

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



## Sonata Yacht Association 2021 Regatta

*and*



## Ultimate Yacht Association 2021 Regatta



*hosted by*

**Geelong Trailable Yacht Club**

**Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup>. February, 2021**  
**Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup>. February, 2021**

**Issue Date: 17<sup>th</sup>.February, 2021**

The organising authority shall be the Geelong Trailable Yacht Club Inc.

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## 1. Races

- 1.1 **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>. February, 2021:** Races will be conducted to the schedule and Courses in Appendix 1.
- 1.2 **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>. February, 2021:** A stern-chaser race will be conducted as detailed in Appendix 2.

## 2. Start and Finish

**2.1 Start Line** will be adjacent to St Helens between the **Start Boat** (orange flag) at the starboard end and a **Pink Buoy** at the port end. Finish will be the reverse (detail shown in Appendix 1).

**2.2 For Saturday Races**, Start count-down will be as follows:

Time	Visual Signal
Minus 5 minutes	Divisions flag raised
Minus 4 minutes	P & I flags raised
Minus 1 minute	P flag removed
Start	Divisions flag removed

A Visual Signal may be accompanied by a sound signal.

**2.3 For Sunday**, The Stern Chaser will be started with a 5-minute countdown displayed on the starting board for the first boat. Start times for other boats will be displayed on the starting board. When a boat's start number or subsequent numbers is displayed, the boat may start. Start times for the Stern Chaser will be calculated from aggregated Saturday results.

**2.4 All races:** During the Start procedure, yachts not starting must keep clear of the start area. Any boat starting later than 5 minutes after her designated start shall not interfere with or impede the starting of any boat with a later designated start.

**2.5 Recalls: Individual recall** will be signalled by the display of Code Flag X with one sound signal. The offending yacht(s) must sail around either end of the start line and restart. **General recall** will be signalled by the display of the First Substitute pennant and accompanied by 2 sound signals

## 3. Rules and Safety Regulations

- 3.1 The race will be governed by the *Racing Rules of Sailing* current on the race date, published by Australian Sailing, except as modified by Racing Rules of the SYAV, UYA and SSA, Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions.
- 3.2 **Crews of yachts** shall, whilst racing, wear Personal Flotation Devices (PFD 1).
- 3.3 **Sign-on** before the warning signal of the race(s) at Race Office St Helens and **Sign-off** as soon as possible after finishing at Race Headquarters St. Helens, is mandatory.
- 3.4 **Yachts retiring** should notify a race official as soon as possible on the day of the race. Advice can be radioed to Race Headquarters VHF channel 77, or phoned to 0411 142 917.
- 3.5 **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.

## 4. Disclaimer of Liability

- 4.1 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. Notices to Competitors

- 5.1 Notices to competitors will be posted at Race Start Office, St Helens.
- 5.2 Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted at Race Start Office, St Helens, one hour before the start on the day it will take effect.
- 5.3 Signals made ashore will be displayed at Race Start Office, St Helens.

## 6. Protests and Requests for Redress

- 6.1 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.
- 6.2 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.
- 6.3 Protests shall be heard in approximately the order of receipt at the Geelong Trailable Yacht Club commencing at 1030 hours on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>. February, 2021** or earlier by mutual agreement.

## 7. Scoring

- 7.1 Y.V. Class Based Handicaps current at race date will apply to Saturday races.
- 7.2 Sunday stern-chaser start times will be based on individual aggregates from the Saturday races.
- 7.3 Overall results will be calculated from race times from the Saturday races and the Sunday Stern-chaser.
- 7.4 Use or non-use of spinnaker will be decided by each individual Class Association.

## 8. Cancellation or Postponement

- 8.1 Will be signalled in accordance with RRS Rule 27.3. If adverse weather causes racing to be Postponed or Abandoned, known entrants will be advised by email and/or SMS approximately two days before the scheduled commencement of racing. The racing may be re-sailed on an alternative date.

## 9. Presentation of Trophies

- 9.1 Trophies will be presented at the discretion of the individual Class Association.
- 9.2 Prizes for Saturday Class races may be awarded on Saturday Night at the Regatta BBQ. Stern-chaser winners and placegetters may be presented at the respective Association annual presentation functions, at the discretion of the individual Class Association.

## 10. General Information

- 10.1 **St Helens Boat Ramp:** Turn east off the Melbourne-Geelong Road into Swinburne Street, North Geelong; ramp fee \$5-00 – pay at Coast Guard; – excellent parking facilities; avoid trees while manoeuvring mast-up; short term mooring available.
- 10.2 **St Helens Facilities:** Club and public BBQ's, public toilets and hot showers adjacent to Coast Guard.
- 10.3 **Jetties:** Please note that extended short term use of the floating pontoon jetties at the south-east corner of the boat harbour, has been approved for this event.

## 11. Contacts

### Emergencies:

**Geelong Coast Guard**

**5278 8440  
0417 012 661  
VHF CH 16**

**GTYC Base (Rotunda)  
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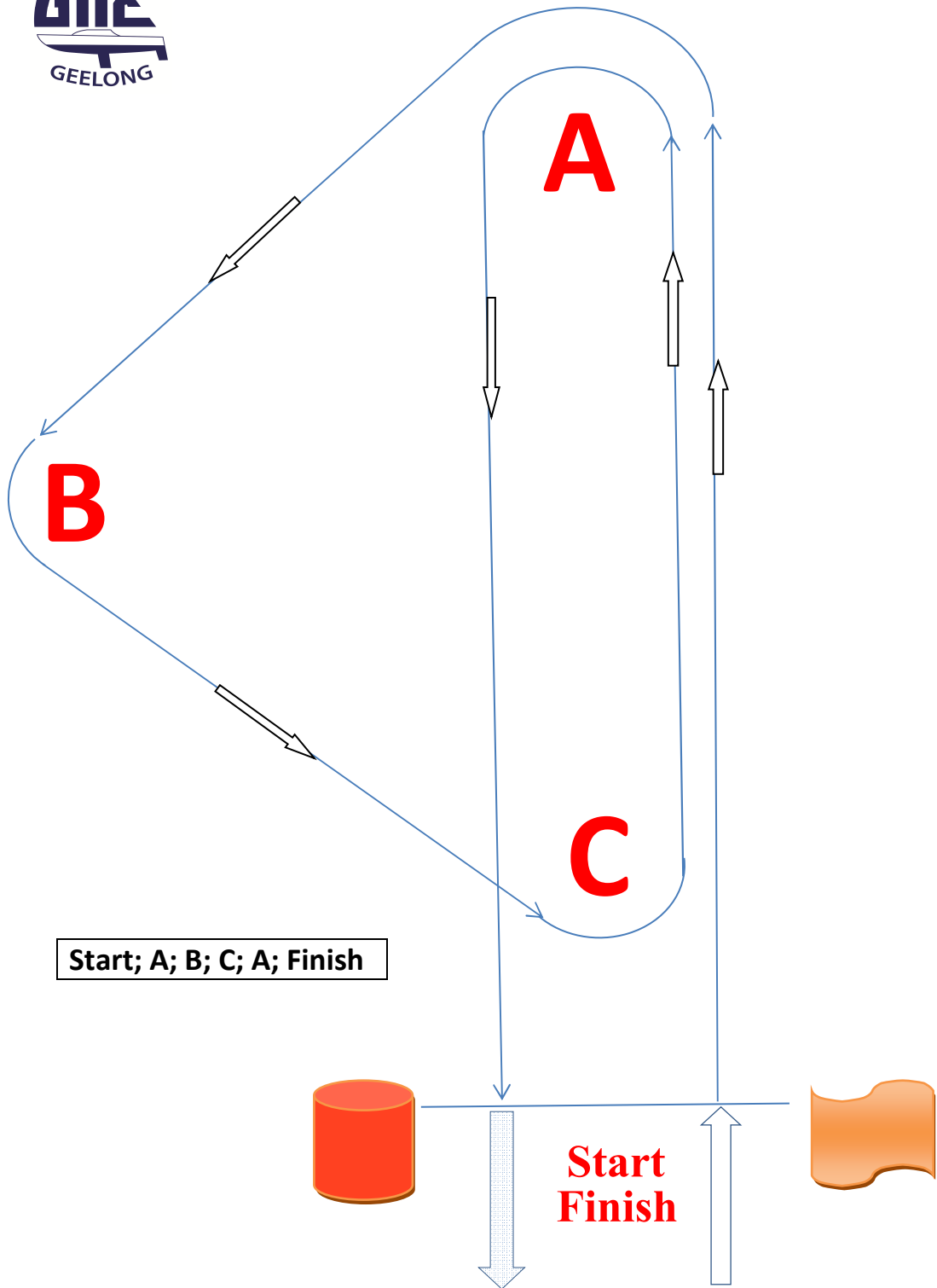
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**Appendix 1:****Schedule for Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>. February, 2021**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Division</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Flag</b>
09:45	All	Welcome & Briefing	
09:50	All	Sign-on – Race 1, 2, 3.	
10:30	Sonatas and Ultimates	Race 1 - 1st signal	<b>F</b>
10:35	Sonatas and Ultimates	Race 1 - Start	
12:00	All	Finish, Sign-off; (Race 1) Lunch	
12:30	All	Briefing – Races 2 & 3	
13:30	Sonatas and Ultimates	Race 2 - 1st signal	<b>F</b>
13:35	Sonatas and Ultimates	Race 2 - Start	
15:00	Sonatas and Ultimates	Race 3 - first signal approx..	<b>F</b>
15:05	Sonatas and Ultimates	Race 3– Start	
17:00	All	Sign-off	
19:00	All	BBQ (byo meats, salads supplied)	
20:00	All	Interim Results	

Port Course





**Appendix 2:**

**Schedule for Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>. February, 2021**

<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Division</u></b>	<b><u>Activity</u></b>
09:00	All	Sign on – Stern-chaser
	All	Briefing – Stern-chaser
9:40	All	Countdown begins (-5) – Stern-chaser
<b>9:45</b>	<b>Zero boat</b>	<b>Start – Stern-chaser Zero boat</b>
12:45	All	Finish – Stern-chaser
		Sign off
	All	Lunch
14:00		Results and Presentations



**Stern-chaser Course Sunday 21st. February 2021.**

