be a 5 minute break between start sequences to allow the starting line to clear.
- 8.3 The starting sequence may be accompanied by a broadcast on VHF CH72.
- 8.4 **Boats shall not enter the Starting Area as defined below, until the Warning Signal for its Division has been made.**
- 8.5 **The start line will be between yellow flags flown from the mast of the Flag Ship at the starboard end, and the mast of a Committee Vessel at the port end.**
- 8.6 There will be large orange marks at the starboard and port ends. Such buoys are part of the Committee Vessel they protect. A boat must not pass between the buoy and adjacent Committee Vessel. Such action will be deemed to be touching the Committee vessel.
- 8.7 The Starting Area is defined as the rectangle bounded by the Flagship at the starboard end, the Committee Vessel at the port end and two large yellow inflatable buoys on the non-course side of the start line.

9.0 RECALLS

- 9.1 Individual Recalls will be made in accordance with RRS 29.1. Boats that do not return and start correctly will incur a penalty of 10% of their elapsed time. This changes Appendix A – Scoring.
- 9.2 General Recalls will be made in accordance with RRS 29.2. Boats that do not return and start correctly will be scored DNS.
- 9.3 Any further start sequences for Divisions under General Recall shall rotate to the end of the Start Sequence.

10.0 THE FINISH LINE

- 10.1 The Finish Line for all Divisions will be between two buoys with blue flags located in the channel immediately opposite the GRYC. Competitors shall sail through the Finish Line and thereafter keep **completely clear** of the Finish Line and **not sail back through the Finish Line**. This alters RRS 28.1.
- 10.2 Boats that sail back through the Finish Line will incur a 10% penalty of their elapsed time. This changes Appendix A-Scoring.

11.0 TIME LIMIT

All boats must be finished by 1800 hours. If the starting sequence is delayed, the finishing time will be extended by a similar amount.

12.0 SIGNING OFF

- 12.1 Accompanying these Sailing Instructions is a "Declaration of Finish" card on which there are places to record the boat's name, division, division number, unique number (for applicable divisions), sail number, the time the boat finished and the name of the nearest finishing boat. All entrants must complete the card and lodge it at the Sign Off desk, located inside the GRYC.
- 12.2 Entrants that do not finish the course are also asked to complete and lodge the "Declaration of Finish" card, indicating in the space provided that they Did Not Finish.
- 12.3 Failure to lodge a "Declaration of Finish" within 45 minutes of a boat's finish time may result in being recorded as DNF.

13.0 PROTESTS

- 13.1 Protests shall be lodged in accordance with RRS Part 5 and the written form handed to a representative of the Race Committee at the Sign-Off desk within 45 minutes of the finishing time of the protesting boat. If possible, the protest flag should be flown on the starboard side to assist in identification at the finish.
- 13.2 Protests will be heard at the GRYC as soon as possible after the conclusion of the Race, and will continue, if necessary, the following Friday commencing at 1900 hours.

14.0 ARBITRATION

- 14.1 An arbitration hearing may be conducted pursuant to RRS Appendix T for protests lodged in accordance with RRS 61 which allege an infringement of a rule of Part 2 or 4 or RRS 31. Such hearings will be held subsequent to the protest being lodged and prior to a protest hearing.
- 14.2 The time and place of the arbitration hearing will be decided by the arbitrator and such advice will be given verbally. One representative from each boat shall attend the arbitration hearing and no witnesses will be allowed. The arbitrator shall decide the manner in which testimony is given.
- 14.3 After taking testimony at an arbitration hearing the arbitrator shall make one of the following conclusions:

- (a) The protest does not comply with RRS 61 and the protestor may withdraw the protest.
- (b) The matter shall proceed to a protest hearing. (This may be because rules other than Part 2 or 4 or RRS 31 are involved, or because evidence is too complex or divergent to reach a reasonable and timely conclusion, or due to the apparent severity of the alleged incident or any other reason decided by the arbitrator.)
- (c) No rule was broken and the protestor may withdraw the protest.
- (d) A rule was broken by one or more boats involved, the infringing boat(s) may accept a finishing place midway between the boat's actual finishing place and a disqualification and if so accepted the protestor shall withdraw the protest. If such a finishing place is not accepted the protest shall proceed to a hearing of the Protest Committee. This changes RRS 63.1.

14.4 An arbitration hearing shall not be reopened. No conclusion of an arbitrator shall be subject to appeal or be grounds for redress.

15.0 SAFETY

15.1 Safety is the concern of every competitor. Every competitor **must** be prepared to render assistance at any time, including when travelling from Goolwa to Milang. If a boat gives assistance to another boat during the Race, she **must** note and record the time taken and submit an Application for Redress at the Sign-Off desk

15.2 Attention is drawn to:

Fundamental Rule 1.1, which states 'Helping those in Danger. A boat or competitor shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger'.

Fundamental Rule 4, which states 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* is hers alone'.

Retirement — any boat retiring from the race must contact an authorised Race committee boat or GRYC Base (G-Base) on VHF 72, or the Principal Race Officer on 0428 254 821 or GRYC Base on 8555 2617 as soon as possible. In addition, the boat must record her retirement on the Sign-Off card and lodge it at the GRYC Sign-Off desk.

It is extremely important that boats follow this procedure to avoid the Sea Rescue Squadron initiating a search for a "missing" vessel.

16.0 SAFETY BOATS

In an emergency the first priority is to ensure the safety of COMPETITORS and OFFICIALS, not BOATS. Safety boats will only assist a boat in difficulties with the consent, if possible, of the boat's crew. If assistance has been accepted, the operation will be under the control of the Safety Boat Commander. If assistance is refused, the safety boat is not obliged to stand by (but will advise of its intention to leave). Boats being assisted must be towed downstream. No boats may be towed upstream unless that is the only safe procedure. There will be a number of safe 'beaching points' on the mainland and Hindmarsh Island, as indicated on the course diagram, to which boats may be towed. These points will be accessible by road and there will be a board at the GRYC Clubhouse on which the numbers of assisted boats will be displayed, together with the beach number where the

boat has been put ashore. Boats will only be towed downstream beyond the nearest beaching point with the permission of the Safety Fleet Commander. Prevailing weather conditions will be a major determinant.

17.0 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 17.1 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 phones. VHF CH72 will be used for Race communications.
- 17.2 It is important that correct radio procedure is followed at all times, and in particular, operators should ensure that the channel is clear before commencing transmission. As radio traffic may be heavy, operators are requested to keep transmissions to a minimum. After the first start, safety boats will not reply to competing boats except on matters of safety or retirement. Safety boats will take instructions only from the Safety Commander or authorised Deputies.

18.0 PRIZES

The following prizes will be awarded:

- a. First, second and third on corrected time in each division.
- b. Each finisher will receive a Race medallion when signing off.

19.0 PERPETUAL TROPHIES

The following perpetual trophies will be awarded:

- a. W.R.Appleby Trophy for the first boat on corrected time in Division 1
- b. The Patron's Trophy for the fastest unplaced boat in Division 1
- c. Keith Veenstra Memorial Trophy for the first Restricted 21.
- d. A.B.Kinnear Trophy for the first boats on corrected time in Divisions 2 and 3.
- e. The Commodore's Trophy for the first boat on corrected time in Division 4.
- f. 'Blue Darling' Trophy for the fastest trailable boat (from Divisions 2, 3 or 4).
- g. Crowhurst Trophy for the first boat in Division 2 to cross a line between Beacon 88 and Point Sturt.
- h. 'Out of the Blue' Trophy for the Race record for all trailable monohull yachts.
- i. The 'Cock of the Lake' for the fastest elapsed time across all divisions.
- j. The Remilton Trophy for the large Multihull with the fastest elapsed time.
- k. The Animal Scanning Services Trophy for the OTB Catamaran with the fastest elapsed time.
- l. The Animal Scanning Services Trophy for the first OTB Catamaran on corrected time.

m. J.A. Blunden Trophy for the OTB Monohull with the fastest elapsed time.

n. T. G. Crawford Trophy for the Race Record for OTB monohull yachts.

20.0 TROPHY PRESENTATIONS

Trophy presentations will take place at 1930 hours at the GRYC Clubhouse. Only trophy winners, or crew members, may accept the trophy at the presentation. Trophies not collected at the presentation may be collected in person at the GRYC by arrangement with the Club Manager, but no later than 30th March 2019.

21.0 OFFICIAL RACE RESULTS

Results will be posted at the GRYC Clubhouse following the presentations and on the Goolwa Regatta Week website as soon as possible after the Race.

www.goolwaregattaweek.com.au

22.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the Race entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. GRYC will not accept any liability for property damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Race.

23.0 INSURANCE

Each boat participating in the Race must be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10 million per incident or the equivalent.
