



NOTICE OF RACE

**Whyalla Yacht Club
Whyalla Marina, 5600**

The Whyalla yacht club Inc as the Organizing Authority, in conjunction with the Spencer Gulf Yachting Association, invites entries for the 2017 Queen of the Gulf Regatta.

1. Rules

- a. The Regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

2. ADVERTISING

- a. Advertising will be restricted to that described in ISAF Regulation 20 Advertising Code.

3. ENTRY

- a. A minimum of four (4) nominations for each class will be necessary before races will be conducted for that class. Four (4) starters must contest the first race of any class during the Regatta. In subsequent races, three (3) starters will be necessary to contest that race.
- b. Classes not having sufficient starters for a class shall be placed in a "Yardstick" division.
- c. Entry forms may be lodged by post or emailed to:-

The Regatta Secretary
PO Box 112
Whyalla SA 5600
email:whyallayachtclub@bigpond.com
Subject: QOG ENTRY FORM

- d. The Whyalla Yacht Club reserves the right to refuse entry.

4. ELIGIBILITY

- a. Competitors must be current members of a yacht club affiliated with Yachting Australia and hold a current Yachting Australia Card.
- b. If a Competitor is under the age of 18 then the parent / guardian of the competitor must complete and return the Guardian Consent Form Prior to participating in the event.



5. FEES

- a. The entry fee for the Regatta is AUD \$50 per senior competing boat and \$20 per junior competing boat. There will be no late fee.

6. SCHEDULE

- a. Up to 5 Championship Races are scheduled.
- b. There will be no more than 3 races back to back and no more than 3 races on one day.
- c. The Race Committee may change the schedule if required. Any change of schedule will be posted on the official notice board no later than one hour prior to the WARNING SIGNAL of the first class.
- d. No warning signal will be made after 1600 on Sunday the 16th April 2017.

PROGRAM	DAY / DATE	TIME / WARNING SIGNAL
Drinks & Food SGYA Meeting	14 th April	1700-1930 1830
Registration Briefing	15 th April	0900 – 1030 1100
Heats 1 & 2 (Back to Back) Dinner	15 th April	1330 1830
Heat 3	16 th April	1030
Heats 4 & 5 (Back to Back)	16 th April	1330
Presentation Dinner	16 th April	1830

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- a. The Sailing Instructions will be available at the Whyalla Yacht Club from Friday 14th April 2017.

8. VENUE

- a. Racing will be conducted between the North Beach and Surf Lifesaving club situated on t the Whyalla Foreshore.
- b. Accommodation options can be found on the Whyalla Council Website - <http://www.whyalla.sa.gov.au/page.aspx?u=991>

9. THE COURSES

- a. The course will consist of Triangle and Windward – Leeward legs.
- b. Course diagrams will be provided on the official Notice Board no later than one hour prior to the WARNING SIGNAL of the first class.



10. SCORING

- a. The Low Scoring System as defined in Appendix "A" – Scoring (A4 – Low point) will apply.
- b. The series will consist of five (5) races. When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races scores. When five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- c. Handicaps shall be calculated by Whyalla Yacht Club.

11. SUPPORT CRAFT

- a. Any craft are requested to keep clear of competitors during the race events & casual support must cease upon the Warning Signal. Support craft may be requested to assist in an emergency under direction of the Race Officer.

12. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- a. In participating in the event, a competitor automatically grants the organizing authority and the sponsors of the event the right, in perpetuity, to make, use and show from time to time and at their discretion any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film or television or other reproductions of him/her during the period of competition for the said event in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the said event without compensation.

13. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- a. While racing, a competing boat shall not carry equipment capable of making or receiving radio transmissions. This restriction applies to mobile telephones and any other electronic communication devices. The only exception is for Recording / Media Broadcast equipment in use for the purpose of recording / Broadcasting the event.

14. PRIZES

- a. Shall be awarded depending upon class entry numbers & is in accordance with the SGYA Constitution. The presentation will be at approx. 1930 hrs Sunday 16th April at the Whyalla Yacht Club.

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- a. Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race.
- b. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage, or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to or during or after the Regatta.



16. SAFETY

- a. The boat shall be equipped with effective personal buoyancy for each crew member. The crew shall wear the personal buoyancy properly secured outside all clothing except that a close fitting, sleeveless, pocketless bib or vest may be worn outside the personal buoyancy. Inflatable PFDs are not permitted. Attention is drawn to Rule 1.2 and Rule 4.
- b. Discretionary penalties will apply to Rule 41 Outside Help. Actions of the Race Committee in retrieving crews from the water and returning them to their boats may not be penalized, at the discretion of the protest committee.

17. INSURANCE

- a. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD \$5M (AUD \$10M recommended) or the equivalent. All owners / competitors who sign the Entry Form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover.
- b. AMENDMENTS
- c. Any Amendment to this Notice of Race will be posted on the Event Website (www.whyllayachtclub.org)

Further Information can be obtained from the Whyalla Yacht Club via;

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Phone: Mick Casey 0421 908 645