



23 – 26 January 2010

NOTICE OF RACE

1. INVITATION AND LOCATION

- 1.1 The Royal Geelong Yacht Club Inc, as the organising authority, invites owners of eligible boats to apply for entry to this regatta, to be conducted on the waters of Port Phillip and Corio Bay from Saturday 23 January to Tuesday 26 January 2010.
- 1.2 There will be a separate Notice-of-Race issued for the Audi Docklands Invitational and Audi King of the Docklands.
- 1.3 The race office will be located at Royal Geelong Yacht Club for the duration of the regatta.

2. RULES

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2009 – 2012 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of the International Sailing Federation (ISAF), the Yachting Australian (YA) Special Regulations Part 1, Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats, and the current class rules of each Class. For yachts entered in IRC Divisions, the IRC Rules Parts 1, 2 and 3 shall apply.
- 2.2 Royal Geelong Yacht Club Inc (RGYC) may amend any detail of this Notice of Race. Amendments made prior to 23 January 2010 – will be published on the event website- www.victoriaweek.com.au.
- 2.3 All yachts shall comply with the Victorian statutory requirements.
- 2.4 A National Jury will hear all protests and requests for redress and all such decisions will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.
- 2.5 For protests involving an alleged breach of the rules of Part 2 of the RRS, an arbitration hearing may be held prior to a protest hearing. A boat that accepts fault at an arbitration hearing will be penalised by having her race score increased by 25% of the difference between the boats finishing score and the score for DSQ in her division or class, rounded up to the next whole number. All other boats scores will remain the same. Once accepted, this decision is not subject to reopening or appeal. This alters RRS 63, 64.1(a), 66 and Appendix A.
- 2.6 Alterations to the Rules:
The following alterations have been made to the rules: -
RRS 50.2 & 50.3: Fixed and retractable spinnaker poles not attached to the foremost mast shall be permitted for the purpose of setting asymmetrical spinnakers.
RRS 51: A boat with movable ballast or variable ballast (within the meaning of those terms in the special regulations) may move that ballast for the purpose of changing trim or stability.
RRS 52: Shall not apply for the Audi Series only. All other classes RRS 52 is amended to permit powered winches for boats over 14.0m LOA and as detailed in NoR 2.7.
- 2.7 Boats not racing in an IRC Class shall request permission from the Race Committee to use movable and/or variable ballast for the purpose of increasing stability. Any such request must be accompanied by full details of the system involved, and any such system will be taken into account in establishing the yacht's handicap. Stored power may be used for the operation of movable ballast systems. Rules 51 and 52 are modified to the extent required by this paragraph.
- 2.8 Penalties at the Time of the Incident:
For Multi-Hulls only, RRS 44.1 will be a One Turn Penalty.
- 2.9 For boats entered in IRC divisions, IRC rule 27.4.1 is modified by the addition of the following: -
The maximum number of crew that may sail aboard a boat shall be the Crew Number printed on her certificate plus one.

2.10 Audi Victoria Week 2010 is designated a 'Wet' regatta for all boats except Off the Beach classes. Boats shall be afloat from one hour before the start time of her first race of the regatta and remain afloat until the finish of her last race in the regatta.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Entries will be accepted from Members of Clubs or Associations affiliated with Yachting Australia or other entrants who shall be affiliated with their appropriate Yachting Authority.
- 3.2 By lodging an entry, the owner/charterer agrees that he/she will ensure that the entered yacht is covered by suitable public liability insurance of at least AUS\$10,000,000 (or foreign currency equivalent), valid for racing, and current for the duration of Audi Victoria Week 2010.
- 3.3 Entrants for Series designated IRC shall have a valid IRC certificate.
- 3.4 Entrants for Series designated AMS (Australian Measurement System) shall have a valid AMS certificate.
- 3.5 Entrants for Series designated EHC (Event Handicap) will be handicapped by the Event Handicap Committee.
- 3.6 Entrants for the Bundaberg Rum National Sports Boat Championships shall comply with the Australian Sports Boat Association (ASBA) Rules.
- 3.7 Entrants for SB3 Class shall comply with the SB3 Class rules except Class Rule 6.2, paragraph 4 is modified to the extent that a crew weigh-in is not required and Class Rule 6.4 is deleted entirely (safety requirements as per the NOR 8.1 will apply).
- 3.8 Entrants for Off the Beach Classes shall comply with their class rules.
- 3.9 There shall be three scoring Classes in the Audi Series, IRC, AMS and EHC. Boats may enter in more than one scoring Class in the Audi Series.
- 3.10 By lodging an entry the entrant agrees to be bound by the rules and conditions of the event.
- 3.11 Eligible boats shall enter online through the event web site from 0800 hrs Sunday 1 November 2009 until 1700 hrs Wednesday 6 January 2010. Late fee entries may be accepted up to 1700 hrs, Wednesday 13 January 2010.
The Entry Form is available from the event website: www.victoriaweek.com.au
- 3.12 The organising authority may alter, amalgamate or divide any class and may add classes as required. The organising authority may cancel any class if fewer than seven entries have been received by the closing date. In this event, boats that have entered will have the option of transferring to another class (if eligible) or having their entry fee refunded.
- 3.13 Eligible Classes are shown in the table below.

Classes	Handicap System
Audi Division 1 Series	IRC – AMS – EHC
Audi Division 2 Series	IRC – AMS – EHC
Audi Division 3 Series	IRC – AMS – EHC
Audi Maxi/Super Maxi Series	IRC
S80 Class Series	Scratch
Super 30 Class Series	IRC
Morris Finance Sydney 38 One Design Series	Scratch
Noelex 30 Class Series	Scratch
Bluebird Class Series	Scratch
Teams Trophy Series	IRC – AMS - EHC
Bundaberg Rum National Sports Boat Champs	SMS
William Angliss SB3 Victorian Championship	Scratch
BIA Trailer Yacht series	YV Hcp
Parks Victoria Classic Yacht Series	EHC
Sunsail Cruising Spinnaker Series	EHC
Coca Cola Cruising Non-Spinnaker Series	EHC
Geelong Taxi Network Multi-Hulls Series	Multi Hcp
International Cadets WL Curtis Trophy Series	Scratch
Formula 18 Australian Championships	Scratch

4. ENTRY FEES

Class	Entry Fee (AUS\$)	Additional Late Fees
Audi Series Divisions (one scoring class)	\$395	\$95
Teams (per team)	\$0	\$0
Sydney 38 One Design	\$395	\$95
S80	\$395	\$95
Super 30	\$395	\$95
Sports Boats	\$295	\$95
SB-3	\$235	\$95
Multi-Hull	\$250	\$95
Classic and Cruising Classes	\$175	\$95
Bluebird	\$175	\$95
Noelx 30 Class	\$175	\$95
Trailable Yachts	\$175	\$95
Formula 18 Australian Championships	\$250	\$95
Fee for each additional scoring class within a series	\$75	\$95
International Cadets - WL Curtis Trophy series	\$0	\$0

5. ADVERTISING

- 5.1 Competitors may be required to display advertising of the event sponsor on each side of the forward 25% of the hull and / or display backstay pennant(s) supplied by the sponsor.
- 5.2 The Race Committee may reject the entry at any time of a boat, which, in the Race Committee's opinion, is carrying advertising for a company or product in conflict with the event sponsors.

6. TEAMS EVENT

- 6.1 There will be an IRC Teams Event, an EHC Teams event and an AMS Teams event for boats entered in the Audi Series (except Maxi/Super Maxi Series).
- 6.2 Teams shall consist of up to three boats on a Y.A. affiliated Club's register.
- 6.3 A Club shall enter no more than one team in each category (IRC, AMS or EHC). There shall be no changes to a Club's Teams after 1700 hours on Tuesday 19th January 2010.
- 6.4 A Team may have boats from any Audi Division; i.e. Division 1, Division 2 and Division 3 within each category.
- 6.5 At least one boat from each IRC Team shall have a TCC of 1.040 or greater.
- 6.6 The Teams Events will be scored on each Club Team's boats' best five (5) races of the Audi Series.

7. INDEMNITY

- 7.1 (a) all those taking part in races conducted by the RGYC and associates do so at their own risk and responsibility
- (b) The RGYC is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.
- (c) RGYC will not certify or carry out inspections to certify the suitability of a boat to race.
- (d) By lodging an entry, the owner/charterer agrees that;
- 1.1 It is a fundamental condition of entry that he, she or it releases, holds harmless and indemnifies RGYC and its associates, its office bearers, servants, agents and members and the sponsors of Audi Victoria Week 2010 from all liability any of those persons has to the owner/charterer or any crew member on the owner/charterer's yacht, or to any person claiming through or under any such person arising from loss or damage how so ever caused, including negligent act or omission, arising out of or relating to:
- Participation by the owner/charterer's yacht or any other yacht in a race;
- The conduct or course of the race in any respect including, without limitation, any act or omission (whether reasonably foreseeable or not) causing or relating to loss of or damage to any yacht or the death or injury of any person; or
- Any of the matters referred to in the paragraphs above;

- 1.2 Participation by the yacht and by the crew in Audi Victoria Week 2010 is agreed by Royal Geelong Yacht Club Inc on the basis that participation is entirely at the risk of the owner/charterer and each member of the crew on the owner/charterer's yacht;
- 1.3 The owner/charterer will provide each crew member or proposed crew member with a copy of these Conditions of Entry
- 1.4 Attention is drawn to ISAF Fundamental Rules 3 and 4.

8. SAFETY CATEGORIES

- 8.1 The Safety Categories will be Yachting Australia Special Regulations as detailed below: -
 - Sports Boat - Category 5 Race 1, all other races Category 6
 - SB3 - Category 6
 - Other Keel Boats - Category 5
 - Multi-Hull - Category 5
 - Trailable - Category 5 Race 1, all other races Category 6
 - Off the Beach Boats - YA Addendum 'A' (Special Regulations Part 2)
- 8.2 All crew on boats without lifelines are required to wear a Personal Floatation Device (PFD) at all times whilst racing.
- 8.3 Trailable boats may carry a hand held VHF radio in lieu of a fixed radio. The radio shall be turned on at all times when racing.

9. PROGRAM CHANGES

- 9.1 The RGYC may add or delete races or series and alter starting times and/or:
 - i. Reallocate yachts and change Division rating bands.
 - ii Create more divisions in any series if warranted by the entries.Any such changes will be notified in the Sailing Instructions.

10. HANDICAPS

- 10.1 IRC handicaps (TCC) will be obtained from IRC rating certificates. Except as a result of a rating protest, or to correct a rating office error, no changes to a boat's TCC will be permitted after 1700 hrs Tuesday 19 January 2010.
- 10.2 AMS handicap ratings will be obtained from valid AMS certificates. Except as a result of a rating protest, or to correct a rating office error, no changes to a boat's AMS rating will be permitted after 1700 hrs Tuesday 19 January 2010.
- 10.3 Unless otherwise specified, Event Handicaps (EHC) will be determined by the Event Handicap Committee. The Race Committee may adjust performance based handicap values any time during the regatta.
- 10.4 Divisional handicap rating bands will be allocated after the close of entries.
As a guide only, IRC may be:-
 - IRC 1 = 1.140 – 1.800
 - IRC 2 = 1.030 – 1.139
 - IRC 3 = 0.91 – 1.029
- 10.5 Yachting Victoria Class Based Handicaps (CBH) will be used to determine handicaps for the Trailable Yacht events.
- 10.6 Sports Boats will be handicapped by Sportsboat Measurement System (SMS).
- 10.7 The decision of the handicap committee will be final and will not be subject to requests for redress.
- 10.8 The Sydney 38 One Design Class, S80 Class, SB-3 Class, Bluebird Class, Noelex 30 Class, Formula 18 class and International Cadet Class will have no handicap.

11. SCORING

- 11.1 Boats with sail numbers not registered with the organising authority may not be recorded as finishers (This changes RRS A5).
- 11.2 The scoring system will be the Low Point System, RRS Appendix A except if there are five (5) or less races sailed for a class or division then all races will count. One race will constitute a series.
- 11.3 Number of races:

Class	Races
Audi Series Divisions 1, 2 & 3	6
Audi Series Maxi/Super Maxis	4
Teams Trophy Series	6
Morris Finance Sydney 38 One Design Series	6
S80 Series	6
Super 30 Series	6
Bundaberg Rum National Sports Boats Championships	8
William Angliss SB-3 Victorian Championships	8
Geelong Taxi Network Multi-Hull Series	6
Parks Victoria Classic Series	4
Sunsail Cruising Spinnaker Series	4
Coca Cola Cruising Non-Spinnaker Series	4
Bluebird Class Series	4
Noelx 30 Series	4
BIA Trailable Yachts Series	6
Formula 18 Class Australian Championships	11
International Cadets - WL Curtis Trophy series	5

12. TROPHIES

- 12.1 Trophies and prizes will be awarded to boats placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each series. Daily prizes may be awarded in each series. Other trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

13. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 13.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available on the Regatta website from approximately Friday 8 January 2010.

14. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Classes	Sat 23 rd	Sun 24 th	Mon 25 th	Tue 26 th
Audi Series Division 1 Series	Passage	2 x WL	2 x WL	1 x WL
Audi Series Division 2 Series	Passage	2 x WL	2 x WL	1 x WL
Audi Series Division 3 Series	Passage	2 x WL	2 x WL	1 x WL
Audi Series Maxis / Super maxis Series	Passage	1 x SC	1 x SC	1 x SC
Morris Finance Sydney 38 Series	Passage	2 x WL	2 x WL	1 x WL
S80 Series	Passage	2 x WL	2 x WL	1 x WL
Super 30 Series	Passage	2 x WL	2 x WL	1 x WL
Teams Trophy (IRC)	Passage	2 x WL	2 x WL	1 x WL
Teams Trophy (AMS)	Passage	2 x WL	2 x WL	1 x WL
Teams Trophy (EHC)	Passage	2 x WL	2 x WL	1 x WL
Bundaberg Rum National Sports Boat Champs	1 x SC	3 x WL	3 X WL	1 X WL
William Angliss SB3 Victorian Champs	1 x SC	3 x WL	3 x WL	1 x WL
BIA Trailer Yacht series	1 X SC	2 X WL	2 x WL	1 x SC
Bluebird Class series	Passage	1 x SC	1 x SC	1 x SC
Noelx 30 Class series	Passage	1 x SC	1 x SC	1 x SC
Parks Victoria Classic Yacht Series	Passage	1 x SC	1 x SC	1 x SC
Sunsail Cruising Spinnaker Series	Passage	1 x SC	1 x SC	1 x SC
Coca Cola Cruising Non Spinnaker Series	Passage	1 x SC	1 x SC	1 x SC
Geelong Taxi Network Multi-Hull Series	Tues 19 th – Tues 26 th (details TBA)			
Formula 18 Australian Championships	3 X WL	4 X WL	4 X WL	Resail

International Cadets – WL Curtis Series				5 X WL
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Legend:

Corio Bay, Geelong

Passage race - Melbourne to Geelong

WL – Windward / Leeward course

SC - Special course

TBA – To Be Advised