Cluster Cup Race Geelong
Saturday. 30th. August, 2025
Geelong Trailable Yacht Club (GTYC)

SUPPLEMENTARY SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

1.1. The person in charge of each boat entered must attend the pre-race safety briefing at 9:30 at GTYC Clubhouse.. It is recommended that all crew attend.

1.2. Marine regulations require that boats shall avoid commercial shipping.

A boat in danger of interfering with commercial shipping may use its engine to avoid interference, provided that it is used only as necessary to avoid commercial shipping and no advantage is gained through its use.

1.3. The Port of Geelong is a security regulated port as set out in the Maritime Transport Security Act 2003 and its associated regulations.

There are Restricted No Entry Zones in Corio Bay. Penalties including fines apply to unauthorised entry. It is the responsibility of the person in charge of each boat to comply with Port Security Regulations.

The penalty for a boat protested and found to have entered a No Entry Zone whilst racing, shall be disqualification.

2. SCHEDULE OF RACES

2.1. 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

Race Committee may change the composition of divisions and starting times may be changed, dependent on entries on the day. Results will be decided on CBH. Divisions and courses will be confirmed after the safety briefing

3. RACE OFFICE AND SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

3.1. The race office will be located at the GTYC Clubhouse.

3.2. Signals made ashore will be posted on the Official Noticeboard.

4. THE COURSES AND MARKS

4.1. Appendix A shows the course, the order in which marks are to be passed and describes the marks and the side on which each mark is to be left. Course may be changed dependent on wind and weather onn the day.

5. THE START

5.1. The start line shall be approx. 200 metres east of GTYC Clubhouse.

6. THE FINISH

6.1. The finish line shall be the line between a laid orange or pink mark approx. 200 metres east of St Helens Boat Ramp and either GTYC vessel “Even Keel” or the GTYC Clubhouse.

7. TIME LIMIT

7.1. (a) The time limit for boats to sail the course and finish is 1800.
(b) Any boat racing when the time limit expires will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus 2 points. Such boats will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE). This changes RRS 35, A4.2 and A5.

8. SAFETY REGULATIONS

8.1. Registration and Sign-on shall be at the Race Office prior to 10:00 on the day of the race.

8.2. Sign-off shall be at the Race Office as soon as possible after finishing.

8.3. Boats retiring are required to notify the race committee as soon as practicable.

9. RADIO COMMUNICATION

9.1. 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.

9.2. The call sign of the race committee vessel is “Even Keel”

10. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

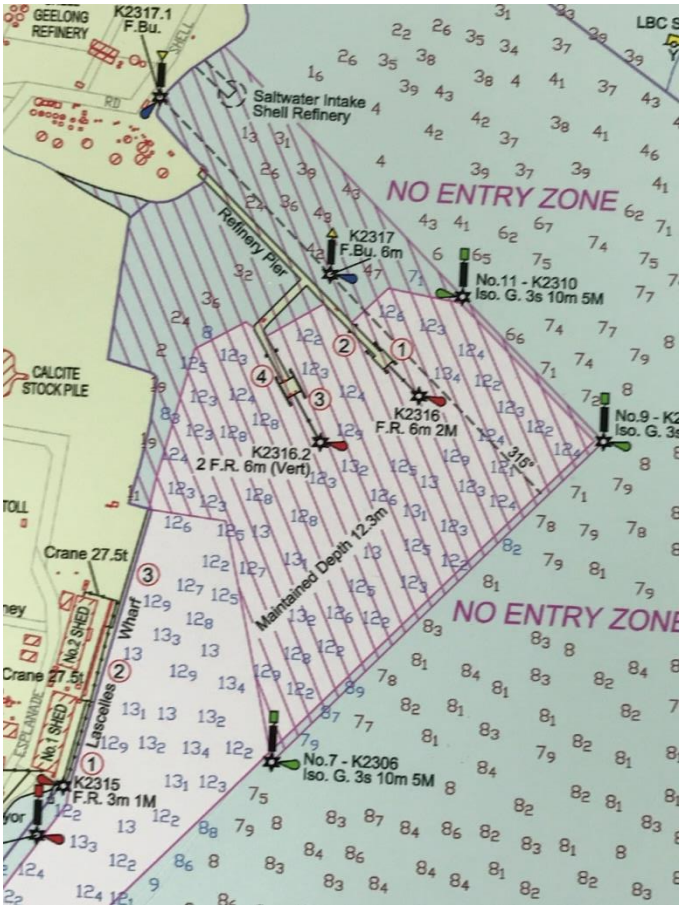
10.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Additional Contacts:

Race Committee contact	**0402 268 023 (Bob)**
Coast Guard Geelong	03 5278 8440

Refinery Pier No Entry Zone: *Source: Victorian Regional Channel Authority, May 2017*



APPENDIX A: – COURSE AND MARKS

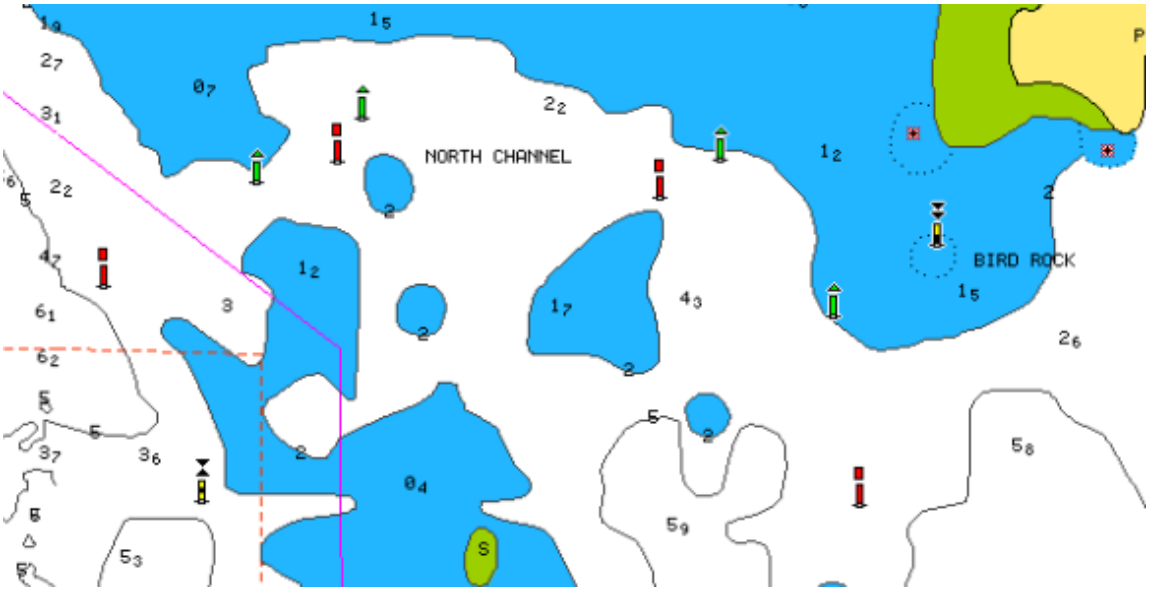
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Mark	Approx.coordinates	Keep mark to:
START (pink laid buoy-St Helens)	38°07.05' S-144°21.73' E	Port
North Channel (Red pile)	38° 05.75' **S;** 144° 24.75' E	Starboard
North Channel (next 2 red piles)		Starboard
North Channel (last green pile)	38° 05.81' **S;** 144° 26.15' **E**	Port
Artificial Cut Pile	38° 06.206' **S;** 144° 27.280' **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

Location of North Channel Marks

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



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Approximate Channel Marker Locations are listed in the table below from East to West

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