



Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club

Alexandrina Cup

Goolwa-Milang Lake Alexandrina Classic

Milang-Goolwa Freshwater Classic

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organising Authority is the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club

Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th March 2024

<https://www.revolutionise.com.au/goolwaryc/goolwa-regatta-weekend/race-entry>

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1.0 RULES

1.1 The Organising Authority for the Race is the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club Inc (GRYC).

1.2 The race will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the current 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.

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 whistle.

1.7 Upon a request made in writing to the Race Committee, the Race Committee may grant a dispensation from ASSR Regulation 3.24.3, subject to such conditions as it deems appropriate, if it considers that a boat is unsuitable to fit or to carry a motor.

1.8 All competitors must always wear a Personal Floatation Device while afloat except while briefly changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. This changes the Preamble to RRS Part 4 and RRS 40.

1.9 Due to shallow waters in the racing area, the prohibition in ASSR Part 1 Regulation 3.02.3c does not apply. It is recommended that boats sail with centreboards locked fully down where possible and that trailable yachts do not lift centreboards or keels while racing. RRS 52 (manual power) does not apply to centreboards and lifting keels.

1.10 All boats except those in Divisions 8 and 9 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 109 and have a minimum crew of 2 are eligible to sail in Division 8.

1.15 Off the Beach Catamarans must have a Yardstick of less than 100. Catamarans designed to be sailed singlehanded are eligible to sail in Division 9.

1.16 GRYC will use GRYC Mixed Fleet Ratings List as posted on the GRYC website at

<https://www.revolutionise.com.au/goolwaryc/racing/notices-of-race-and-sailing-instructions>

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 ELIGIBILITY

ALL SAILORS MUST HAVE AN AUSTRALIAN SAILING NUMBER.

If you do not have one, you will be provided one during the registration process.

<https://www.revolutionise.com.au/goolwaryc/registration/>

3.0 CLASS BASED HANDICAPS AND YARDSTICKS

Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club handicaps will apply to divisions 1A, 2,3,4,5

AS Yardsticks will apply to division 8 and 9

Goolwa Vintage Boat Club handicaps will apply to Div 1

Multihull Assoc of SA handicaps will apply to Division 7

4.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at the Sign-on Desk at the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club and the Milang Regatta Club.

5.0 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0800 on Saturday 9th March 2024 or Sunday 10th March 2024, as appropriate for that day's sailing.

6.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole located at the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club or the Milang Regatta Club

When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than thirty minutes' in the Race Signals AP. This changes RRS Race Signals AP.

7.0 SCHEDULE

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

- Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club at 0900 hours Saturday 9th March 2024
- Milang Regatta Club at 0800 hours Sunday 10th March 2024

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Divisions	Start #	Starting Code Flag	Warning Signal
1 - Vintage River Boats 1A-Restricted 21s	1	Numeral Pennant 1	1000
8 - Monohull Dinghies	2	Numeral Pennant 2	1010
2 - Trailable Monohull Boats "Spinnaker" GRYC MFR greater than 0.750	3	Numeral Pennant 3	1020
3 - Trailable Monohull Boats "Spinnaker" GRYC MFR equal to or less than 0.750	3	Numeral Pennant 3	1020
4 - Trailable Monohull Boats "Non-Spinnaker" GRYC MFR greater than 0.695	4	Numeral Pennant 4	1030
5 - Trailable Monohull Boats "Non-Spinnaker" GRYC MFR less than or equal to 0.695	4	Numeral Pennant 4	1030
7 – Large Multihulls	5	Numeral Pennant 5	1040
9 - Off the Beach Catamarans	6	Numeral Pennant 6	1050

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Divisions	Start #	Starting Code Flag	Warning Signal
1 - Vintage River Boats	1	Numeral Pennant 1	0855

1A-Restricted 21s			
8 - Monohull Dinghies	2	Numeral Pennant 2	0905
2 - Trailable Monohull Boats "Spinnaker" GRYC MFR greater than 0.750	3	Numeral Pennant 3	0915
3 - Trailable Monohull Boats "Spinnaker" GRYC MFR equal to or less than 0.750	3	Numeral Pennant 3	0915
4 - Trailable Monohull Boats "Non-Spinnaker" GRYC MFR greater than 0.695	4	Numeral Pennant 4	0925
5 - Trailable Monohull Boats "Non-Spinnaker" GRYC MFR less than or equal to 0.695	4	Numeral Pennant 4	0925
7 – Large Multihulls	5	Numeral Pennant 5	0935
9 - Off the Beach Catamarans	6	Numeral Pennant 6	0945

8.0 INTENTION TO RACE

Boats shall notify the Race Committee of their intention to race by depositing the completed Sign-On Card included in the competitor pack, in the appropriate box at the Sign-on Desk at the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club or Milang Regatta Club on race mornings. This Desk will open at 0700 hours.

9.0 THE COURSE

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9.1 The race will start approx. 100m north of the Goolwa Bridge, proceed upstream past Clayton around Pt Sturt then across Lake Alexandrina through Gate 1 to the finish line between a buoy flying a blue flag, left to port and the committee boat left to starboard flying a blue flag near the Milang Jetty.

9.2 Gate 1 will be set approximately halfway across Lake Alexandrina and within 2 NM of the shoreline. The Gate will be approximately 150 m wide and marked by large orange inflatable buoys. A

Committee vessel will be stationed adjacent to the northern buoy.

9.3 Sail numbers will be recorded at the gate.

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9.4 The course is from the Starting Line, east of the Milang Jetty, across Lake Alexandrina, through **Gate 1**, to Point Sturt, then downstream to the finish line at Goolwa in front of the GRYC.

9.5 Gate 1 will be set approximately halfway between Milang and Point Sturt and within 2 NM of the shoreline. The Gate will be approximately 150metres wide and marked by large orange inflatable buoys. A Committee Vessel will be stationed adjacent to the northern buoy.

9.6 Sail numbers will be recorded at the gate.

9.7 All boats must pass through the gate both days.

10.THE START

10.1 Races will be started by using RRS rule 26 with the warning signal made five minutes before the starting signal.

10.2 The start line will be between orange flag attached to the Race Committee boat at the starboard end, and a buoy flying an orange flag at the port end.

11.RECALLS

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 RRS Appendix A – Scoring. General Recalls will be made in accordance with RRS 29.2. Boats that do not return and start correctly will be scored DNS. Any further start sequences for Divisions under General Recall shall rotate to the end of the Start Sequence.

12.THE FINISH LINE

12.1 The Finish Line for all Divisions will be between blue flags flown from the mast of the Finish Boat the starboard end, and a blue flag at the port end. 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.

12.2 Boats that sail back through the Finish Line will incur a 10% penalty of their elapsed time. This changes Appendix A-Scoring.

13.0 TIME LIMIT

All boats must be finished by 1730 hours both days.

14.0 Sign Off

14.1 Competitors are required to sign off at the Sign Off desk, located at the MRC or GRYC

14.2 Entrants that do not finish the course are also asked to sign off either at the sign off desk or by contacting the GRYC on **0447 710 489** and indicating if they Did Not Finish

14.3 Failure to sign a "Declaration of Finish" within 45 minutes of a boat's finish time may result in being recorded as DNF

15.0 PROTESTS

A yacht intending to protest shall lodge the formal protest in accordance with RRS.60 within 45 minutes of finishing. Protests will be heard after racing and will be conducted in an informal manner as determined by the Chairman. Decisions of the Protest Committee will be given orally

16.0 ARBITRATION

16.1 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.

16.2 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.

16.3 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.)

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

17.0 SAFETY

17.1 Safety is the concern of every competitor. Every competitor must be prepared to render assistance at any time. 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.

17.2 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 Race Director on 0414232041 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.

18.0 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 information on the boats assisted, together with the beach number where boats have been put ashore will be displayed at the GRYC. 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.

19.0 RADIO COMMUNICATION

19.1 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.

19.2 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.

20.0 PRIZES

The following prizes may be awarded:

- a. First, second and third on corrected time in each division
- b. If there are 4 or 5 starters in a division, only 1st prize will be awarded.
- c. If there are 6 or 7 starters in a division, 1st and 2nd prizes will be awarded
- d. If there are 8 or more starters in a division, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes will be awarded
- e. Each finisher will receive a race medallion when signing off at GRYC

PERPETUAL TROPHIES

The following perpetual trophies may be awarded:

- *Patron's Trophy* for the fastest elapsed unplaced boat in Division 1.
- *W.R.Appleby Trophy* for the first boat on corrected time in Division 1.
- *Keith Veenstra Memorial Trophy* for the first Restricted 21.
- *A.B.Kinnear Trophy* for the first boats on corrected time in Divisions 2 & 3.
- *Commodore's Trophy* for the first boat on corrected time in Divisions 4 & 5.
- *Remilton Trophy* for the large Multihull with the fastest elapsed time
- *Blunden Trophy* for the fastest elapsed time OTB monohull dinghy.
- *Animal Scanning Services Trophy* for the OTB Catamaran with the fastest elapsed time.
- *Animal Scanning Services Trophy* for the first OTB Catamaran on corrected time Sue Howell
- *Cock of the Lake* for the fastest elapsed time across all divisions.
- *Sue Howell Women's Cup* for the best performance by a women's crew or woman skipper/helm.
- *Alexandrina Cup* for the fastest trailable yacht over both races
- *Alexandrina Cup* for the fastest OTB catamaran over both races
- *Out of the Blue Trophy* for the race record for all trailable monohull yachts.
- *TG Crawford Trophy* for the race record for OTB Monohull dinghy.
- *TG Crawford Trophy* for the race record for OTB Catamaran.

21.0 TROPHY PRESENTATIONS

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Trophy presentations will take place as soon as possible after all entrants have completed the course but no later than 1900hrs at the Milang Regatta Club (MRC).

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Trophy presentations will take place, at 1600 hrs for OTB classes and 1830 hours for all other classes, 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 2024.

22.0 OFFICIAL RACE RESULTS

Results will be posted at the GRYC Clubhouse following the presentations and on the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club webpage:

<https://www.revolutionise.com.au/goolwaryc/goolwa-regatta-weekend> as soon as possible after the race.

23.0 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.

24.0 INSURANCE

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

