



## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **Steamboat Cup**



**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> . March, 2017**

The organising authority shall be the Geelong Trailable Yacht Club Inc. acting through the Sailing Committee and Race Officials of the Club.

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## 1. Schedule of Races

2.1 Yachts will be grouped into Single-handed and Two-handed divisions. The Start Times will be:

Division	Flag	Start
1	E	10:00
2	F	10:30

**Vessels finishing later than 6:00 PM may be deemed to have not finished. Every effort will be made to allow all vessels to record a finish, possibly including shortening course and extending the nominal late finish time (darkness excepted), in accordance with relevant RRS rules.**

## 2. Course

**All divisions:**

Mark	Approx. coordinates	Keep mark to:
<b>START (yellow laid buoy-St Helens)</b>	38°07.05'S; 144°21.73'E	Port
North Channel (first Red pile)	38° 05.757 S; 144° 24.767 E	Starboard
North Channel (red piles-total 4)		Starboard
North Channel (last green pile)		Port
Artificial Cut Pile	38° 06.206 S; 144° 27.280 E	Port
<b>Steamboat Pile</b>	<b>38° 06.680S; 144° 30.981E</b>	<b>Starboard</b>
Hopetoun Channel Piles 3, 5, 7 (green)		Starboard
Hopetoun Channel Piles 4, 6, 8 (red)		Port
West Cardinal Mark	38° 08.305 S; 144° 22.035 E	Starboard
<b>FINISH (yellow laid buoy-St Helens)</b>	38°07.05'S; 144°21.73'E	Starboard

### **WARNINGS:**

1. There are a number of shallow water areas over the course, GTYC strongly recommends competitors take heed of the navigational marks and plot a safe course using Chart AUS 157.
2. The exclusion zone around the Point Wilson Pier is not currently in force.

## 3. Starts

Start Line will be between the **Start Boat** (orange flag) and a Yellow Buoy adjacent to St Helens. Races will be started as follows:

Minus 5 minutes	<u>Visual Signal</u>
Minus 4 minutes	Division flag raised
Minus 1 minutes	P & I flags raised
Start	P flag removed
	Division flag removed

Times will be taken from Visual signals. A Visual Signal may be accompanied by a sound signal. The absence of a sound signal will be disregarded.

Any Division 1 boat starting later than 25 minutes after her designated start shall not interfere with or impede the starting of any Division 2 boat.

#### 4. Rules and Safety Regulations

- 4.1 **The race will be governed** by the *Racing Rules of Sailing For 2017-2020* (RRS) published by Yachting Australia (YA), State Regulations, Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.
- 4.2 **This race is classified** as Category C under RRS 80 Advertising.
- 4.3 **Crews of yachts not having lifelines** complying with YA Special Regulations; Part 1; Section 3.12 (Category 5) shall, at all times whilst racing, wear Personal Flotation Devices (PFD).
- 4.4 **Code Flag Y** may be flown at the start to indicate that all crews are to wear PFD's while racing.

*It is recommended that all crew of yachts wear a suitable PFD while racing in conditions of heightened risk, which may include:*

- *wind speeds exceeding 25 knots*
- *sailing at night*
- *the sea state makes working on deck difficult*
- *novice crew*
- *sailing short-handed*

- 4.5 **PFD's** should be selected having due consideration for the sailing environment.
- 4.6 **Class dispensations** already approved by YA or State Yachting Authority will be recognised.
- 4.7 **Safety equipment** shall be available for inspection on request.
- 4.8 **A yacht reported as not complying** with mandatory safety regulations during the race may incur disqualification after protest.
- 4.9 **Sign-on** before the Start at Race Office St Helens and **Sign-off** as soon as possible after finishing at Race Headquarters St. Helens, is mandatory.
- 4.10 **Yachts retiring** should notify a race official as soon as possible on the day of the race. Advice can be radioed to Race Headquarters call-sign **GTYC**, or phone: **0402268023**.
- 4.11 **Admiralty Chart** is AUS 157 or equivalent should be carried.
- 4.12 **Weather reports** are available from Geelong Coast Guard VMR 368 and commercial radio 93.9 Bay-FM.
- 4.13 **Helping Those in Danger**. Skippers are reminded of RRS Fundamental Rule 1.1 Time so lost may be claimed at the finish.
- 4.14 **Radio frequency** for race to be – Calling on **VHF 16** and then to **VHF 77** for working or a channel as advised by the called station.

#### 5. Disclaimer of Liability

- 5.1 Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. GTYC Inc. is not responsible for the seaworthiness or the sufficiency or adequacy of the equipment or actions of the crew of a yacht whose entry is accepted.
- 5.2 **Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rules 4**, which states: “**The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone**”.
- 5.3 **Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rules 3**, which states: “By participating in a race conducted under these racing rules, each competitor and boat owner agrees:
- 5.3.1 to be governed by the *rules*.
- 5.3.2 to accept the penalties imposed and other action taken under the *rules*, subject to the appeal and review procedures provided in them, as the final determination of any matter arising under the *rules* and
- 5.3.3 with respect to such a determination, not to resort to any court of law or tribunal.”

#### 6. Notices to Competitors

- 6.1 Notices to competitors and Signals Made Ashore shall be posted on the official notice board located at Race Start Office, St Helens.
- 6.2 Changes to the sailing instructions shall be posted at Race Start Office, St Helens, one hour before the start on the day it will take effect.
- 6.3 **Sign on before the Start**
- 6.4 **Sign off as soon as possible after you Finish.**

## 7. Protests and Requests for Redress

- 7.1 Will be accepted in terms of RRS Rule 60.
- 7.2 Protests shall be written on forms available at Race Headquarters, St. Helens; and lodged there within one hour after the time of the last yacht's finish, together with a deposit of \$10.00.
- 7.3 Protest notices will be posted at Race Headquarters, St Helens, within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors there is a hearing to which they are a party or named as witnesses. This shall constitute official notice to all parties.
- 7.4 Protests shall be heard in approximately the order of receipt at the Geelong Trailable Yacht Club Rotunda commencing at 1030 hours on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017, or earlier by mutual agreement.

## 8. Scoring

- 8.1 Y.V. Class Based Handicaps current at race date will apply.
- 8.2 Provisional results will be displayed at Race Headquarters as early as possible. Final results will be emailed to all competitors as soon as practicable.

## 9. Penalty System

- 9.1 RRS Rule 44 of the Racing Rules specifies alternate penalties for infringing Rules of Part 2.

## 10. Cancellation or Postponement

- 10.1 Will be signalled in accordance with RRS Rule 27.3. In the case of adverse weather the Postponement or Abandon and Re-sail signal shall be flown. This shall be notification to all competitors that the race shall be re-sailed on an alternative date.

## 11. Presentation of Trophies

- 11.1 Presentation of trophies will be made at the Race Headquarters St. Helens as soon as possible after the event.

## 12. General Information

- 12.1 **St Helens Boat Ramp:** Turn east off Melbourne-Geelong Road into Swinburne Street, North Geelong; ramp fee \$4.00 – pay at Coast Guard; – excellent parking facilities; Lock-up overnight parking available; avoid trees while manoeuvring mast-up; short term mooring available.
- 12.2 **St Helens Facilities:** Public BBQ facilities, public toilets and showers available at St Helens (adjacent to Coast Guard).
- 12.3 **Post-Presentation:** BBQ (sausages, hamburgers and salads) or similar will be available for \$5-00 at the GTYC clubhouse or nearby alternative venue, after the trophy presentation.

## 13. Emergency Contacts

Geelong Coast Guard: 03 5278 8440      0417 012 661

**All Emergencies VHF CH 16**

**Race enquiries:**

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