

COVER SHEET
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS for: -
Goolwa to Meningie Sailing Classic 2023
18th November 2023

(Amended 28 October 2023)



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Accreditation: SC = Sailing Club, RR = YSA Racing Rules Member, NJ = National Judge, IJ = International Judge

RACING RULES COORDINATOR:

Coordinator's Name: Mr. Andrew Waterman Australian Sailing

**** Note 1. Please make special note of section 5.1 and attachment 2 on Page 6 of these instructions.**

**** Note 2. Updates to sailing conditions will be published on our website.**

The Goolwa to Meningie Sailing Classic 2023

Saturday 18th November 2023

Sailing Instructions

Organising Authority: Meningie Sailing Club.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the current rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing and the special regulations of Australian Sailing.
- 1.2 A Competitor number will be allocated by the race organisers and notified with the confirmation of acceptance of a boat's entry. All boats shall display the unique number on both sides of the hull within 2 metres of the bow of the boat or on the lower third of the jib. Division 1, 2 & 4 boats may display these on the sides of the cabin. These numbers must be of a contrasting colour and at least 400mm high and 45mm thick. Failure to display a number may mean that the boat's finish time will not be recorded.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located at the "Registration Desk" at the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club pre-race, and on the western wall adjacent to the door at the northern end of Meningie Sailing Club post-race. This will include posting of race results and details of protests.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted at the "Registration Desk" located at the Goolwa regatta Yacht Club not less than 30 minutes before the warning signal of a race for which it shall affect.

4. SIGNALS TO COMPETITORS

- 4.1 All signals will be displayed from flag poles on the rear of the start boat on station at the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club.
- 4.2 Flag AP with two sound signals (one sound signal when lowered) means the race is postponed. The warning signal will be made not less than 10 minutes after flag AP is lowered. This instruction alters, race signals, AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 5.1 Pre-Race Registration: Boats intending to start shall register at the "Registration Desk" at the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club. Division 1, 2, & 4 boats can **also** register by sending a text message to 0427 642 958 in the following format: - Unique number, Name of boat, Sail number, First and last name of the Person in charge, and ALL other people on board, the A.S. (Australian Sailing) Number of every person onboard, AND the name of the person sending the text message. Competitors on all boats shall be a financial member of a yacht/sailing club which is affiliated with their State or Territory Yachting Association, or have registered for a valid SailPass for the day, in accordance with RRS 46. You can logon to SailPass via our website: <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/meningiesc/> to obtain a day pass.

A confirmation text message will be sent to the sender. Registration must be received prior to the warning signal of the boat's division. A boat that does not register in accordance with these instructions may be recorded and scored as a DNS. This changes rule 63.1.

- 5.2 Racing is scheduled as follows:

Event	Warning Signal
Division 1 Trailable Yachts ATYSBR CBH of 0.675 or less	0755 hours
Division 2 Trailable Yachts ATYSBR CBH greater than 0.675	0755 hours
Division 3 Off The Beach boat >4.2m length, yardstick 80 or greater	0755 hours
Division 4 Other Authorised Yachts, eg Seawind, Trailer Trimarans	0855 hours
Division 5 Off The Beach boat >4.2m length, yardstick less than 80	1055 hours

- 5.3 No warning signal will be made after 1200 hours

6. **CLASS FLAGS** The division flags will be as follows:

Event	Flag
Division 1 Trailable Yachts ATYSBR CBH of 0.675 or less	Numeral 1
Division 2 Trailable Yachts ATYSBR CBH greater than 0.675	Numeral 2
Division 3 Off The Beach boat >4.2m length, yardstick 80 or greater	Numeral 3
Division 4 Other Authorised Yachts, eg Seawind, Trailer Trimarans	Numeral 4
Division 5 Off The Beach boat >4.2m length, yardstick less than 80	Numeral 5

7. RACING AREA

The racing area will be on the waters of the lower Murray River, the southern end of Lake Alexandrina, the Narrows and Lake Albert between the towns of Goolwa and Meningie. Refer to the map on Attachment 1 for details.

8 THE COURSE(s)

8.1 The dotted line drawn on Attachment 1 shows the approximate course from Goolwa, (adjacent to the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club), to the east along the lower Murray River, across the southern end of Lake Alexandrina, through the Narrows and east across Lake Albert to the finish off the Meningie Sailing Club.

Competitors are advised that due to a moving sandbar the water depth at the exit of the Narrows into Lake Albert varies between 1.0 to 1.4 metres.

8.2 The approximate course length will be 46 nautical miles.

8.3 Shorten Course. The Race Officer shall shorten the course if the lead boat has not reached the Point McLeay (Raukkan) jetty by 15:30, or the Race Officer may shorten course for any or all divisions at the Race Officer's discretion, and the division flags will be hoisted at the new finishing line together with code flag S. The new finish line will be in the vicinity of the Narrung Narrows.

9. MARKS

The starting and finishing marks will be buoys displaying a yellow flag.

10. THE START

10.1 Races will be started using rule 26 as follows:

Signal	Flag and sound	Minutes to Start
Warning	Class flag; 1 sound	5
Preparatory	Flag P, I, or black flag; 1 sound	4
One Minute	Preparatory flag removed; 1 long sound	1
Start	Class flag removed; 1 sound	0

10.2 The starting line will be between two buoys displaying yellow flags adjacent to the Committee boat.

10.3 A boat starting later than fifteen minutes after her starting signal may be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.1.

10.4 A boat whose warning signal has not been made shall keep well clear of the starting area.

11. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between two large yellow buoys located off the end of the Meningie jetty near the Meningie Sailing Club. Boats shall finish sailing from north to south through the finish line.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

Rules 44.1, 44.2 and 44.4 will apply.

13 TIME LIMIT

13.1 The time limit will be 2030 hours for all divisions.

13.2 Boats failing to finish within the time limit will be scored DNF. This changes rules 35 and A4.1.

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1** Protest forms will be available at the sign off desk in the Meningie Sailing Club. Protests shall be lodged at the sign off desk within the protest time limit.
- 14.2** For each division, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the finishing time of the protesting boat.
- 14.3** Notices will be posted within approximately 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and will advise the location of the hearings.
- 14.4** Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee/jury will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 14.5** For the purpose of rule 64.3(b) the 'authority responsible' is the measurer appointed by the organizing authority.
- 14.6** Breaches of instructions 10.4, 16, 17.1, 19 and 20 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee/jury so decides.
- 14.7** A request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered on the day of the regatta no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision. This changes rule 66.

15. SCORING

- 15.1** Handicap results will be calculated using the Yachting Victoria Yardstick for monohulls and catamarans. The Class Basic Handicaps (CBH) for TSASA Events will be used for calculating handicap results for Trailable Boats.
- 15.3** Points will only be awarded to a registered entry of helmsman/boat combination and are not transferable.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1** Boats must carry all safety equipment as specified under the Boating Act for semi-protected waters. Spot checks may be made. All yachts capable of carrying an auxiliary motor must do so, with sufficient fuel. Outboard motors must be mounted ready for immediate use but may be tilted. Monohulls must carry a bucket on a lanyard.
- 16.2** **A boat that retires from a race SHALL notify the race committee as soon as possible by telephoning the Meningie Sailing Club on 08 8575 1357 or by advising a safety boat on the course. THIS IS IMPORTANT TO SAVE EXPENSIVE, UNECESSARY SEARCHES.**
- 16.3** No responsibility will be undertaken for boats sailing back to Goolwa or any other destination after finishing or retiring.

17. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 17.1** A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.
- 17.2** Personal Buoyancy
All crew members on all competing boats shall wear while racing, Personal Flotation Devices, (PFD's) which are in good condition and secured in the manner designed. **The wearing of high visibility clothing plus carrying of a torch and whistle is mandatory for each competitor in an "Off the Beach" boat, and recommended for all other competitors. Additionally, the wearing of a personal head protecting helmet is mandatory for all single-handed vessels and recommended for all other competitors. Any competitors not complying with these requirements will be a 'did not start' and thus, not part of this event.**

18. OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be marked as follows:

- Committee/Start boat will display a blue flag.
- Safety boats will display an official Goolwa to Meningie 2023 pennant.

19. SUPPORT BOATS

Team managers, coaches, and other support personnel shall keep clear of any boat or mark of the course, except if required to provide personal safety support for a competitor. These Support boats shall display flag O at all times. Boats provided by the organising authority flying the official Goolwa to Meningie 2023 pennant, or private boats when asked to assist by the Race Committee are excepted from these "keep clear" directives.

20. RADIO COMMUNICATION

(HF- Marine 27Mhz 27.94 – Channel 94, VHF Channel 72 and Repeater Channel 83, and UHF Channel 19 and Repeater Channel 3 are utilised as Operational safety channels).

21. PRIZES

The following prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of the championship:

- Meningie Cup for fastest time overall.
- Trophy for the Yardstick winner for the whole of the fleet.
- Trophies for the fastest time in each division.
- Yardstick winner in each division.
- Darrell Crouch Memorial Trophy for fastest Meningie Sailing Club member on yardstick.

22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

22.1 All competitors shall understand that “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone (RRS 4).

22.2 Competitors remain solely responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted and the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. Competitors shall accept that their participation in the Event is at their exclusive risk in every respect.

22.3 The Meningie Sailing Club reserves the right to refuse an entry.

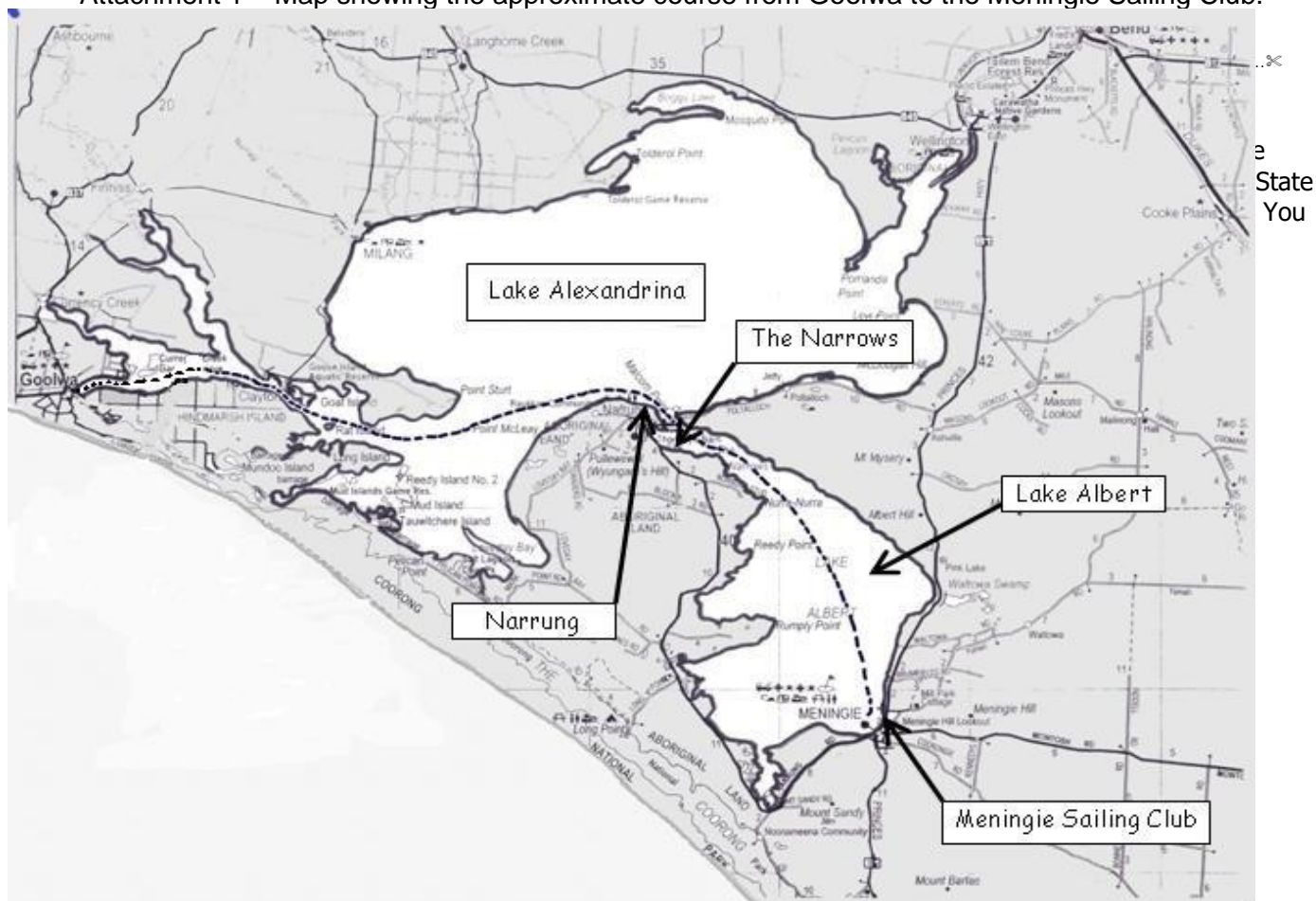
22.4 As a condition of entry in the Event, competitors shall indemnify the Organisers and Meningie Sailing Club Inc, their officers, members, servants and agents in respect to all claims and demands of whatever nature which may be made upon them in connection with or howsoever arising from their participation or intended participation in the regatta.

22.5 The Organising Authority, the Meningie Sailing Club Inc, their officers, members, servants and agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of a person’s participation or intended participation in the Event or howsoever arising in connection with the Event.

22.6 Yachts sailing back to Goolwa do so at their own risk. The Meningie Sailing Club accepts no responsibility for a boat after it finishes.

23. INSURANCE: It is a condition of entry in the regatta, that each owner/helmsman shall have valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD\$10 million for any one incident. The policy should cover all risks that may arise while the competitor is participating in the regatta, whether ashore or afloat. By signing the Regatta Entry Form, the owner/helmsman is deemed to have made a declaration that they have such cover in place on the date of the race.

Attachment 1 – Map showing the approximate course from Goolwa to the Meningie Sailing Club.



Boat Name	Unique Number	Sail Number
Name & Signature of Skipper		A.S. Number
Yardstick sailed on the day (** Division 5 – if changing to Sloop/Cat/Spinnaker rig etc)		
Crew #1		A.S. Number
Crew #2		A.S. Number
Crew #3		A.S. Number
Crew #4		A.S. Number
Crew #5		A.S. Number
Crew #6		A.S. Number
Crew #7		A.S. Number
Crew #8		A.S. Number