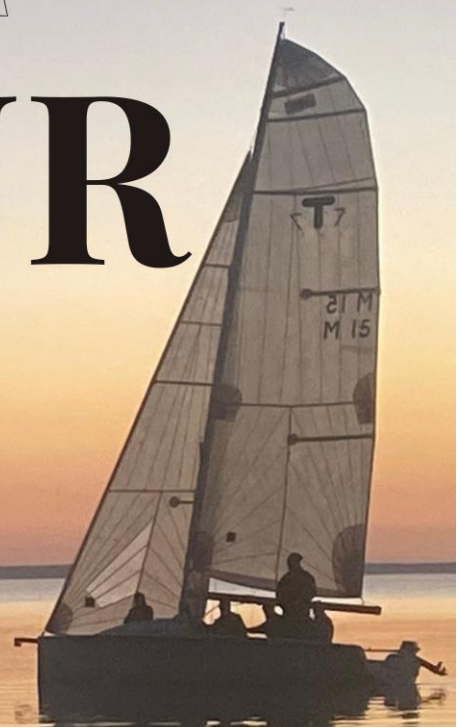




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Welcome to the Marlay Point Overnight Race 2024!

Dear Competitors,

It is with great pleasure and genuine excitement that I extend a warm welcome to each and every one of you for the Marlay Point Overnight Race 2024.

I am Commodore Neil Smith, and I feel a deep connection to this race that goes beyond the responsibilities of my position. The Marlay Point Overnight Race holds a special place in my heart, and I am genuinely thrilled to witness its continued growth and success.

This event is more than just a race; it's a celebration of our shared passion for sailing, the camaraderie among fellow sailors, and the indomitable spirit that defines this incredible community. As we gather once again for this year's adventure, I want you to know that the warmth and support of the Marlay Point family are ever-present.

The Marlay Point Overnight Race has a unique magic, and it's not just about the wind in the sails or the thrill of the competition. It's about forging connections, creating memories, and embracing the joy that comes from being out on the water under the moonlit sky.

I encourage each of you to soak in the experience, cherish the moments, and revel in the unique atmosphere that makes the Marlay Point Overnight Race truly exceptional. The dedication and enthusiasm that you bring to this event contribute immensely to its success, and I am grateful for your participation.

As you embark on this adventure, know that you have the support of the entire Marlay Point community behind you. May the winds be in your favour, the seas be kind, and may the journey ahead be filled with both challenge and triumph.

Thank you for being a part of the Marlay Point Overnight Race 2024. I look forward to sharing the excitement of the race with each and every one of you.

Fair winds and following seas!

Commodore Neil Smith

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GENERAL INFORMATION

POLO SHIRTS and MERCHANDISE

The newest and greatest MPONR polo shirt is a light grey colour.

A small quantity of shirts has also been ordered for late orders. Supply cannot be guaranteed but what we have left over will be available from the LWYC or GLYC on race day at \$44 each. Ladies sizes 10 to 18 and Men's styles M to 3XL.

As an alternative, short sleeve white and long sleeve black polo shirts with the MPONR logo are also available for the same price. Unfortunately they only come in men's sizes.

Our black fleece jackets which were new last year and come with a yearly arm patch, free for the year of purchase. They are available in Mens S to 3XL or special sizes can be ordered. Price is \$60 for the jacket and first year's patch. Arm patches are available for future years for \$10.

Our MPONR caps are also available for \$15. The caps are white with a navy blue trim.

All items will be available at LWYC or GLYC.



LWYC SITE MAP



ARRIVAL – LWYC

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Your boat may be scrutineered whilst preparing to launch at LWYC. Our scrutineers will endeavour not to interfere with your set up procedures and if they have called at an inconvenient time please let them know, politely. Sign On will happen in the bunk house which is to the left hand side of the clubhouse. Merchandise can be collected from the room directly underneath the LWYC clubhouse.

You may then launch in your own time. By following the above arrows to the Launching Ramp **5**. Immediately after launching, cars and trailers **MUST** leave the launch area and may return to the rigging area to park. Traffic flow may be directed back through the gate you came in. If no one is in attendance please follow as the arrows as marked above and return through the main entrance gate at **1** to the rigging area.

Please Note your boat must leave the jetty area immediately. In the event of a motor break down or any issue preventing your departure from the jetty you will be asked that you retrieve your boat, fix your problem and then relaunch. No boats can be left in the launching area for any reason.

Toilet facilities are available behind the LWYC bunkhouse for your convenience. **6**
The mooring of boats in and around the cut is not advised. **7** Dredging of this area is no longer possible and is now very shallow. If you choose to go into this area be advised that you do so at your own risk and at the risk of not being able to get back out.

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LAUNCHING RAMPS

A double ramp exists at Marlay Point suitable for yachts with a draught of 0.7m or less. Visitors are advised that there are extensive areas of shallows around the foreshore and care should be taken with lowering keels until at least 100m from the shoreline. Deeper draught yachts are advised to launch at the Port of Sale and motor down the Latrobe River into Lake Wellington,. Masts should not be raised until yachts have passed under the Swing Bridge, approx. 3km from the Port of Sale. Alternative ramps are available at Hollands Landing or Paynesville. Make sure you allow time for travel both by car or water to make LWYC before sign off closes.

The Cut at Lake Wellington is also very shallow and only boats with a very shallow draft will be able to enter The Cut without becoming grounded. At the moment it is not recommended and if you enter this area you will do so at your own risk and at the risk of not being able to get your boat out.

Launching facilities also exist at Hollands Landing (McLennan Straits), Loch Sport, Paynesville and Metung. Launching ramps are located at King Street and The Esplanade in Paynesville.

In Paynesville the King Street launching ramp area is still undergoing reconstruction works. An area near the waters edge to the left of the launching ramp has been closed off for these works and parking maybe limited.



Owners are reminded that although the area is reasonably safe to leave your car and trailer, you do so at your own risk.

IF NOT LAUNCHING AT MARLAY POINT ALLOW ENOUGH TIME TO GET THERE BY WATER AND TO GET ASHORE TO SIGN ON BEFORE 4PM.

MARLAY POINT JETTY

The jetty adjacent to the launching ramps at Marlay Point must be left clear for access by official patrol boats. **YACHTS MUST NOT TIE UP AT THE JETTY for any reason.**

MOORINGS

Upon launching, all yachts are asked to moor clear of the ramp and jetty. Yachts requiring sheltered moorings are advised to moor in the Avon or Latrobe Rivers. Lake Wellington Yacht Club will not be responsible for vessels running aground or dragging anchors.

FUEL

Fuel can be obtained in Sale as you pass through or at the United Service Station as you enter Paynesville. On water fueling sites include Paynesville, Loch Sport by prior arrangement only, Metung and Lakes Entrance. There is no fuel station at Marlay Point.

ON WATER SHUTTLE/WATER TAXI

A water taxi service will be available during Saturday. This will be manned by volunteers.

WEATHER

Although every attempt will be made to provide up to date racecourse weather reports prior to the race, local weather effects on the Gippsland Lakes can be extremely difficult to predict even for professional forecasters. The weather is notoriously unpredictable and entrants must use their own discretion when deciding on whether to start or continue to race.

CATERING

There will be a range of reasonably priced food and refreshments available at Marlay Point during Saturday. This includes breakfast at LWYC until 9am. Food vans will be selling water soft drinks and coffee along with some scrumptious food. The Clubhouse will be open at Marlay Point on Friday evening. Alcohol will not be available for sale. Please note that tap water at LWYC is not suitable for drinking.

Due to the nature of the race, the organising committee does not encourage consumption of alcohol on race day and reminds ALL competitors that the blood alcohol level for skippers is 0.05, the same as for road users and the WaterPolice are particularly active on the Lakes during this weekend.

You can expect an all day big breakfast at GLYC when you finish. This is available from 6am until 3pm. At 3pm the bar will be open and dim sims will be available as well as a selection of chips, pop corn and chocolate bars. PLEASE NOTE THAT GLYC IS A NO CASH CLUB. CREDIT AND DEBIT CARDS ONLY.

PAYNESVILLE BUS TRANSPORT

After launching on Saturday at Marlay Point, you may drive your car and trailer to Paynesville, and return by bus. Buses will leave Paynesville on Saturday from the King Street car park and GLYC at approximately 1:30 pm and 4:00 pm. Bus tickets will be available from the bus driver at a cost of \$20 each. Please note that the bus transport is only for Saturday. **The last bus from Paynesville will return to Marlay Point after the sign on has closed.** Signing on before taking your car and trailer to Paynesville is a must.

***** NOTE*****

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.

PAYNESVILLE BUS PICK UP MAP:



YACHT CLUB INFORMATION

The Lake Wellington Yacht Club will be manned from mid-afternoon on Friday and the Public Address system will operate all day on Saturday. Announcements may also be made on VHF channel 72 throughout the day. An early morning breakfast is available at LWYC from 7am on race day. Food and hot and cold drinks will be available at LWYC.

A GLYC race officials will be available at GLYC on Friday and Saturday. On Sunday the Sign Off desk will be manned from 6am and you may find any information you require from there. If you need more information before 6am, you can ring the MPONR phone number, 0490 803 590, or contact the finishing room team. An all day hot breakfast will be available from 6am until 3pm in the club rooms and the bar will be open from 3pm.

SIGN-ON

A reception centre, SIGN ON desk, teams entries and Sailpass counter will be sited in the original rooms beside the club house **6** All skippers must confirm their entry in the race by signing-on before 4:30 pm on Saturday March 9th 2024.

Sign On procedures for 2024 will be done in a similar manner that was used last year.

1. You will be met by a greeter who will ensure you have the paper work.
2. You will then be invited into the Sign On room where you will be directed to the correct desk for your division. If you require a sailPass it can be done at the time of your Sign On.
 - a. Here you will have your Cat5N Safety Declaration Sheet checked off and signed.
 - b. All the information required to complete your “Emergency Onshore Contacts” for **ALL** members on your boat and all members on your boat have a “Current” Australian Sailing Number or SailPass.

- c. If a Sailpass is required this can be done inside but you will need your crew member's date of birth and address with you.
3. A separate desk for Team Entries will be available in this room also.
4. Then you sign on!

You will not be accepted as a starter unless you have completed and confirmed the cat5n safety compliance declaration, emergency on shore contact forms, current AS number or SailPass and submitted them to the sign- on official. MAKE SURE YOU SIGN THE SIGN ON SHEET

Sign on by radio is not available because of the need to submit the required forms.

***** NOTE *** 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. Sign On is not possible from Paynesville.**

FIRST AID

First aid assistance, provided by the St John Ambulance Service, is available at Marlay Point throughout Saturday.

RESCUE CRAFT

On-water safety patrols will be coordinated by Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club who will utilise craft and personnel from their own organisation. These boats will show a blue light when on the water. The Water Police and Coastguard will be available via an emergency call to VHF Ch 16 or by ringing 000.

The purpose of the rescue craft is to provide an effective rescue service when required. They are not there for marshalling the race. If the weather conditions are kind, it is unlikely that you will even see a rescue boat throughout the race. Rescue craft are strategically positioned throughout the Lakes system during the race and will only be activated when directed by the on-course officials. They will have a blue light signifying that they are a rescue craft.

Just a reminder that as a Cat 5N race, boats should be self-rescuing. Please see the Cat 5N safety declaration at <https://mponr.com/sailing-documents/race-documents/> under the race documents for more information.

Radio Frequencies being monitored throughout the race will be: VHF Channels 16 and 72.

All calls for assistance should initially be directed to the Emergency Channel 16 or by ringing 000.

PLEASE keep radio traffic to an absolute minimum.

REMINDER: Skippers and/or owners are reminded that all craft acting as rescue craft are instructed that in the event of a capsized, the people involved are the first priority for rescue. Salvage of disabled craft is not the responsibility of the rescue craft, but they may assist when the situation stabilizes.

CONTACT INFORMATION DURING RACE

VHF: Ch 72
Phone: 0490 803 590
Email: info@mponr.com

THE RACE

A race briefing will be given from the balcony of the LWYC. **4** Thanks to the local Bureau of Meteorology in Sale, a comprehensive weather outlook including what conditions are expected to be throughout the night and next day's race time will be given. We will celebrate our oldest and youngest sailors for 2022 and our lucky number prizes will be drawn. Some people travel many kms to participate in this wonderful race. There will be a prize for the person who has travelled the furthest. Good Luck to you all.

The start line will be as stated in the sailing instructions. Both a pin boat and start boat can be expected to mark the extremities of the start line and a roving boat will patrol for premature starters.

A flare will be fired to announce the 10, 5 & 1 minute warnings and a final flare will signal the start of the 2022 Marlay Point Overnight Race.

Throughout the race you will have a lead boat and a tail end boat. There will also be 2 rescue boats along the course for your safety. If you find yourself in need of assistance your first call should be by radio to the Gippsland Lakes Water Police on Channel 16. They will coordinate any rescue or assistance that may be required.

If you retire from the race for any reason you **MUST** contact **MPONR** race control either by radio on Channel 72 or by phone on 0490 803 590 to advise of your retirement, your position and situation. You are asked to do this in a timely manner.

On completing the race at Paynesville, you are required to Sign Off. This needs to be done within 1 hr of finishing as per the Sailing Instructions. If you make your way to the front of the GLYC club rooms a declarations desk will be found inside the front door for this purpose. The desk will be manned from 6am. The skipper of the boat will also be able to collect the participation medallion. All starters will receive one of these treasured medallions.

We do ask that you **DO NOT** stop on the jetty in front of the club rooms in order to come and sign off. Other boats will still be finishing and the team taking your finish times need to be able to see the water clearly for that purpose. Gippsland Ports has a temporary **NO MOORING ANY TIME** order on the jetty for the entire period of the race.

With all of that done we hope you enjoyed your race and invite you to enjoy some of Paynesville hospitality. GLYC will again offer a fabulous breakfast prepared by our many volunteers. This will run from 6am until 3pm on Sunday. From 3pm onwards if you would like to enjoy a drink with your fellow competitors we will be happy to serve you. Dim Sims will also be available over the bar if you are feeling peckish

POST RACE INFORMATION

SIGN-OFF DECLARATION

Race Headquarters will be in the Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club. Declaration sheets will be accepted at the information desk in the foyer of the GLYC. Participation medallions will be given to the skipper of competing boats at the declarations desk.

RESULTS

Printouts of **provisional** results may be posted in the GLYC clubhouse, and at the entrance doorway. Additional information may be obtained from the race information desk, this includes protest forms and result queries.

Final results will be posted, once they have been verified, as soon as possible on the MPONR website, [www.MPONR.com](http://www.mponr.com) and then emailed to all entrants as soon as possible thereafter.

BREAKFAST

Christie's famous Big Monty breakfast will be available from 6am until 3pm. Make sure you avail yourself of a decent meal after having battled the elements all night. Other breakfast options are available. **PLEASE NOTE THAT GLYC IS A NO CASH CLUB.** Credit/Debit cards only please.

PRESENTATION

A presentation of Line honours trophies will be held at approximately 5pm. The bar will be open from 3pm for your enjoyment. We have presentation this year. The bar will be open from 3 for your enjoyment.

<p>For post-race information: Check www.mponr.com or phone 0490 803 590</p>

Emergency telephone numbers we hope you won't need are:

AMBULANCE, POLICE or FIRE	000
WATER POLICE	5156 7462
DOCTOR	5156 7243
DENTIST	5152 4636
CHEMIST	5156 6671
HOSPITAL (Bairnsdale).....	5150 3333
MARINE SALVAGE/DIVING.....	5156 6099
SHIPWRIGHT	5156 7085
SAILMAKER	5156 7039
AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEER COAST GUARD.....	5156 0106

NOTE:

These numbers are all Bairnsdale or Paynesville numbers.

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Gippsland Ports and St John's Ambulance

**WE HOPE YOU ENJOY A SAFE, HAPPY & SUCCESSFUL
MARLAY POINT OVERNIGHT RACE
We will be watching out for you at the end..**

