

56th MARLAY POINT OVERNIGHT RACE

Saturday, March 9, 2024

NOTICE OF RACE

Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club Inc., in conjunction with Lake Wellington Yacht Club Inc., will conduct the 2024 Marlay Point Overnight Race on the waters of the Gippsland Lakes during the Labour Day Weekend in March. The race will start near Marlay Point on Lake Wellington on Saturday, March 9th.

- 1.1 The race will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions, and Special Regulations Part I of AS Category 5N, and any AS amendments; each yacht's class rules except where the sailing instructions alter any of these; and by the sailing instructions.
- 1.2 The following amendments will apply.
 - 1.2.1 Each yacht is required to carry charts of the area, either electronic or paper, under Special Regulation 4.10.1
 - 1.2.2 All yachts must provide and display the identification number advised by MPONR at entry acceptance. Each number is to have a minimum line thickness of 25mm, a minimum height of 300mm and be a solid line on a contrasting background. The number shall be displayed on both sides of the yacht for the duration of the race.
 - 1.2.3 A lifejacket complying with AS4758-2015 (minimum Level 100) or AS1512-1996 Type. Each crew member shall always wear 1 (not less than 100N) or an equivalent or more stringent overseas standard. This alters Special Regulation 5.01.1(k).
 - 1.2.4 A yacht reported not complying with mandatory safety regulations during the race may incur disqualification after the protest.
 - 1.2.5 No trapeze shall be used.
 - 1.2.6 Between sunset and sunrise, Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing shall be modified, as appropriate, by the excerpts from the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 Entries may be accepted forailable yachts and sports boats, keel type or ballasted yachts, or "Trailer Multi", all of which shall be between 4.8 and 10.5 metres in overall length.
- 2.2 Persons on board shall consist of at least two adults (18 years or over). Applications for age dispensation will be considered by the Race Committee two weeks before the race date.
- 2.3 Safety Equipment. All yachts shall have completed the MPONR Declaration of Compliance for Category 5 N. This will be available from the www.MPONR.com website.

- 2.4 Any yacht may enter the team events. A yacht may not be a member of more than one team entered for the same trophy. However, maybe a member of different teams entered for different trophies.
- 2.5 INSURANCE: Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000.

3. ENTRIES

- 3.2 Entries details and fees shall be completed online via <https://www.trybooking.com/CNMPY>
- 3.3 Late entries will be accepted until 1700, 8th March 2024. The Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club Inc. reserves the right to accept or reject any entry.
- 3.4 Yachts entering with no class or deemed "homemade" must send a photo of the vessel before entry is accepted.
- 3.5 TEAM ENTRIES: Team entries (no additional fee) will be accepted between 1000 and 1630 on March 9th on the official team entry form obtainable at the sign-on area.

4. FEES

- 4.1 The entry fee will be \$99.00 (inc GST).
- 4.2 LATE ENTRIES: An additional fee of \$60.00 will be charged for entries RECEIVED after 2359 on 1st March 2024

Payment is to be made with the online entry at Try Booking. Please use Race Number as a reference.

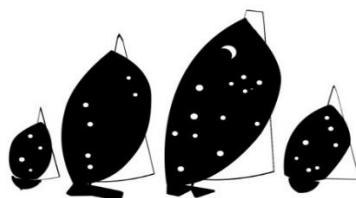
New boat entries may use the skipper's name as the reference.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Registration - Accepted entrants shall sign on at Marlay Point by 1630, 9th March 2024; otherwise, they shall be regarded as a non-starter.
- 5.2 Starting Time - No division will start before 1945 on Saturday, 9th March 2024.

6. MEASUREMENT

- 6.1 Yachts entered as standard yachts of a recognised class shall comply with the class rules of that yacht. Yachts with modifications will incur a minimum handicap penalty of 5%.
- 6.2 Yachts not complying with class rules must provide accurate information on the entry form.
- 6.3 Yachts will be allocated an MPONR Handicap based on any available information, which may include but is not limited to past MPONRs, Goolwa Regatta, regatta results, club results, class associations, manufacturers' websites, OMR and the ATYSBR Appendix A.



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- 6.4 The Race Committee reserves the right to set or adjust any Boat's MPONR handicap.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 The sailing instructions, other information and notification of division, race number and handicap will be available on our website, www.MPONR.com, from Jan 2024.

8. COURSES

- 8.1 The courses will be described in the sailing instructions. The likely course for Divisions A and B is Marlay Point to Paynesville, whilst the other divisions will continue to do a lap of Raymond Island.

9. SCORING SYSTEM

- 9.1 Individual results will be calculated by applying each yacht's handicap to its elapsed time.
- 9.2 For team results, the Low Points Scoring System. (RRS Appendix A.2) shall apply. A conversion factor will adjust the points scored by each team member in its own division to account for the different number of competitors in each division.

10. TROPHY LIST

- 10.1 Trophies will be awarded as follows:
- 10.1.1 Competitor's Medallion – Each yacht competing in her nominated course will receive a medallion.
 - 10.1.2 First, Second and Third will be awarded for each division.
 - 10.1.3 Line Honours – First yacht to cross the finish line in each division.
 - 10.1.4 Short-handed trophy – First yacht to finish on corrected time with two POB.
- 10.2 Teams Trophies –
- 10.2.1 THE LINDSAY DACK TROPHY to the team of three yachts from one class, scoring the lowest aggregate points per 9.2.
 - 10.2.2 ADAM BRINTON TROPHY to the team of three yachts from one club, scoring the lowest aggregate points.
 - 10.2.3 RAY COLE TROPHY - A perpetual trophy to the team of three yachts from one division consisting of 10 or more yachts, provided they are not members of any other team, scoring the lowest aggregate points per 9.2.
 - 10.2.4 REG HILL TROPHY – A perpetual trophy to the oldest participant who has not previously won this trophy.
- 10.3 Class association trophies (to be provided by the class association) may be awarded to a class with more than 10 boats entered the race.

11. GENERAL INFORMATION

- 11.1 Yachts will probably be grouped into handicap divisions.
- The likely divisions could be:
- DIVISION A - MPONR Rating equals 0.700 or less
 - DIVISION B - MPONR Rating greater than 0.700 with no lap of Raymond Island
 - DIVISION C - MPONR Rating greater than 0.700 (with a lap of Raymond Island)
 - DIVISION D - Sports Trailable
 - DIVISION M - Multihulls
- 11.1.1 Multihull boats with a race handicap of .720 or less will sail the Division A course and receive an adjusted elapsed time.
- 11.2 Race enquiries should be directed by email to: entry@MPONR.com or by phone to: Jenny Holter – Entry Secretary's Phone: 0490 803 590
- 11.3 Bus Transport. Buses will leave from the King Street ramp car park in Paynesville and the G.L.Y.C. car park at 1330 and 1600 on Saturday. Tickets will be obtainable from the bus driver for \$20. The last bus from Paynesville will not return you to Marlay Point in time to sign on so please sign on before leaving Marlay Point.