

RACING COMMITTEE CHARTER

GOOLWA REGATTA YACHT CLUB

September 2020

This Racing Committee Charter establishes the responsibilities and delegated authorities of the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club's (GRYC) Race Committee.

COMMITTEE TITLE

Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club Race Committee, commonly known and referred to hereafter as the Race Committee.

PRINCIPLES FOR THE CONDUCT OF RACING AT GRYC

The General Committee of GRYC has adopted the following Racing Principles for the conduct of racing at GRYC (the "Racing Principles").

"The Club must use its best endeavors to:

- (1) Plan and conduct a racing program so that it is able to be and is conducted in a safe manner and environment and, insofar as it is practicable to do so, provides for fair racing;*
- (2) Develop the racing program (including the type of events) and develop and maintain and implement a mixed class and/or yacht based rating system, insofar as it is practicable to do so given the nature of a particular race or series, to ensure that each boat when sailed to its full potential has an equal opportunity of winning each race or race series; and*
- (3) Develop and implement a Performance Handicap System, insofar as it is practically able to be achieved, that encourages participation of sailors of various skills, that provides for competitive racing between boats in each race and series based on past performance and which rewards and recognizes improved performance in results."*

PURPOSE

Subject to the direction of the General Committee, the Race Committee's purpose is to plan, coordinate, facilitate and conduct all aspects of the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club racing program (the "Program") in a safe manner and environment and to ensure fair racing and in accordance with the Racing Principles

The Race Committee may draft policies addressing operational issues for the consideration of the General Committee.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- prepare an annual Racing Program in consultation with the General Committee and relevant sub-committees for the consideration and approval of the General Committee;
- develop, implement and maintain a suitable class and/or yacht based rating system to facilitate fair racing in Goolwa Waters ("River Murray near Goolwa and the Lower Lakes") and, insofar as it is practicable to do so given the nature of a particular race or series, to ensure that each boat when sailed to its full potential has an equal opportunity of winning each race or race series;
- develop, implement and maintain a Performance Handicap System, insofar as it is practically able to be achieved, that encourages participation of sailors of various skills, that provides for competitive racing

between boats in each race and series based on past performance and which rewards and recognizes improved performance in results;

- form a Handicap Committee to develop and maintain the rating systems (both Mixed Fleet Ratings and Performance Handicap Ratings) at GRYC;
- prepare and publish Notices of Race (NOR's) for each Race Series and each stand alone race;
- Prepare and publish Sailing Instructions to regulate the conduct of GRYC's race events and which address specific issues relating to sailing in Goolwa Waters;
- Develop and keep up-to-date standard Race Management Procedures to ensure that racing is undertaken in an efficient and safe manner and within relevant legislative requirements and the requirements of the Racing Rules of Sailing and Yachting Australia;
- Organize each racing event and engage the necessary race management personnel required for the conduct of each event;
- Ensure that all race management personnel are suitably trained and have appropriate qualifications and licences where required;
- Ensure that all race support and safety boats are equipped and maintained to a suitable standard for the purpose for which they are to be used; Be responsible for all aspects of the planning and coordination of the 'on water' components of major events involving the GRYC such as Goolwa Regatta Week and the Wooden Boat Festival;
- Undertake additional activities as requested by the GRYC General Committee in relation to race planning and management; and
- Ensure the GRYC meets its statutory obligations relating to boating in Goolwa Waters.

ACCOUNTABILITY

- The Race Committee is a sub-committee of the General Committee and accountable to the GRYC General Committee.

MEMBERSHIP

- The Race Committee shall comprise not less than five and not more than eight members all of whom must be members of GRYC. Current membership is provided in attachment A.
- Standing membership will include:
 - The Flag Officer of the GRYC responsible for "on water" activities of GRYC; and
 - GRYC's Principal Race Officer or their nominee who is a regular race official.
- Such other members that the responsible Flag Officer considers appropriate to undertake the responsibilities of the Race Committee.
- The Race Committee may invite non-members to attend their meetings as subject matter experts or who are responsible for specific matters, but those invitees will not have voting rights.

Committee members shall cease to be a member of the Race Committee if they:

- Resign from the committee;
- Breach confidentiality; or
- Act in such a way that does not support the interests of the GRYC and its members.

MEETING/ACTIVITY ARRANGEMENTS

- The Responsible Flag Officer will be the Chairperson;
- Management of the Race Committee's business is the responsibility of the Responsible Flag Officer;

- The focus of the Committee is to carry out tasks and discharge the responsibilities of the race Committee rather than act in the style of a management committee;
- Meetings are to be called by the Responsible Flag Officer when necessary to discharge the Race Committee responsibilities;
- Meetings to address specific responsibilities only require the participation of those who are involved in the subject matter of the meeting;
- The Handicap Committee is responsible for the GRYC Mixed Fleet Rating Policy and the setting of all ratings;
- The activities of the Race Committee and the handicap Committee are subject to the direction of the Club;
- In the absence of the nominated Chairperson, another member will chair the meeting as agreed by attendees.

REPORTING

The Race Committee reports to the General Committee of GRYC

REVIEW

Terms of Reference to be reviewed as deemed necessary by either the GRYC General Committee or the Race Committee.

Attachment A

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP 2018 - 2019

Flag Officer & Chairperson	Trevor Baldock
PRO	Rick Eylward
Alternate PRO	Peter Britain Jones – and Race Director MGFWC
Members	Randal Cooper – Commodore and Member of the Handicap Committee Michael Ludlow – Rear Commodore and Member of the Handicap Committee Harry Cooper – Member of the Handicap Committee Chris Hocking – Support Boats Jade Irvine – Club Manager and Bridge Manager Geoff Perry – Trophies and Support Boat Crewing