



Thursday January 21 & Friday January 22

NOTICE OF RACE

1. INVITATION

- 1.1 The Royal Geelong Yacht Club Inc., as the organising authority, invites owners of eligible yachts to enter to this regatta, to be conducted on the waters of Port Phillip on Thursday 21 and Friday 22 January 2010.

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 and IRC Rules Parts 1, 2 and 3. The Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions may alter any of these rules.
- 2.2 The Royal Geelong Yacht Club Inc (R.G.Y.C) may amend any detail of this Notice of Race. Amendments made to the NoR prior to Wednesday 20 January 2010 – will be published on the event website- www.victoriaweek.com
- 2.3 Protests:
A National Jury will hear all protests and requests for redress and all such decisions will be final as provided in RRS 70.4
- 2.4 The Jury may go afloat to observe racing. The Jury may sound a whistle to indicate the Jury has observed a racing incident.
- 2.5 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;
- 2.6 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.
- 2.7 Boats may be required to carry an additional media personality on board whilst racing. The media personality shall be allocated to each boat by the organising authority. The additional media personality will not be included in the crew number as specified in N.O.R. 2.6.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Entries will be accepted from invited boats only that are Members of Clubs or Associations affiliated with Yachting Australia or other entrants who shall be affiliated with their appropriate Yachting Authority.
- 3.2 Entrants shall have valid I.R.C. certification based on "Independent Measurement" by an RORC approved measurer where the boat has been weighed on scales by an RORC approved measurer. 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 Wednesday 20 January 2010.
- 3.3 By lodging an entry the entrant agrees to be bound by the rules and conditions of the event. All entrants shall have completed an entry form prior to the time for the closing of entries and shall have adequate and current insurance policy with legal liability insurance. The sum insured will not be less than AUS\$10 million, covering the owner or charterer as appropriate. The policy will state that the boat is covered for race(s) in which it is participating or that it is covered for races of a length greater than the length of the race(s) in which it is participating. The policy will be in effect throughout the race(s) for the Audi Docklands Invitational 2010.
- 3.4 Eligible boats shall enter on no later than 1700 hrs Wednesday 13 January 2010.

4. ADVERTISING

- 4.1 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.
- 4.2 Where there is conflict with an event sponsor the Organising Authority may refuse advertising by a boat or competitor.

5. REGATTA VENUE

- 5.1 The regatta venue will be the Waterfront City precinct, Melbourne Docklands. All boats shall be berthed at Waterfront City Marina post sailing Thursday January 21 2010 until 0700 hrs Saturday January 23 2010 unless racing. Such berthing will be at no cost.

6. INDEMNITY

- 6.1 (a) all those taking part in races conducted by the R.G.Y.C and associates do so at their own risk and responsibility
- (b) The R.G.Y.C. is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.
- (c) R.G.Y.C. 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 R.G.Y.C and its associates, its office bearers, servants, agents and members and the sponsors of Audi Docklands Invitational 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 Docklands Invitational 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.
- (e) Attention is drawn to ISAF Fundamental Rules 3 and 4.

7. SPECIAL REGULATIONS

- 7.1 Yachting Australia Special Regulations Part 1, Category 5 shall apply for all races.

8. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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Date	Event	Time	Location
Thursday 21 January	Up to 3 races (W / L)	1430 hrs	Port Philip
Friday 22 nd January	Up to 3 races (W / L)	1230 hrs	Port Philip
Friday 22 nd January	Presentation of prizes	asap after racing	Docklands

9. SCORING

- 9.1 Results will be calculated by the application of the IRC Time Corrector (TCC) as a multiplier of elapsed time. The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) will be scored first.
- 9.2 The Low Point scoring system, Appendix A of the RRS will apply except all races will count for overall points. The Audi Docklands Invitational will consist of five (5) races with a minimum of two (2) races to constitute a series.

10. TROPHIES

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

11. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 11.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available on the official website from approximately Monday 11 January 2010. Sailing Instruction may also be emailed to all entrants prior to the event.