



## BLAIRGOWRIE YACHT SQUADRON

(2023/24 SAILING SEASON)

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024 (Anzac Day)

# NOTICE OF RACES/CHAMPIONSHIP & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

## 1 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

This Wind Warrior Sailing GP is a series of events under one championship title, organised under the overall authority of the Sailing Committee/Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron, the BYS Wind Warrior Committee **and** its duly appointed Race Committee.

## 2 RULES

2.1 The events (otherwise known as Wind Warrior BYS Sailing GP Event 1, 2 & 3) will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 as amended when required by BYS WW Committee Sailing Instructions and Race Officer.

2.2 The following documents will apply: This Notice of Races/Championship (NOR), the Sailing Instructions (SI), Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron rules.

3 The 'Low Point' scoring system will apply, as per the BYS Sailing GP Format; with the top 8 finishing WW's, qualifying for a 'sudden death' single race event final.

## 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The competition is open to current members of the Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron who have paid their overall **seasonal** Sailing GP championship entry fee of \$60.00. Payable before 31/10/23. Late entry fees price applicable from 1/11/23; \$80.00.

Entry will be denied to anyone who has been expelled or is currently serving a suspension from the BYSWWSGP or any state or territory or overseas RC sailing association affiliated with the BYSWWSGP.

4.2 All boats must be Wind Warriors; Generation 2 or 3.

4.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry on the BYS sailing entry system.

Fail to sign on prior to the event incurs a 10% penalty.

## 5 FEES

A nominal sailing season's championship entry fee of \$75.00 is applicable. **Note; this is budgeted at \$25.00 per event/day** and includes three complimentary sausage sizzles. (One on each event day). Don't miss out on your personalised WW Baseball Cap for \$25.00 which includes your WW Yacht number embroidered on the back!

## 6 EVENTS SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Event # 1 Sunday 5<sup>TH</sup> November 2023 and  
Event # 2 Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024

### 6.2 RACING TIMES/ORDER OF THE DAY

Registration:	12.00 NOON
Measurement and inspection:	12.00 NOON
Briefing commences:	12.15 PM

#### **On-water Session** (Aim: 5-8 Races)

Warning signal for first regatta race:	1.00PM
Final regatta race must start prior to:	4.30PM
Event final race to start prior to:	5.00PM
Presentation (Sausage sizzle)	5.30PM

- 6.3 Event # 3 Thursday 25th April 2024 (**Anzac Day**)

### RACING TIMES/ORDER OF THE DAY

Registration:	11.00 AM
Measurement and inspection:	11.00 AM
Briefing commences:	11.15 AM

#### **On-water Session** (Aim: 5-8 Races)

Warning signal for first regatta race:	12.00NOON
Final regatta race must start prior to:	3.30PM
'Event final' race to start prior to:	4.00PM
' <b>Grand Final</b> ' race to start prior to:	4.40PM
Presentation (Sausage sizzle)	5.30PM

### 6.4 TIMING

Timing will be via an audible load speaker with a three minute start sequence

6.5 A 10-minute rest break is scheduled after Race 3, alternatively if weather interferes it will be at the discretion of the RO/PRO.

## **7 MEASUREMENTS**

Each boat shall be manufactured and identified by number as built and provided by Wind Warrior Yachts. All registration formalities, including payment and any measurement checks, must be completed at registration.

## **8 FREQUENCIES**

Operators utilising Crystal Frequencies that conflict will need to resolve this with the conflicting other WW operator. This MUST be resolved prior to the first warning signal.

## **9 SAIL NUMBERS**

9.1 As provided by Wind Warrior Yachts in New Zealand

## **10 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The BYS Sail GP Sailing Instructions will be made available on the Wind Warriors Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron Facebook Page and a hard copy will be placed on the Event Noticeboard prior to the commencement of racing.

## **11. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

11.1 The event will aim to comprise of a series of five (5) to eight (8) regatta races (with a minimum of one race (1), to constitute a regatta series score) , to then qualify the top eight (8) WW's to compete in the 'Event Final.'

11.2 There is a maximum number of regatta races being eight (8).

11.3 Should the event need to end at a point less than five (5) races, this will be the decision of the RO, PRO and WW Chef De Mission ONLY based on weather and time considerations.

## **12. RACING AREA**

12.1 Will be in the Camerons Bight BYS Marina 'pond' and or adjacent waters of BYS.

## **13. COURSES –**

Courses shall consist of:

- Course 1 - a Triangle with one (1) windward return.
- Course 2 – Two (2) windward returns.
- Course 3- Three (3) windward returns (**Event & Grand Final Race ONLY - Optional**)

- Course 4 – Triangle (1), one (1) windward return, Triangle (1) (**Event & Grand Final Race ONLY** -Optional)
- A start finish line that will consist of two marks (green buoys) located half way between the windward and Leeward mark (or otherwise as substituted.)

#### **14 MARKS**

- 14.1 Gate marks (Start, Finish) shall be green colored buoys (or otherwise as substituted.)
- 14.2 Windward and Gybe marks shall be yellow-colored buoys. (Or otherwise as substituted.)
- 14.3 The windward mark shall be supported by a second mark, known as a hitch mark to assist in WW separation; this shall be colored pink.

#### **15 THE START**

- 15.1 Rule 26 shall read as a 3-minute signal. This will be an audible start signal.
- 15.2 If a Boat is deemed to be OCS by the RO it MUST RETURN or be DSQ without any rights to appeal. If this is not appropriate the RO may replace this direction with an alternate demand that the competitor complete a 360-degree turn.

#### **16 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 16.1 Change of course will only happen between races.

#### **17 THE FINISH**

- 17.1 The finish line is the start / finish line consisting of two green buoys or a model start boat and green buoy as the pin. (Or otherwise as substituted.)
- 17.2 Allocated finishes may apply if decided by the RO and/or PRO as per 19.3.

#### **18 ABANDONING A RACE**

18.1 Under rule 32.1 the RO and/or PRO may abandon the race whenever he/she/they sees fit.

## 19 PROTEST REQUEST FOR REDRESS AND MEDIATION

19.1 This does not exist.

19.2 'Sorry' calls by offending WW helmsmen are encouraged and a 360-degree penalty turn is expected without being prompted by the RO or PRO. **DO YOUR TURNS!**

19.3 Offending WW operators will complete penalty turns when directed by the RO without complaint, dispute or discussion. Failure to comply with a penalty direction by the RO or PRO will result in a disqualification.

19.4 All WW operators **MUST** respect that whilst the event has fun as a focus **MOST** competitors have a desire to achieve a personal best and/or a winning result. **Respect and sail with common sense and care for those around you. If in doubt, tack away!**

## 20 SCORING

20.1 The low Point scoring system will apply.

20.2 After Five (4) Races, each competitor **is entitled to one drop** being his or her worst score.

20.3 After Seven (7) Races, each competitor **is entitled to a second drop** being his or her worst score.

20.4 Each competitor's best scores less eligible drops will be added up to determine who the top qualifying eight (8) WW's competitors will be to compete in the 'event final'. (Under the low scoring system – i.e., lowest scored top 8 WWs qualify)

20.5 The 'Event Final' is a single race for the top eight (8) WW qualifiers that is a sudden death final.

20.6 Final placings from those that did not qualify for the 'event final' (i.e regatta placings) and final placings for the 'event final' will be carried over as a qualification score towards the WW Sail GP Grand Final on 25/4/24.

20.7 Final placings (after Event Final 3) for the Grand Final on 25/4/24 will determine the top qualifying eight (8) WW's competitors will be to compete in the 'Grand final'. (Under the low scoring system – i.e., lowest scored top 8 WWs qualify)

20.8 The RO will attempt to set a course which will take approximately 10 to 15 minutes for the first boat to complete.

## **21 BOAT AND SAIL MEASUREMENT**

21.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Wind Warrior Design and class rules and sailing instructions. A boat can be instructed by the BYS WW SGP Committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## **22 SAILS**

22.1 Only pin top sails are permitted to be used as issued by Wind Warrior Yachts in New Zealand.

22.2 Square top sails are NOT permitted in this overall Wind Warrior Sail GP Championship.

## **23 CONDUCT**

23.1 BYS Wind Warrior Sail GP acknowledges that major events offer considerable publicity opportunities to the organisation and sailing as a sport. Competitor behaviour can impact unfavourably on the sport and all competitors are advised that their actions will be under scrutiny and in the event of any behaviour that is in breach of Principles of Sportsmanship and Fair Play, or which may bring the sport into disrepute may result in a protest hearing under RRS 2. or for extreme breaches, in accordance with RRS 69.1

## **24 SMOKING**

24.1 Smoking and/or vaping is prohibited within the race area, hard stand, Blairgowrie Marina and the Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron clubhouse and surrounding premises/grounds.

## **25 OUTSIDE HELP**

25.1 Whilst ashore or within/on the hard stand area Wind Warriors may be adjusted, emptied of water or repaired, have their sails/rigs changed/alterd or have equipment repaired or replaced.

25.2 Whilst on water only an official rescue boat from Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron may assist in retrieval through malfunction, or assist individual yachts that have gone aground or to assist in the entanglement of Wind Warriors with other boats or buoys.

25.3 A boat scheduled to race in a heat may be launched, held on the hard stand, taken to the hard stand and re-launched at any time during the heat however they shall not be placed back on the water to race after the first boat in that heat has finished.

## 26 **TIME LIMIT and TIME-OUT LIMIT**

26.1 The time limit for all heats will be a maximum of 30 minutes from the start.

26.2 The Time Out Limit for racing after the first boat finishes shall be 5 minutes.

26.3 At the expiry of the Time Out Limit boats failing to finish within the Time Out Limit shall be recorded as DNF, RET, OCS, DNS or DNC in that order, as appropriate. DNF boats still racing at the end of the Time Out Limit will be recorded and scored in accordance with their place on the water

26.4 Any competitor who intends to withdraw from racing, either permanently or temporarily, is to inform the PRO and scorer at the earliest opportunity.

## 27. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

27.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk and responsibility. BYS Wind Warrior Yachting and the Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron (and any other parties involved in the organisation of this event disclaim:

“Any and every responsibility whatsoever for loss, material damage, personal injury or death, or inconvenience that might occur to persons and goods, both ashore and on the water, prior to, during or after the regatta, as a consequence of entering or participating in the Championship covered by this Notice of Race.”

At all times the responsibility for the safety of their boat and themselves plus the decision to participate or continue must rest solely with and remain at all times with the competitors.

A competitor may only enter the event by accepting these conditions as they appear on the entry form for this event.

**Wind Warrior Yacht Racing is your responsibility, the assumption of risk is yours!**

## **28 INSURANCE**

28.1 Each participating competitor shall be responsible for the damage they may cause to another boat where at fault. Competitors will negotiate their own civil disputes where under these circumstances, BYS Wind Warrior Sailing and Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron accepts NO responsibility for arbitrating or deciding disputes over damaged yachts between two or more opposing competitors.

## **29. PRIZES**

29.1 Individual Event Trophies shall be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place Wind Warrior Operators. Perpetual Wind Warrior BYS Championship Trophy to be awarded to Grand Final winner and to remain in BYS Club House at all times thereafter.

## **30 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

The competition is open to members of The Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron whose BYS WW Sailing GP entry fees are paid in full. Entry will be denied to anyone who has been expelled or is currently serving a suspension from the BYS WW Sailing or any state or territory RC sailing association affiliated with the BYS WW Sailing.

## **31 FURTHER INFORMATION**

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