



## Welcome!

Royal Brighton Yacht Club welcomes sailors to the annual George Mac Regatta. While no-one was sure that we would be permitted to have the regatta, everything is looking good and I'm sure everyone is keen to get back out on the water. Due to a number of restrictions that are still in place, we have had to make some last minute changes, but these are mostly changes for reducing congestion onshore.

The main issue is the "group of 50" limit onshore, and we ask that you please adhere to any request from RBYC staff or volunteers to ensure that we do not get shut down or fined by the authorities.

However, once out on the water, there should be no change at all with great racing against friends we haven't seen for too long.

So welcome back to the George Mac Regatta and we wish everyone good luck and good sailing.

## Covid-19 Safety

We are mindful of the health and safety of our members and guests during this regatta. We have taken steps to minimise contact during this regatta and you will notice the differences.

Each class will be allocated to a different area at RBYC. We ask you to stay in this area whilst on-shore, unless you are entering the clubhouse to purchase food & beverages. There will only be one entry point to the clubhouse (past the gym) as there are separate number limitations that apply.

Masks are required inside the clubhouse or at any time you are unable to socially-distance whilst outside in the rigging areas. Masks are not required whilst you are sailing.

The fleet has been split into two groups on two courses.

Alpha Course will host classes: Opti Open, Opti Intermediate, 2.4, Quests and Laser 4.7.

Racing will commence at 1100 on Sat & Sun. We ask that after racing you pack up promptly and leave the venue before Bravo fleet arrives on-shore.

Bravo Course will host classes: Laser Standard, Laser Radial, 420, Aero 5 & 7, 29er, RS100/400, Waszp and Fireball.

Racing will commence at 12:30 on Sat & Sun. We ask that you do not arrive at the club earlier than 10:45 so that the Alpha fleet will already be on the water.

## **GENERAL GUIDANCE**

- Participants should, if possible, arrive ready for sailing.
- Shared equipment should be reduced where possible.
- Sign on/off will be done electronically via phone.
- We will not be conducting a Sailors briefing.
- We as that all visitors sign in daily using the QR code displayed.
- Clubs must maintain a register of participants/ competitors to allow contact tracing
- The clubhouse will be separated so that both community sport and hospitality guidelines will be applied.
- Toilet and change room facilities will be subject to the density quotient of 1 per 4sqm
- Participants are encouraged to get the flu shot
- Participants are encouraged to download the COVIDsafe app
- Participants regularly reminded not to take part if unwell
- Participants who suddenly feel unwell to be sent home and to follow govt Health Guidelines
- We will not be conducting a presentation ceremony. Results will be online and we will be contacting the winners individually.

### **Getting to RBYC**

RBYC is located at 253 Esplanade, Middle Brighton, Victoria 3186 adjacent to the Brighton Sea Baths and Middle Brighton Pier. The nearest cross street is Grosvenor Street.

All boats will be stored ashore in secured areas at RBYC for the duration of the event. Upon arrival at the Club you will be advised by a marshal as to where your boat is to be stored.

Entry for boat drop-off and pick-up is via the public car park directly to the south of RBYC. There is no vehicle entry from the Esplanade.

### **Registration**

Please be mindful of crowding if there is a queue for onsite registration – it will only take a minute or two, so if there are too many people, please just wait until it is less crowded at the registration desk.

### **Car Parking**

Paid parking with a 4 hour limit is available in the Council Car Park to the south of the club. Free parking is available on Beach Road, Grosvenor Street (1 side of street only) and other nearby side streets – ensure you observe the signs. Also be aw

### **Boat and trailer storage arrangements**

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There is no trailer storage available onsite.

### **Competing Boats arrival and drop off times**

Competing boats may be dropped off at RBYC:

- From 9am Friday December 4th.
- From 8am-10am Saturday December 5th.
- At other times by appointment – call the RBYC Sailing Office on 9592 3092.

### **Coach / Support Boats**

We welcome all coach / support / spectator visiting RHIBS / boats must register prior to arrival (completed as part of online entry). All support boats will be provided with wet berthing facilities at the RBYC Marina. Please ensure that you read and note the conditionals that apply in the Sailing Instructions. A marina key can be made available for a refundable deposit of \$50.

Visiting boats will need to arrive by sea, as RBYC is not able to provide launching facilities. Public boat ramps are located at St Kilda Marina, North Road and Black Rock. There is no trailer storage available onsite.

Please note that RBYC is not able to provide re-fuelling facilities for visiting boats.

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### **Competitor Briefing**

There will not be a competitor briefing at the regatta. If you have any questions you wish to ask in advance, please email [sailing@rbyc.org.au](mailto:sailing@rbyc.org.au), or ask one of our friendly staff at the registration desk.

### **Food and Beverages**

The RBYC Olympic Bar & Restaurant will be open during the event offering a range of beverages, snacks and meal options.

**NOTE:** Please bring your own reusable water bottles as the event moves towards a "Green Regatta"

We hope the information above is helpful for competitors and supporters. Further information will be available at the Regatta Office during the event.

### **George Mac goes Green**

The George Mac Regatta and RBYC is taking steps towards making the weekend a "Green Regatta". Please bring your own refillable water bottle, with water refill stations available around the club over the weekend. As part of the "Green Regatta" we have signed up to "Sailors for the Sea". So please keep an eye out for any litter and encourage everyone to help make this a litter free event. You can find more information about this program at the following site - <http://sailorsforthesea.org/>

### **Regatta Contact**

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