NOTICE of RACE



GTYC Cluster Cup

The ”Cluster” was a 3-legged platform which marked a shallow patch off Clifton Springs. It has, in modern times, been replaced by a South Cardinal mark.

Saturday 30th. August, 2025

Issue Date 12th. August, 2025

Cluster Cup Race Geelong

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Geelong Trailable Yacht Club (GTYC)

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1. RULES

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Category 5 PLUS VHF transceiver.

Boats shall maintain a listening watch on the designated race management channel VHF **77** whilst on the water.
VHF transceivers may be hand held or permanently installed.

1.2. The person in charge of each boat entered must attend the pre-race safety briefing. It is recommended that all crew attend.

1.3. The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions that will be on the official notice board located at the GTYC Rotunda.

2. ADVERTISING

2.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1. Entry is open to all boats complying with the Australian Trailable Yacht and Sports Boat Rule.

3.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing and submitting the attached Entry Form and Payment on or before **29th. August 2025**.

3.3. Late entries will be accepted up to 0900, on the day of the race.

4. FEES

4.1. The entry fee is **$30** per boat.

4.2. An additional **$10** fee applies to late entries.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1. Prior to racing, boats are required to register at the race office located at the GTYC Club House from 0830 on the day of the race.

5.2. Pre-Race Safety Briefing 0925, on the day of the race.

5.3. Race Schedule:

Division		Class Flag	Warning Signal
4	Cruising Non-Spinnaker - All	E	1025
3	CBH below 0.700	E	1025
2	CBH 0.700 – 0.769	F	1040
1	CBH 0.770 or above	G	1055

6. VENUE AND COURSES

6.1. Appendix A shows the Race Area (inner and outer Corio Bay) and the courses to be sailed.

6.2. The course length will be approx. 16 NM

Courses may be changed to suit weather conditions on the day. Check for any changes to Sailing Instructions.

7. SCORING

7.1. Races will be scored on the Races will be scored on ATYSBR National CBH List 2019/20.

7.2. PRIZES

7.3. Prizes will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd on CBH, for each division with three or more starters. Divisions may be re-defined depending on entries.

7.4. Additional prizes may be given at the discretion of the organising authority.

8. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

8.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organising 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.

9. INSURANCE

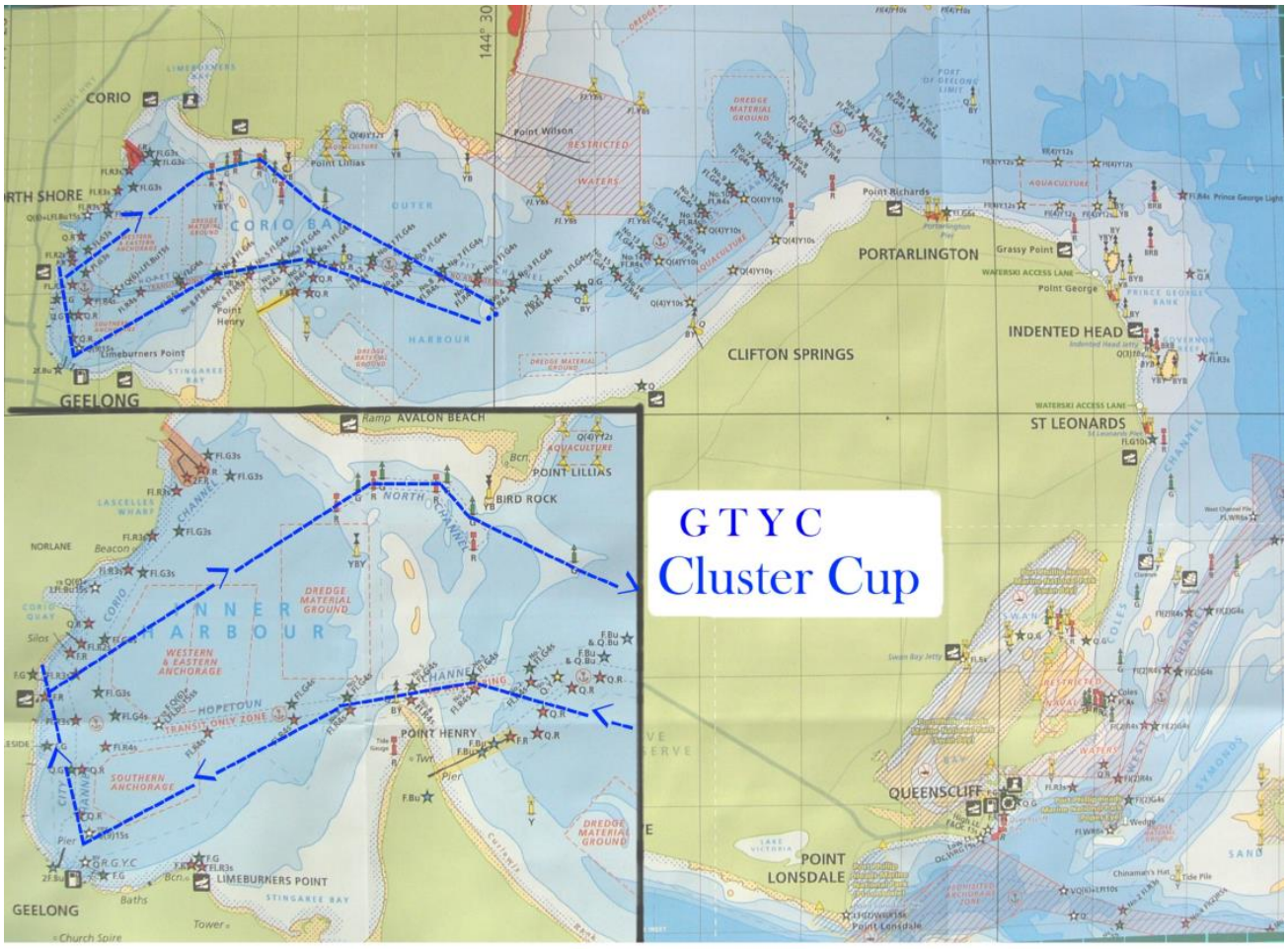
9.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD$10 Million per incident or the equivalent.

10. FURTHER INFORMATION

10.1. For further information please contact:

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Appendix A: Cluster Cup Race Course Diagram



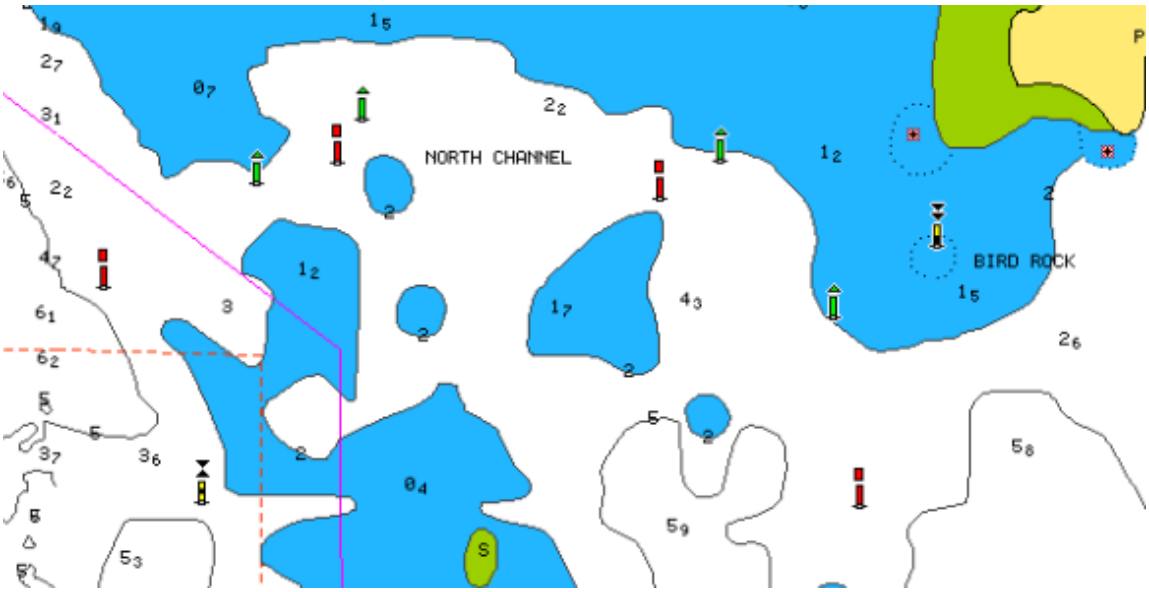
Mark	Approx.coordinates	Keep mark to:
START (pink laid buoy-St Helens)		Port
North Channel (Red pile)	38° 05.75' **S;** 144° 24.75' E	Starboard
North Channel (next 2 red piles)		Starboard
North Channel (last green pile)	38° 05.81' **S;** 144° 26.15'	Port
Artificial Cut Pile	38° 05.61' **S;** 144° 25.05' **E**	Port
"Cluster" pile	**38° 08.131 S; 144° 30.112 E**	**Starboard**
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
FINISH (pink laid buoy-StHelens)	38°07.05' S-144°21.73' E	Starboard

Additional Information:

St Helens Boat Ramp
Turn east off the Melbourne-Geelong Road into Swinburne St, North Geelong;
Excellent parking facilities; avoid trees while manoeuvring mast-up.
Hot showers available.

Entrants are invited to stay overnight on Friday and Saturday and participate in the Post-race BBQ ($10) on Saturday evening. **Please indicate intentions on the entry form.**

Location of North Channel Marks
Note: The Channel Marks for the North Channel are not numbered. There are 4 Green and 4 Red Channel Markers.



Red Channel Markers		Green Channel Markers	
Latitude	**Longitude**	**Latitude**	**Longitude**
		38°05.81' S	144°26.15' E
38°05.63' S	144°25.82' E	38°05.58' S	144°25.93' E
38°05.57' S	144°25.20' E	38°05.51' S	144°25.25' E
38°05.75' S	144°24.75' E	38°05.61' S	144°25.05' E

* *Latitude and Longitude are approximate*

Entry Form

2025 GTYC Cluster Cup Geelong Race

Boat Reg. No: _____Yacht Name: _____

Colour: Hull: _____Deck: _____Mainsail Nº: _____

CBH: _____Class: _____Drop Keel/Swing Keel (circle as applicable)

Owner/Skipper's name: _____Division entered: _____

Address: _____City: _____Post code: _____

Ph: Home: _____ Business: _____Emergency:_____

On-board mobile phone Nº: _____Email address:_____

Name of Club of which you are a member: _____

Crew names and emergency phone Nos:

1. _____Phone:_____ Emergency _____ _____
2. _____Phone:_____ Emergency _____ _____
3. _____Phone:_____ Emergency _____ _____
4. _____Phone:_____ Emergency _____

Entry Fee: (entry received on or **before 20:00 29th. August, 2025**) **$ 30.00**

OR Late Entry Fee:(entry received after **20:00 29th. August, 2025**) **$ 40.00**

Post-race BBQ Number……@ $10 equals $..... Total $

Payment: Cheque payable to GTYC mailed to GTYC Cluster, PO Box 899, Geelong Vic. 3220. Or Direct Deposit with name and GTYC Cluster to Geelong Trailable Yacht Club Inc; BSB 063512; A/c No. 0091 3771

I hereby:

1. Declare that entered yacht conforms to the class rules requirements for the CBH claimed, **or** the yacht varies from class rules and or CBH as per the attached certification.
2. Declare that I will not hold GTYC Inc. or any associated party liable for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after the race.
3. Agree to sail in fair competition under Class Rules, the Racing Rules of Sailing as amended by the Sailing Instructions.
4. Declare that all information provided is true and correct and that I will make my yacht available for inspection upon request by a member of the Race Committee.
5. Acknowledge and understand that Rule 4,"Decision to Race", places the sole responsibility on the boat for deciding whether or not to start, or to continue racing.
6. Declare that my yacht is covered by third party liability insurance of at least $10M.

Signed _____Skipper/Owner Dated___/___/ **2025**

Post to: The Secretary, Geelong Trailable Yacht Club Inc. P.O. Box 899, Geelong. 3220 or email to secretary@gtyc.com.au