



GOOLWA AQUATIC CLUB SAILING



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2023/24

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PREAMBLE

The principle purpose of Goolwa Aquatic Club Sailing is to provide a safe, harmonious, family friendly sailing experience for both competitors and spectators and for the encouragement of junior sailors making the transition to racing. Races are for monohull dinghies and Windsurfer sailboards with a yardstick equal or greater than 95 and selected small catamarans with a yardstick equal or greater than 100 and are conducted to the best ability of the available volunteers on the day. Good sportsmanship and mutual respect between competitors are expected.

The purpose of the yardstick restriction is to maintain compatible fleet speed and maneuverability whilst racing in the proximity of a green fleet of juniors to reduce the risk opportunity.

Safety is of paramount concern. Should insufficient support vessels or operational volunteers be available to conduct an on water activity, consideration will be given to postpone or cancel that event.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in Club events entirely at their own risk. Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 4, Decision to Race in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

The Organizing Authority 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.

INSURANCE

Each participating boat or sailboard shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$5 million per event.

All owners/competitors who sign the Entry Form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover.

HOT WEATHER POLICY

When the Bureau of Meteorology forecast is 38 degrees or above for the Goolwa area on a sailing day, the race may be postponed.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2022/23

1 RULES

- 1.1 GAC Sailing will be governed by the current rules as defined in RRS.
- 1.2 The Australian Sailing '**Special Regulations Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats**' will apply for dinghy and catamaran classes.
- 1.3 Appendix B, Windsurfer Competition Rules shall apply for sailboard competition, except where they are changed by the Sailing Instructions (SIs). In the event of a conflict, the SIs will prevail.
- 1.4 Appropriate races may be conducted for a Green Fleet of juniors using the Introductory Rules for Racing.
- 1.5 In these SIs, "Boat" shall be taken to be inclusive of sailboards, unless specifically noted otherwise.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Course Board located in the Goolwa Aquatic Sailing Club at least **30 minutes prior** to a race start.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at least **30 minutes prior** to the schedule start on the Course Board on the day that it will take effect accompanied by **ONE sound signal**.

4 RACE NOMINATION

- 4.1 Race nomination fee will be determined by the Committee and is identified on the race nomination form.
- 4.2 Race nomination fee will only be refunded in the event of a race cancellation. An individual race nomination fee will not be refunded.
- 4.3 Race nomination shall be submitted for each race day event at the nomination desk in the Clubroom up to **30 minutes prior** to the first start.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE AND ON WATER

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag mast located on the jetty in front of the Clubroom.
- 5.2 Signals made on water will be from the Official Start Boat.

6 RACING PROGRAM

- 6.1 Dates of events will be described in the Club's Sailing Program. Times of different class starts will be displayed on the Course Board **30 minutes prior** to the scheduled race start on the day.
- 6.2 There will be one race each day unless advised otherwise on Course Board at the discretion of the Race Officer.

7 CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 The Class Flag(s) will be **Numeral Pennants** (ie 1, 2, 3 etc) or class flag if provided.
- 7.2 See the Course Board on race day for details (refer 2.1).

8 RACING AREA

- 8.1 The racing area is shown on **Attachment 1**, unless advised otherwise on Course Board.

9 COURSES

- 9.1 The course diagrams will be displayed on the Course Board **30 minutes prior** to the warning signal, including the order and the side in which marks are to be passed.

10 GREEN FLEET EXTRA PROVISIONS

- 10.1 Will race on a separate course to the senior fleet using flag stick markers unless advised otherwise on Course Board at the discretion of the Race Officer.
- 10.2 A designated support boat is provided for the Green Fleet.

11 MARKS

- 11.1 **Mark 1 (blue flag stick marker)** opposite the Goolwa Aquatic Club may be used as a STARTING AND FINISHING MARK if shown on the Course diagram.
- 11.2 **Marks 2, 3, 4 & additional marks** will also be designated on the Course diagram.
- 11.3 A missing mark will be provided under **RRS Rule 34**.

12 THE START

- 12.1 Unless advised otherwise on the Course Board at the discretion of the Race Officer, races will be started by using **RRS Rule 26**, amended as shown below.
- 12.2 Unless advised otherwise on the Course Board at the discretion of the Race Officer, the starting line will be between an **Orange Flag (port end)** and the **flagstaff** on the Official Start Boat at the **Starboard end**.
- 12.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made, shall keep clear of the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes.
- 12.4 A boat starting later than **10 minutes after** her class starting signal will be scored **'D.N.S'**.

<i>Time relative to starting signal</i>	<i>Flag signal</i>	<i>Sound signal</i>	<i>Means</i>
-3 minutes	Class flag / Numeral flag	One	Warning signal
-2 minutes	Code Flag P	One	Preparatory signal
-1 minute	Code Flag P removed	One long	One minute
0	Class flag / Numeral flag removed	One	Starting signal
+30 seconds	None	One long (optional)	Cease pumping (Windsurfer class)

13 RECALLS

13.1 INDIVIDUAL RECALLS

Refer to the current **RRS Rule 29.1**.

13.2 GENERAL RECALLS

In the event of a General Recall, the starts of the following classes shall continue as scheduled and the start of the recalled class will start **3 minutes** after the last scheduled start. The last scheduled start signal shall be the warning signal for the recalled class. In the event of more than one class being recalled they shall re-start in the sequence as set out initially.

14 SHORTENED COURSE

- 14.1 A shortened course will be done by displaying **Code Flag S** on a mark or official committee vessel that shall be stationed at any mark. All yachts shall proceed directly to the designated finish line after rounding that mark. When **Code Flag S** is displayed with a class flag, it shall apply to that class only.

15 THE FINISH

15.1 The finishing line will be between **Mark 1, Blue Flag floating marker** adjacent to the GAC, and a **Blue Flag on the mast at the jetty** in front of the Clubroom unless otherwise described on the Course Board in the clubroom.

16 RESAILS

16.1 A resail shall be determined by the R.O. & posted on the Course Board not less than **7 days prior** to the race.

17 PROPULSION

17.1 Applicable to Windsurfer class competitors only - Rule 42 shall only apply when competitors are sailing to windward or on a close-hauled course from 30 seconds after the starting signal (changes Rule 42). One long sound signal may be made to indicate 30 seconds after the starting signal.

18 PENALTY SYSTEM

18.1 All penalties identified in **RRS Rule 44.1** shall be exonerated by a **single turn**.

18.2 For other penalties, **Rule 44.2** will apply.

19 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

ONE RACE PER DAY / MULTIPLE RACES PER DAY

19.1 The approximate time for a race will be 90 / 30 minutes.

The time limit for a race is 120 / 45 minutes. If no boat finishes within 120 / 45 minutes of the starting signal then the race shall be abandoned.

19.2 A boat that fails to finish within 30 / 10 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes may be scored '**D.N.F**'. This changes **RRS Rule 35, A4 and A5**.

20 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

20.1 All protests and reports relating to a race must be lodged in accordance with **RRS Part 5 Section A** and lodged **within 30 minutes** of the last boat finishing with a fee of **\$50** to the Race Officer or delegate.

20.2 The hearing of the protest relative to the GAC Sailing races will be held at the Clubroom at a time to be determined by the race committee.

20.3 For Protests involving an alleged breach of a rule of **RRS Part 2**, a short mediation hearing may be held prior to a protest hearing. This changes **Part 5, Section B** of **RRS**. After a written Protest is lodged, one representative from each boat will meet with the Mediator. No witnesses will be permitted at this hearing. A boat that accepts fault at a mediation hearing will be scored a **D.N.S**. Once accepted, this decision is not subject to reopening or appeal. This alters **RRS Rules 63, 64.1(a), 66 and Appendix A**. The acceptance of the mediator's opinion cannot be grounds for redress or reopening. This changes **RRS Rules 60.1, 62 and 66**. The Mediator may be a member of any subsequent Jury or may be an observer.

21 SCORING

21.1 Shall be in accordance with the Low Point System **RRS Appendix A4.1**.

22 SAFETY

22.1 Race Officials and Support Boat crews may pick up boat crews and return them to their boats for safety reasons. The sail number of the boat that receives outside help will be notified to the Race Committee with details of the incident and a hearing may be held (if required) to determine any penalty. The penalty for **RRS Rule 41** shall be at the discretion of the race Committee.

- 22.2 The Race Officer has responsibility for the safety of crews on the water and may demand that crews be taken from boats for their personal safety in the event of a mishap as a duty of care.
- 22.3 All competitors must wear, whilst competing, personal flotation devices which are in good condition and in accordance with the specifications issued or approved by Australian Sailing. Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 1.2.

23 WIND SPEED

- 23.1 The Race Officer reserves the right to cancel, abandon or postpone racing if in their opinion conditions could make racing unsafe. An average wind speed limit of **22 knots for senior classes and 15 knots for juniors** may be enforced.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded at the end of the summer and winter seasons for handicap aggregate 1st 2nd and 3rd places, yardstick aggregate 1st place and any other prizes the Committee deems to award.

FOOTWEAR

Suitable footwear should be used as the water is shallow and there are coral outcrops within the racing area.

