

COVER SHEET
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS for:-
Goolwa to Meningie Sailing Classic 2011
19th November 2011



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Note 1. Please make special note of section 5.1 & attachment 2 on Page 6 of these instructions.

Note 2. Updates to sailing conditions will be published on our website.

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Accreditation: SC = Sailing Club, RR = YSA Racing Rules Member, NJ = National Judge, IJ = International Judge

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Coordinator's Name: Mr. Tim Went Yachting South Australia

The Goolwa to Meningie Sailing Classic 2011

Saturday 19th November 2011

Sailing Instructions

Organising Authority: Meningie Sailing Club.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the current rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing and the special regulations of Yachting Australia.
- 1.2 A Competitor number will be allocated by the race organisers and notified with the confirmation of acceptance of a boat's entry. All boats are required to display the unique number on both sides of the hull within 2 metres of the bow of the boat or on the lower third of the jib. These numbers must be of a contrasting colour and at least 400mm high and 50mm thick. Failure to display a number may mean that the boat's finish time will not be recorded.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located at "late registrations desk" at Laffin Point pre race and on the western wall adjacent to the door at the northern end of Meningie Sailing Club post race. This will include posting of race results and details of protests.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted at the "late registrations desk" located at Laffin Point not less than 30 minutes before the warning signal of a race for which it shall effect.

4. SIGNALS TO COMPETITORS

- 4.1 All signals will be displayed from the flag mast on the start boat on station at Laffin Point.
- 4.2 Flag AP with two sound signals (one sound signal when lowered) means the race is postponed. The warning signal will be made not less than 10 minutes after flag AP is lowered. This instruction alters, race signals, AP

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 5.1 Pre Race Registration: Boats intending to start shall register at the Registration desk at Laffin Point, or boats not wishing to go to shore to register must hail the boat flying flag L, which will be downstream from the start line, registering the names of ALL people on board. A boat that does not register in accordance with these instructions may be recorded and scored as a DNS. This changes rule 63.1.
- 5.2 Racing is scheduled as follows:

| Event | Warning Signal |
|---|----------------|
| Division 1 Trailable Yachts YSA rating 0.675 or less | 0755 hours |
| Division 2 Trailable Yachts, Y.S.A rating greater than 0.675 | 0755 hours |
| Division 3 Monohulls greater than 4.2m in length | 0855 hours |
| Division 4 Other Authorised Yachts, eg Seawind, Trailer Trimarans | 0955 hours |
| Division 5 Catamarans | 1055 hours |

- 5.3 No warning signal will be made after 1200 hours

6. CLASS FLAGS

The division flags will be as follows:

| Event | Flag |
|---|-----------|
| Division 1 Trailable Yachts YSA rating 0.675 or less | Numeral 1 |
| Division 2 Trailable Yachts, Y.S.A rating greater than 0.675 | Numeral 2 |
| Division 3 Monohulls greater than 4.2m in length | Numeral 3 |
| Division 4 Other Authorised Yachts, eg Seawind, Trailer Trimarans | Numeral 4 |
| Division 5 Catamarans | Numeral 5 |

7. RACING AREA

The racing area will be on the waters of the lower Murray River, the southern end of Lake Alexandrina, the Narrows and Lake Albert between the towns of Goolwa and Meningie. Refer to the map on Attachment 1 for details.

8. THE COURSE(s)

- 8.1** The dotted line drawn on Attachment 1 shows the approximate course from Laffin Point at Goolwa to the east along the lower Murray River, across the southern end of Lake Alexandrina, through the Narrows and east across Lake Albert to the finish off the Meningie Sailing Club. Competitors are advised that due to a sandbar on the southern side at the exit to the Narrows, they should stay at least one kilometre off shore.
- 8.2** The approximate course length will be 40 nautical miles.
- 8.3** Shorten Course. The Race Officer shall shorten the course if the lead boat has not reached the Point McLeay jetty by 3.30 pm, or the Race Officer may shorten course for any or all divisions at the Race Officer's discretion, and the division flags will be hoisted at the new finishing line together with code flag S. The new finish line will be in the vicinity of the Narrung Narrows.

9. MARKS

The starting and finishing marks will be buoys displaying an orange flag.

10. THE START

- 10.1** Races will be started using rule 26 as follows:

| Signal | Flag and sound | Minutes to Start |
|-------------|--|------------------|
| Warning | Class flag; 1 sound | 5 |
| Preparatory | Flag P, I, or black flag; 1 sound | 4 |
| One Minute | Preparatory flag removed; 1 long sound | 1 |
| Start | Class flag removed; 1 sound | 0 |

- 10.2** The starting line will be between two buoys displaying orange flags located on the northern side and adjacent to the Committee boat.
- 10.3** A boat starting later than fifteen minutes after her starting signal may be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.1.
- 10.4** A boat whose warning signal has not been made shall keep well clear of the starting area.

11. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between two buoys displaying orange flags located off the end of the Meningie jetty near the Meningie Sailing Club. Boats shall finish sailing from north to south through the finish line.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

Rules 44.1, 44.2 and 44.4 will apply.

13. TIME LIMIT

- 13.1** The time limit will be 2030 hours for all divisions.
- 13.2** Boats failing to finish within the time limit will be scored DNF. This changes rules 35 and A4.1.

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1** Protest forms will be available at the sign off desk in the Meningie Sailing Club. Protests shall be lodged at the sign off desk within the protest time limit.
- 14.2** For each division, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the finishing time of the protesting boat.
- 14.3** Notices will be posted within approximately 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and will advise the location of the hearings.
- 14.4** Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee/jury will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 14.5** For the purpose of rule 64.3(b) the 'authority responsible' is the measurer appointed by the organizing authority.
- 14.6** Breaches of instructions 10.4, 16, 17.1, 19 and 20 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee/jury so decides.
- 14.7** A request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered on the day of the regatta no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision. This changes rule 66.

15. SCORING

- 15.1** Handicap results will be calculated using the Yachting Victoria Yardstick for monohulls and catamarans. The Class Basic Handicaps (CBH) for TSASA Events will be used for calculating handicap results for Trailable Boats.
- 15.3** Points will only be awarded to a registered entry of helmsperson/boat combination and are not transferable.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1** Boats must carry all safety equipment as specified under the Boating Act for semi-protected waters. Spot checks may be made. All yachts capable of carrying an auxiliary motor must do so, with sufficient fuel. Outboard motors must be mounted ready for immediate use but may be tilted. Monohulls must carry a bucket on a lanyard.
- 16.3** **A boat that retires from a race SHALL notify the race committee as soon as possible by telephoning the Meningie Sailing Club on 08 8575 1357 or by advising a safety boat on the course. THIS IS IMPORTANT TO SAVE EXPENSIVE, UNECESSARY SEARCHES.**
- 16.4** No responsibility will be undertaken for boats sailing back to Goolwa or any other destination after finishing or retiring.

17. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 17.1** A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.
- 17.2** Personal Buoyancy
All crew members on all competing boats shall wear while racing, Personal Flotation Devices, (PFD's) which are in good condition and secured in the manner designed.

18. OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be marked as follows:

- Committee/Start boat will display a blue flag.
- Safety boats will display an official Goolwa to Meningie pennant.

19. SUPPORT BOATS

Team managers, coaches, and other support personnel shall keep clear of any boat or mark of the course, except if required to provide personal safety support for a competitor. Boats provided by the organising authority or private boats when asked to assist by the Race Committee are excepted. Support boats shall display flag O at all times.

20. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in case of emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions whilst racing nor receive communications not available to all boats. This requirement also applies to mobile telephone communications.

(HF- Marine 27MHz 27.94 – **Channel 94**, and **UHF Repeater Channel 3** and Channel 19 are utilised as **Operational safety channels**).

21. PRIZES

The following prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of the championship:

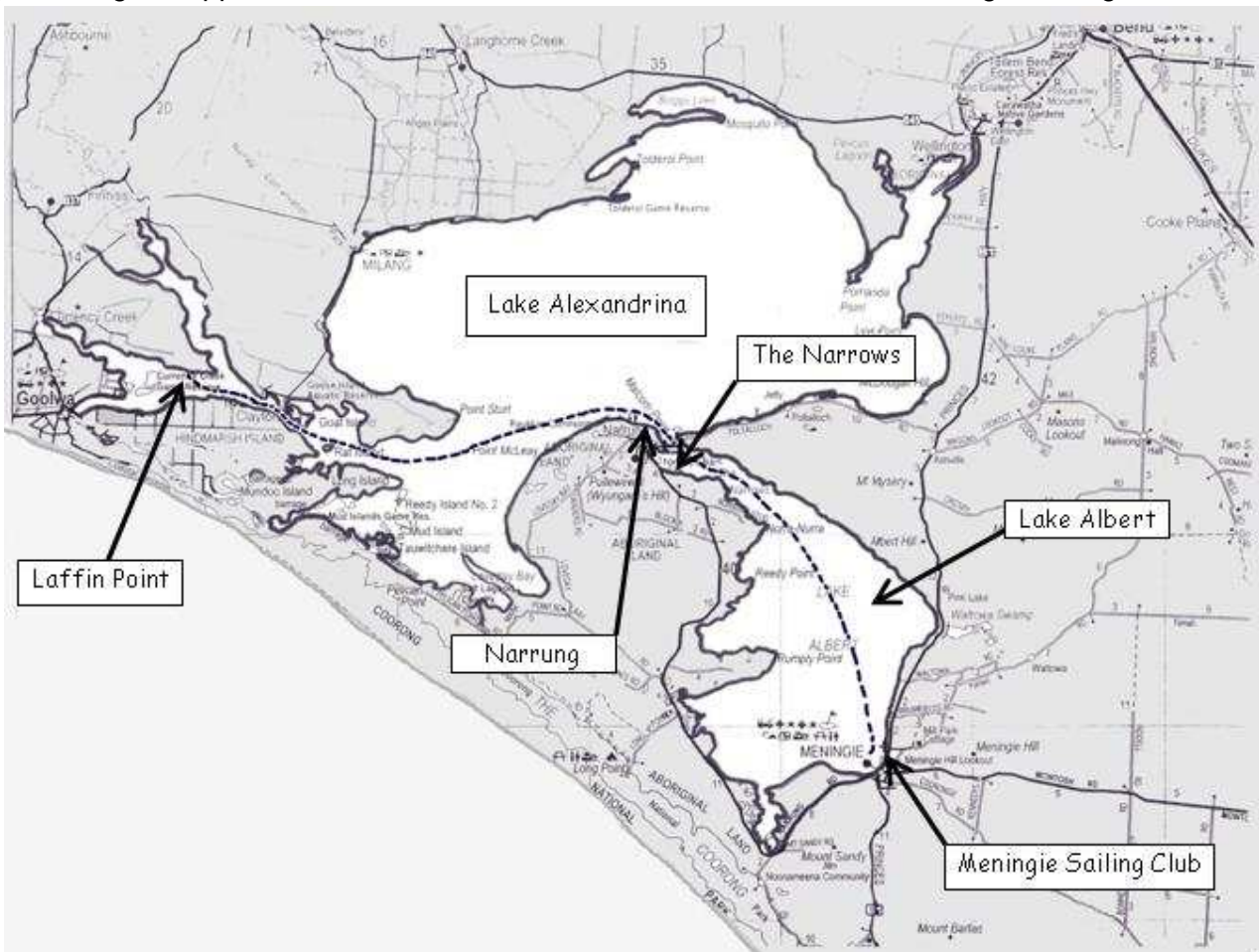
- Meningie Cup for fastest time overall
- Trophies for the fastest time in each division
- Yardstick winner in each division
- Darrell Crouch Memorial Trophy for fastest Meningie Sailing Club member on yardstick

22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 22.1** All competitors shall understand that “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone (RRS 4).
- 22.2** Competitors remain solely responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted and the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. Competitors shall accept that their participation in the Event is at their exclusive risk in every respect.
- 22.3** The Meningie Sailing Club reserves the right to refuse an entry.
- 22.4** As a condition of entry in the Event, competitors shall indemnify the Organisers and Meningie Sailing Club Inc, their officers, members, servants and agents in respect to all claims and demands of whatever nature which may be made upon them in connection with or howsoever arising from their participation or intended participation in the Regatta.
- 22.5** The Organising Authority, the Meningie Sailing Club Inc, their officers, members, servants and agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of a persons participation or intended participation in the Event or howsoever arising in connection with the Event.
- 22.6** Yachts sailing back to Goolwa do so at their own risk. The Meningie Sailing Club accepts no responsibility for a boat after it finishes.
- 23. INSURANCE:** It is a condition of entry in the regatta, that each owner/helmsperson shall have valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD\$5 million for any one incident. The policy should cover all risks that may arise while the competitor is participating in the regatta, whether ashore or afloat. By signing the entry form, the owner/helmsperson is deemed to have made a declaration that they have such cover in place on the date of the race.

Attachment 1 – Map of Goolwa to Meningie Region

Map showing the approximate course from Laffin Point at Goolwa to the Meningie Sailing Club.



Attachment 2 – List of ALL personnel onboard boat. (Refer to Section 5.1 for details)

| Boat Name | Unique Number | Sail Number |
|-----------|---------------|-------------|
| Skipper | | |
| Crew #1 | | |
| Crew #2 | | |
| Crew #3 | | |
| Crew #4 | | |
| Crew #5 | | |
| Crew #6 | | |
| Crew #7 | | |
| Crew #8 | | |