

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2022 ORCV WINTER SERIES GEELONG



WINTER SERIES
ORCV BAY RACE

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AMENDMENTS

Number	Instructions Changed	Summary of Amendment

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THE 2022 ORCV WINTER SERIES GEELONG RACE WILL BE CONDUCTED ON THE WATERS OF PORT PHILLIP. THE RACE IS ORGANISED AND CONDUCTED BY THE OCEAN RACING CLUB OF VICTORIA.

1. RULES

1.1. The rules for the race shall be:

- The 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing (WS).
- The Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS).
- The Special Regulations of the Ocean Racing Club of Victoria (ORCV).
- For yachts entered in AMS, the Rules and Regulations of the Australian Measurement System (AMS).
- For yachts entered in ORC, the Rules and Regulation of the Offshore Rating Congress (ORC).
- The Notice of Race.

except as amended by these Sailing Instructions.

1.2. All times in these Sailing Instructions are Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST) unless otherwise stated.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the ORCV website (www.orcv.org.au).
- 2.2. Any change to these Sailing Instructions may be posted on the ORCV website (www.orcv.org.au) before 0800 on the day of the race.
- 2.3. Any such alterations will also be announced to competitors on the designated race radio channel (see SI A2) after the Sign-On Schedule on the day of the race.

3. THE START

The start will be as described in **Appendix B Start**.

4. THE FINISH

The finish will be as described in **Appendix C Finish**.

Unless circumstances prevent it, the finishing times of all yachts will be taken by the race committee at the finish but as a back-up, skippers are requested to record their own finishing times, accurate to 1 second and to inform the race committee of this time if requested.

5. TIME LIMITS

The Time Limit for all yachts shall be Sunset (1748). Any yacht finishing after this time shall be scored DNF (amends RRS 35).

6. CLASS FLAGS

The class flags will be:

Division/Class	Class Flag
Monohull Division 1	Victor (V)
Monohull Division 2	Whiskey (W)
Double Handed	Delta (D)
Multihull Racing	Tango (T)
Cruisers Non-Spinnaker	Echo (E)

7. COURSES

- 7.1. A selection of courses has been prepared to provide for a range of weather conditions.
- 7.2. The description of the courses is given in the following appendix:
 - *Appendix E Geelong Passage Courses*
- 7.3. The description of the course marks is given in *Appendix D Marks*.
- 7.4. The course number for the races will be announced on VHF Channel 82 at the end of the radio Sign-On Schedule on the day of the race. In addition, every effort will be made to advise skippers by SMS on Friday, 19 August 2022

8. DECLARATIONS

- 8.1. Written declarations are not required except as described in SI 11.7. A yacht correctly passing through the finish line is deemed to have made a declaration on the part of her skipper that to the best of his or her knowledge no rules have been breached during the race.
- 8.2. If a skipper is uncertain as to whether any rule has been breached, he or she shall report the circumstances in writing to ORCV by 1200 on the first business day following the race.

9. RETIREMENTS

Any yacht retiring from a race shall inform the Race Committee on VHF Channel 82 within 10 minutes of her retirement.

10. PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 10.1. Protests or requests for redress shall be lodged with the ORCV at:

Ocean Racing Club of Victoria
3 Aquatic Drive
ALBERT PARK VIC 3206
Australia

Email: orcv@orcv.org.au

in accordance with the requirements of RRS Part 5 Section A, not later than 1200 on Monday, 22 August 2022.

- 10.2. Protests or requests for redress will be heard at a time and place to be advised.
- 10.3. When the Protest Committee decides that a yacht that is a party to a protest hearing has broken a rule, it may disqualify or otherwise penalise the yacht by a percentage time penalty in accordance with the provisions of RRS 64.

- 10.4. The Protest Committee shall not be entitled to abandon the race as a consideration for redress (amends RRS 64.3).

11. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 11.1. The Safety Category and regulations are as set out in the Notice of Race.
- 11.2. The ORCV strongly recommends that safety harnesses and suitable lifejackets be worn whenever conditions warrant, particularly in rough weather, at night or when sailing short-handed.
- 11.3. The crew of yachts sailed Double Handed shall wear lifejackets at all times when on deck.
- 11.4. In particular, attention is drawn to Victorian regulations which stipulate the mandatory wearing of lifejackets when on deck during times of heightened risk. This includes crossing a bar, transiting the Heads, sailing at night and when the weather or weather forecast indicates risk. For full details, consult the Transport Safety Victoria website (www.transportsafety.vic.gov.au).
- 11.5. Yachts shall keep clear of all commercial shipping (vessels more than 35 metres in length) while within Port Phillip, as required by Port of Melbourne Corporation Harbour Master's Directions. Ships are restricted in their ability to manoeuvre while entering and within Port Phillip and yachts shall take any necessary avoiding action early.
- 11.6. In the event of avoiding action becoming necessary, a yacht may start her engine and motor to avoid a shipping hazard, on a course perpendicular to the ship's track for as long as necessary.
- 11.7. A yacht that takes such action shall return to the location she started motoring, cease motoring and resume racing as soon as possible. The details of any such action shall be reported to the Race Director on the Declaration after finishing.
- 11.8. Yachts found to have impeded the progress of a commercial vessel may be disqualified after protest.
- 11.9. A yacht or her equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the ORCV safety rules and sailing instructions.
- 11.10. The Race Director may, at their absolute discretion, disqualify a yacht from participating or continuing to participate in the race if they believe that it is unsafe for that yacht to commence or continue to race.
- 11.11. Yachts should keep well clear of Mussel Spat Culture zones and use extreme caution to avoid the sand bar outside the line of the Hopetoun Channel between piles 3 and 9.

12. EXCLUSION ZONE

The Point Wilson Explosives Pier is surrounded by a total exclusion zone of 300 metres. A fine of up to \$10,000 may be imposed for entry to this area, accidental or not. The area is under constant video surveillance and competitors shall make themselves aware of the exact zone limits.

13. UNSUITABLE CONDITIONS

- 13.1. After commencement of the race, the race can be terminated at the Race Director's discretion.
- 13.2. The Race Director may deem the race to be abandoned, rescheduled to another time or shortened.
- 13.3. Prorated positions may be used to determine a result for the race and/or for any series.
- 13.4. Termination of the race will be advised by radio communications or SMS as available.

14. RACE COMMUNICATIONS

Race communications procedures, including VHF radio and phone, are detailed in *Appendix A Race Communications*.

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 15.1. All those taking part in these races do so at their own risk and responsibility.
- 15.2. Acceptance of a yacht as an entrant in each race is not to be taken as express or implied acceptance on the part of the ORCV and/or any of its Flag Officers, committee members, Equipment Auditors or any other members, of the fitness of any yacht or any equipment on such yacht to safely compete in that race, and/or deal with any and all eventualities of the contemplated passage. It is the responsibility of each skipper of each competing yacht to decide whether his/her yacht is fit and suitably crewed for the intended purpose, and neither the ORCV nor any club, person or company connected with the organisation of these races is responsible for the seaworthiness of any yacht whose entry is accepted.
- 15.3. Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 3 "Decision to Race" of the RRS which states:

The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.

16. APPENDICES

The following Appendices to this document form part of these Sailing Instructions.

Appendix A RACE COMMUNICATIONS

THIS APPENDIX DESCRIBES THE RADIO AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED DURING THE RACE.

A1 GENERAL

- A1.1 While racing, a yacht shall neither make nor receive radio communications not available to all yachts. This restriction also applies to mobile phones and satellite phones except when being used for formal race communications or contacting the Race Director.
- A1.2 Yachts with AIS transponders shall have them switched on at all times.
- A1.3 It is compulsory for yachts to respond to all scheduled radio and SMS communications, including the Sign-On Schedule and any Position Schedules.
- A1.4 Yachts shall not give false or misleading position reports.

A2 RACE RADIO & COMMUNICATION STATIONS

- A2.1 Race Communications will use a combination of VHF radios and SMS from mobile phones.
- A2.2 Radio communications for the race will be on VHF Channel 82 (the designated Race Frequency) unless yachts are directed to alternative channels.
- A2.3 Yachts shall maintain a listening watch on VHF Channel 82 and be prepared to respond to Race Committee calls at any time.
- A2.4 As well as VHF Channel 82, yachts shall also monitor VHF Channel 16 (using the radio's scan or similar capability) for emergency and other calling traffic.
- A2.5 The Race Director can be contacted on the Race Director's phone 0418 396 605.
- A2.6 Emails to be sent to the Race Director shall be sent to race.director@orcv.org.au.

A3 RACE RADIO CALL SIGN

- A3.1 All race communications, including the Sign On Schedule and any Position and Finishing Schedules, will be conducted by the ORCV using the call sign *Ocean Racing*.
- A3.2 Any other yacht or station nominated by the ORCV shall provide assistance where necessary.

A4 SIGN ON SCHEDULE

- A4.1 Around 90 minutes prior to the Start, an SMS message will be sent to the mobile number registered for each yacht asking if she intends to race. The skipper shall follow the link in the message to indicate the yacht's intentions:
 - A yacht intending to race shall indicate she is a starter, she complies with the Notice of Race and the number of persons on board.
 - A yacht not intending to race shall indicate she will not be racing.

All responses shall be completed by 60 minutes before the Start.

- A4.2 Commencing 45 minutes before the Start, a radio sign on schedule will be conducted by *Ocean Racing* on the designated Race Channel for all yachts that have not been successfully signed on using the SMS facility. This schedule will conclude no later than 10 minutes before the Start. All yachts shall monitor this schedule in case their SMS sign on response has not been received.

- Relevant yachts will be called in alphabetical order to confirm that they are starters in the race, they comply with the Notice of Race and how many persons they have on board.
- A yacht that does not respond on the first call shall wait until she is called again at the end of the schedule.
- Any yacht failing to respond during this schedule shall not be considered a starter in the event and shall be scored DNS.

A4.3 Any alterations to these Sailing Instructions or to handicaps applicable for the race and the selected course number will be broadcast following completion of the Sign-On Schedule. All yachts are required to monitor this broadcast.

A5 PREMATURE STARTERS

Premature starters may be identified on the Race Channel.

A6 FINISHING REPORTS

Some courses and destinations may require yachts to call Ocean Racing on the designated Race Channel when various marks have been reached or passed when nearing the finishing line. Details of these Finishing Report requirements are found in the finishing line descriptions in *Appendix C Finish*.

A7 YACHTS RETIRING

- A7.1 If a yacht retires from the race, every effort shall be made to advise the Race Director by radio, phone call or SMS as soon as possible and to give the following information:
- Time & position at the time of retirement
 - Reason for retirement
 - The state of the crew
 - The port to which the yacht is retiring.
- A7.2 A yacht that retires shall maintain a listening watch on the Race Channel until such time as she reaches a safe harbour.
- A7.3 Within one hour of arrival at a safe harbour, contact shall be made with ORCV (Ocean Racing) on the Race Channel or the Race Director's telephone (0418 396 605) to confirm safe arrival.
- A7.4 Failure to comply with these requirements may prejudice acceptance of an entry in future races.

A8 BERTHING AT DESTINATIONS

Volunteers at RGYC may use VHF Channel 73 for berthing assistance.

A9 SCHEDULE SUMMARY

Date	Time	Action	Communications	Station	Ref
20 August	~0800	SMS Sign-On Start	SMS Link	Race Director	SI A4.1
	~0830	SMS Sign-On End		Race Director	SI A4.1
	0845	Radio Sign-On Start	VHF Channel 82	Ocean Racing	SI A4.2
	0920	Radio Sign-On End		Ocean Racing	SI A4.2
	0925	Warning	Flags/Sounds	Ocean Racing	
	0930	Start	Flags/Sounds	Ocean Racing	
	~0930	Premature Starters	Flags/Sounds	Ocean Racing	SI A5
	Finishing	Finishing Reports Passage Races only	VHF Channel 82	Ocean Racing	SI A6 Appendix C
	Monitor	Unscheduled Announcements Retirements	VHF Channel 82	Ocean Racing	A2.3
	Monitor	Emergencies, Warnings	VHF Channel 16	Variable	A2.4
	Berthing	RGYC Berthing Assistance	VHF Channel 73	Variable	A8

Appendix B START

THIS APPENDIX DESCRIBES THE STARTING PROCEDURES.

B1 GEELONG PASSAGE RACE / START LINE

- B1.1 The start line shall be located approximately 1Nm west of RBYC marina.
- B1.2 The Start Line shall be an imaginary line between the flagstaff flying an orange flag off the RBYC Start Boat and an yellow laid buoy. A crowding mark may also be laid.
- B1.3 The scheduled start time is 0930.

Appendix C FINISH

THIS APPENDIX DESCRIBES THE FINISHING PROCEDURES

C1 FINISH LINE

- C1.1 The Finishing Line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee vessel at the starboard end and yellow cylindrical buoy at the port end, situated between 300 and 500 metres NNE of the RGYC Marina.
- C1.2 In the case of adverse weather conditions or shipping traffic in the Hopetoun Channel, the Race Director may choose to finish the race at mark WS09. In this case, a Committee Vessel will be on station at WS09.
- C1.3 Provisions for informing the fleet of this change will be in accordance with the provisions in Shortening Courses below.
- C1.4 Yachts are required to call *Ocean Racing* on the designated Race Frequency when passing directly South (pile bears 0° True) of the North Cardinal Mark (PR18) between the Pt Richards Channel and the Wilson Spit Channel.

C2 SHORTENING COURSES

- C2.1 The Race Director may choose to shorten the course if weather conditions warrant it.
- C2.2 The course may be shortened at any mark using the normal RRS procedure.

Notification will be given to the Fleet, through a radio broadcast on VHF Channel 82, prior to the lead yacht reaching the mark at which the course is to be shortened.

A finish boat displaying the Shorten Course Signal (S - Sierra) may be on station at that mark.

In the event no finish boat is on station, competitors shall pass within 20 metres of the mark and record the time, accurate to one second, at which the mark bears 270°M when observed from the bow. The relative location of the nearest competing yacht at the time of finishing shall also be recorded (within 1 second)

The self-recorded finish time shall be sent by SMS to the Race Director on 0418 396 605 within 30 minutes of crossing the finish line.

C3 BERTHING FACILITIES

For the “Destination Race” to Geelong berths will be made available in the marina of the host club for that event, as directed by the host club representatives.

Appendix D MARKS

THIS APPENDIX CONTAINS THE LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION OF ALL MARKS USED IN COURSES DESCRIBED IN THESE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.

These mark descriptions and positions should not be used uncritically. They have been assembled from the best information available but may only be approximate and may contain errors. Skippers and navigators should verify mark information using their own resources.

Mark	Name	Location	Character	Description
	Gate	Approx 1Nm to weather of the start line		2 Orange inflatables
ARTH	Arthur The Great	S38° 04.646' E144° 33.185'	Q(3) 10s	Pillar, E Cardinal (BYB)
BYS0	BYS Club Mark 0	S38° 21.265' E144° 46.565'	Mo(B) Y 15s	Can, Yachting
CA2	Carrum #2	S38° 03.071' E145° 04.526'	Unlit	Can, Yellow
FWK	Fawkner Beacon	S37° 56.917' E144° 55.629'	Fl W 5s 11M	Beacon Tower
HC01	Hopetoun Channel #1	S38° 07.054' E144° 26.761'	F G + Iso G 4s 5M	Pile, Starboard Lateral
HC02	Hopetoun Channel #2	S38° 07.163' E144° 26.780'	F R + Iso R 4s 5M	Pile, Port Lateral
HC10	Hopetoun Channel #10	S38° 07.401' E144° 24.125'	Iso R 4s 5M	Pile, Port Lateral
HC14	Hopetoun Channel #14	S38° 07.592' E144° 22.232'	Iso R 4s 5M	Pile, Port Lateral
M1	Centre Buoy	S38° 03.516' E144° 52.224'	Fl(2) Y 10s	Yellow Can
MMYC1	MMYC Club Mark 1	S38° 01.799' E145° 02.396'	Fl Y 5s	Conical, Yachting
MMYC4	MMYC Club Mark 4	S38° 00.778' E145° 03.604'	Fl Y 5s	Conical, Yachting
MYC	MYC Club Mark	S38° 12.520' E145° 01.920'	Unlit	Start Mark Off MYC
OA	Outer Anchorage	S37° 57.010' E144° 51.431'	Fl(4) Y 12s 3M	Pile, Special
P2	Pipeline 2	S37° 55.436' E144° 53.192'	Fl Y 4s	Buoy, Special
P3	Pipeline 3	S37° 53.393' E144° 52.852'	Fl Y 4s	Pile, Special

Mark	Name	Location	Character	Description
PGB	Prince George Beacon	S38° 06.400' E144° 44.201'	Fl R 4s 8M	Pile, Port Lateral
PM77	PoM Channel #77	S37° 51.140' E144° 55.792'	Fl(2) G 4s	Pile, Starboard Lateral
PR01	Pt Richards Channel #1	S38° 05.065' E144° 38.563'	F G + Iso G 4s 5M	Pile, Starboard Lateral
PR18	Pt Richards Channel #18	S38° 07.915' E144° 32.083'	Q W	Pile, N Cardinal (BY)
PRE	Pt Richards Channel Entry	S38° 04.954' E144° 39.945'	Q W 9M	Pile, N Cardinal (BY)
R1	Recreational Mark 1	S38° 16.473' E144° 58.361'	Fl(3) Y 10s	Conical, Special
R2	Recreational Mark 2	S37° 54.536' E144° 56.338'	Fl(3) Y 10s	Conical, Special
R3	Recreational Mark 3	S37° 53.172' E144° 56.379'	Fl Y 4s	Spar, Special
RBYC1	RBYC Club Mark 1	S37° 55.632' E144° 58.241'	Fl(4) Y 12s	Conical, Yachting
RBYC2	RBYC Club Mark 2	S37° 55.401' E144° 57.371'	Fl(4) Y 12s	Conical, Yachting
RBYC3	RBYC Club Mark 3	S37° 54.461' E144° 57.161'	Fl(4) Y 12s	Conical, Yachting
RBYC4	RBYC Club Mark 4	S37° 53.611' E144° 57.082'	Fl(4) Y 12s	Conical, Yachting
RBYC5	RBYC Club Mark 5	S37° 53.812' E144° 58.462'	Fl(4) Y 12s	Conical, Yachting
RBYC6	RBYC Club Mark 6	S37° 54.320' E144° 58.530'	Fl(4) Y 12s	Conical, Yachting
RGYC	RGYC Club Mark	S38° 08.524' E144° 22.144'	Fl Y 5s	Conical, Yachting
RMYS A	RMYS Club Mark A	S37° 51.902' E144° 57.465'	Fl(4) Y 10s	Pillar, Yachting
RMYS D	RMYS Club Mark D	S37° 51.491' E144° 57.472'	Fl(4) Y 10s	Pillar, Yachting
RMYS H	RMYS Club Mark H	S37° 51.856' E144° 57.694'	Fl(4) Y 10s	Pillar, Yachting
SC19	South Channel #19	S38° 20.126' E144° 54.479'	Fl(2) G 5s 8M	Pile, Starboard Lateral
SC25	South Channel #25	S38° 17.929' E144° 55.948'	Fl(4) G 12s 8M	Pile, Starboard Lateral

Mark	Name	Location	Character	Description
SG	Spoil Ground	S37° 59.067' E144° 53.000'	Fl Y 5s	Pillar, Special
SO10	Sorrento Channel #10	S38° 21.336' E144° 47.313'	Unlit, Red	Pile, Port Lateral
SO12	Sorrento Channel #12	S38° 21.109' E144° 48.508'	Unlit, Red	Pile, Port Lateral
SYC1	SYC Club Mark 1	S37° 57.802' E144° 58.892'	Fl(4) Y 10s	Pillar, Yachting
SYC2	SYC Club Mark 2	S37° 56.602' E144° 57.971'	Fl(4) Y 10s	Pillar, Yachting
SYC3	SYC Club Mark 3	S37° 56.242' E144° 59.252'	Fl(4) Y 10s	Pillar, Yachting
SYC4	SYC Club Mark 4	S37° 56.810' E144° 59.400'	Fl(4) Y 10s	Pillar, Yachting
SYC5	SYC Club Mark 5	S37° 58.812' E144° 58.382'	Fl(4) Y 10s	Pillar, Yachting
SYC6	SYC Club Mark 6	S37° 56.702' E144° 57.082'	Fl(4) Y 10s	Pillar, Yachting
SYC7	SYC Club Mark 7	S37° 55.861' E144° 59.001'	Fl(4) Y 10s	Pillar, Yachting
SYM	Symonds Channel Entrance	S38° 13.910' E144° 50.615'	Q(3) 10s	Pillar, E Cardinal (BYB)
T09	Clearway Mark T09	S37° 57.807' E144° 55.730'	VQ(4) Y 4s 10M	Pile, Special
T10	Clearway Mark T10	S37° 57.776' E144° 55.033'	VQ(4) Y 4s 10M	Pile, Special
T13	Clearway Mark T13	S37° 56.715' E144° 55.766'	VQ(4) Y 4s	Pile, Special
T14	Clearway Mark T14	S37° 56.685' E144° 55.112'	VQ(4) Y 4s	Pile, Special
WC19	Williamstown Channel #19	S37° 51.479' E144° 55.006'	Fl G 2s 2M	Pile, Starboard Lateral
WPY	Edge of Restricted Area	S38° 06.579' E144° 33.245'	Fl Y 6s	Can, Special
WS09	Wilson Spit Channel #9	S38° 07.247' E144° 28.581'	Iso G 4s 5M	Pile, Starboard Lateral
WSPT	Wedge Spit	S38° 02.033' E144° 38.362'	VQ(6)+LFl 10s	Pile, S Cardinal (YB)

Appendix E GEELONG PASSAGE COURSES

THE COURSES TO BE USED FOR THE GEELONG PASSAGE RACE ARE DESCRIBED IN THIS APPENDIX.

Course 41 (~34nm)		
Mark	Rounding	Notes
Start		
Gate		
FWK	Starboard	
PR01	Starboard	
PR18	Starboard	
WS09	Port	Alternative Finish
HC01	Port	Alternative Finish
HC10	Port	
Finish		RGYC Finish

Course 42 (~46nm)		
Mark	Rounding	Notes
Start		
Gate		
CA2	Starboard	
PR01	Port	
PR18	Starboard	
WS09	Port	Alternative Finish
HC01	Port	Alternative Finish
HC10	Port	
Finish		RGYC Finish

Course 43 (~56nm)		
Mark	Rounding	Notes
Start		
Gate		
R1	Starboard	
PGB	Port	
PRE	Port	
PR18	Starboard	
WS09	Port	Alternative Finish
HC01	Port	Alternative Finish
HC10	Port	
Finish		RGYC Finish

Course 44 (~52nm)		
Mark	Rounding	Notes
Start		
Gate		
CA2	Starboard	
P2	Port	
PR01	Starboard	
PR18	Starboard	
WS09	Port	Alternative Finish
HC01	Port	Alternative Finish
HC10	Port	
Finish		RGYC Finish

Course 45 (~39nm)		
Mark	Rounding	Notes
Start		
Gate		
SYC5	Starboard	
P2	Port	
PR01	Starboard	
PR18	Starboard	
WS09	Port	Alternative Finish
HC01	Port	Alternative Finish
HC10	Port	
Finish		RGYC Finish

Course 46 (~46nm)		
Mark	Rounding	Notes
Start		
Gate		
FWK	Port	
SG	Starboard	
P3	Port	
PGB	Starboard	
PRE	Port	
PR18	Starboard	
WS09	Port	Alternative Finish
HC01	Port	Alternative Finish
HC10	Port	
Finish		RGYC Finish

Appendix F CRUISING SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

THIS APPENDIX CONTAINS ANY SPECIAL REGULATIONS COVERING THE CRUISING DIVISIONS.

F1 USE OF ENGINE

During the Geelong passage race competitors in the Cruising Division may use their engine for the purpose of propulsion, under the following conditions:

- From a time of no less than one (1) hour after the start of the race, if the True Wind Strength (TWS) drops below six (6) knots, a competitor may use their engine to maintain a maximum speed of five (5) knots of Speed Over Ground (SOG) until such time that the True Wind Strength exceeds six (6) knots.
- If the Race Director chooses to announce a Shortened Course, competitors in the Cruising Division may start engines and proceed to the Finishing Line at a Speed Over Ground (SOG) not exceeding six (6) knots.
- All Competitors in the Cruising Division shall declare the Time of Motoring in hours, minutes, and seconds, by SMS to the Race Director's phone (0418 396 605) within 30 minutes of crossing the finish line.