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Dear fellow wooden boat enthusiasts,

On behalf of the Royal Geelong Yacht Club, it is my pleasure to invite you to participate in the 2024 Wooden Boat Festival of Geelong, held between Saturday 9th March - Monday 11th March.

We welcome wooden boat enthusiasts and owners to be a part of the upcoming festival! Whether you're planning on racing or exhibiting your beloved wooden beauties we are excited to see the Royal Geelong Yacht Club alive with these classic treasures.

Those wishing to exhibit are encouraged to display their cherished vessel in all its glory, and share your passion for these timeless nautical treasures!

This is your opportunity to showcase your craftsmanship and put your skills and talents in shipbuilding restoration, or nautical arts on display for a captivated crowd!

Perhaps you're hoping to set sail and test your wooden treasures capabilities in the organised racing held at the festival. Racing is held on Saturday the 9th and Sunday the 10th of March. We welcome Keelboats, Coutu Boats, and Tumlarens to submit their entries, following the details found below in the Notice of Race.

Whether you're a skilled shipwright, a master of nautical trades, or a passionate artisan with a deep connection to the worlds of boats and watercraft, the Woden Boat Festival of Geelong has something to offer everyone! This event only comes around every 2 years so don't miss your chance to be a part of this festival and continue to add to the history of wooden boats!

Yours sincerely
Paul Buchholz

Event Chairman
Wooden Boat Festival of Geelong





Royal Geelong Yacht Club Inc.
25 Eastern Beach Rd, Geelong, Vic, 3220

Wooden Boat Festival of Geelong
Saturday 9th – Monday 11th March 2024

Notice of Race (NOR)

The Royal Geelong Yacht Club Inc. (RGYC) as the Organizing Authority (OA) invites owners and charterers of eligible boats to apply for entry to this regatta to be held on Corio Bay.

[DP] – A rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the jury or protest committee.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Race will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 1.
- 1.2 Appendix T (Arbitration) will apply.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI's)

- 2.1 It is the intention of the OA to have the sailing instructions available after 17:00 hrs on Saturday 17th February 2024.
- 2.2 The sailing instructions (SI's) will be posted on the Official Notice Board on the event web site at <http://www.woodenboatfestivalgeelong.com.au>.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 10,16,69,70,71,72,73.
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channels will be stated in the SI's. This alters RRS 41.
- 3.3 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all wooden boats. Classic Yachts shall be designed before 1985 and Modern Yachts designed during or after 1985.
- 4.2 All competitors shall be a current member of a club affiliated with Australian Sailing.
- 4.3 The event is open to the following boats.
 - 4.3.1. Keelboats, Classic & Modern: AS Special Regulations Category 6
 - 4.3.2. Couta Boats: AS Special Regulations Category 7 plus VHF radio
 - 4.3.3. Tumlarens: AS Special Regulations Category 7 plus VHF radio
- 4.4 The TopYacht Performance Handicap System (PHS) applies to all participating boats.
- 4.5 Eligible boats may enter online on the event website no later than 17:00 hrs Friday 23rd February 2024.
<http://www.topyacht.com.au/entreg/enter.php?e=107.1.1753>
- 4.6 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.7 Late entries may be accepted up to 17:00 hrs Friday 1st March 2024 at the discretion of the OA and with payment of a Late Entry Fee of \$100 in addition to the Entry Fee.

5. FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee is \$115.00 (incl GST).
- 5.2 The entry fee includes berthing at RGYC during the event.
- 5.3 Requests for entry cancellation and entry fee refund will be processed if the request is received by the OA prior to 17:00 hrs Friday 23rd February 2024.
- 5.4 Requests for entry cancellation received by the OA after 16:00 hrs Friday 23rd February 2024 will not receive a refund of the entry fee.

6. ADVERTISING AND SPONSORS

- 6.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.
- 6.2 Boats shall display the 2024 Wooden Boat Festival flag as supplied by the OA when berthed in the Marina.

7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1 Competitor registration times are listed in the following table. The location of the registration desk will be advised prior to the event but will be in the vicinity of the Royal Geelong Yacht Club.

Date	Times
Friday 8 th March	14:00 – 17:00 hrs
Saturday 9 th March	14:00 – 17:00 hrs

- 7.2 Detail of races:

Date	Class	Activity	Scheduled First Warning
Saturday 9 th March	All Classes	Passage Race – Portarlinton to Geelong	10:55 hrs
Sunday 10 th March	All Classes	Special Courses – Corio Bay	15:25 hrs

- 7.3 On Sunday 10th March 2024 no warning signal will be made after 16:55 hrs.

8. COURSES

- 8.1 The full detail of start locations, courses and marks will be in the Sailing Instructions.

9. SCORING

- 9.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 9.2 A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- 9.3 Rule RRS A5.3 applies.

10. BERTHING

- 10.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the marina as directed by the RGYC Marina Manager.

11. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 11.1 [DP] Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the term of prior written permission of the race committee.

12. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 12.1 Boats shall not be cleaned below the waterline by any means during the event.

13. RISK STATEMENT

- 13.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

14. INSURANCE

- 14.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with the valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD \$10,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

15. PRIZES

- 15.1 Prizes will be awarded as follows:
- Passage Race for Modern Boats
 - Passage Race for Classic Wooden yachts
 - Passage Race for Couta Boats
 - Passage Race for Tumlarens
 - Couta Boat Cup
 - Coria Bay Classic Wooden Yacht Cup
 - Corio Bay Cup for Modern Yachts
 - Corio Bay Tumlarens Trophy

15.2 Other trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

16. MEDIA RIGHTS AND RESTRICTIONS

16.1 It is a condition of entry that the owner or charterer of the boat and all crew members:

16.1.1. Acknowledge that the OA owns all media rights to the RGYC and the Wooden Boat Festival and may exercise those rights as it sees fit.

16.1.2. In participating, a competitor automatically grants to the OA, the Coordinating Authorities, and the sponsors, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the Wooden Boat Festival in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the said Event without compensation.

16.2 Crew members of boats may, prior to, during and after the regatta, speak or provide material to any media representatives accredited by the OA, regarding the regatta and the prospects, performance or strategy of boats entered or participating in the regatta, subject to any comments and material not undermining or interfering with, or having a detrimental impact on, the OA and its officers and employees, the Race Committee, the National Jury, measurers or current or former sponsors of the OA. This approval may be revoked by the OA in respect of a boat or media representative at any time.

16.3 By lodging an Entry into the Wooden Boat Festival 2024 all crew members acknowledge and accept the media restrictions referred to in this paragraph on the entry. Any breach of these conditions may, at the discretion of the OA or the Race Committee, lead to the rejection of an entry, the cancellation of an entry or the disqualification of a boat (refer RRS 76.1). This does not limit the right of the OA to take any other action it sees fit to enforce compliance with these conditions.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

17.1 For further information please contact the Royal Geelong Yacht Club on:

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