



## Return to Racing: Competitors Guide

### 1 Intent

The purpose of Phase 2 of the return to sailing is to re-introduce racing on an interim basis, for those willing to participate and volunteer to run the racing, but on a more conservative basis than previously. The return to racing plan is in line with RYA guidance and of course the wider government restrictions and guidance resulting from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The overall intent is to provide enjoyable racing in a safe environment, and we expect competitors to embrace a more relaxed approach rather than engaging in highly competitive racing. Please give more consideration at mark rounding and when boats meet to maintain social distancing. Also, please give yourself more time to rig, launch, recover and de-rig so social distancing can be maintained in the boat park.

The decision to go racing is solely at the risk of the individual members as set out in the temporarily amended By-Law 3.

### 2 Changes from how we have traditionally run racing

Whilst safety boat cover will be provided during racing, this is limited to a single boat and it is likely that racing will be cancelled sooner than we traditionally have due to the prevailing conditions (wind strength, temperature etc). We request you take a **considerate and conservative approach** (in line with RYA guidance), that you are fit enough and strong enough to be able to re-board your boat without assistance and consider the use of mast floats.

[We have now transitioned to the stage where the number of boats allowed to sail and enter a race is unrestricted. When on land, launching and recovering members shall adhere to government advice on social distancing, group sizes and social gatherings.](#)

A number of changes to the Sailing Instructions (SIs) have been made, which can be found here (include a link here): major changes include removing the use of flags, and the course being displayed outside the club, and an increase in the use of the tannoy. Also, changes to the standard courses may be made to reduce congestion at the start or early on in the race.

### 3 Administrative matters

[The interim race schedule will evolve over time under the direction of the Race Committee, and will be announced through regular club communication channels \(emails, website, social media etc\). The Saturday morning session is allocated to Youth sailors, with the format and schedule to be developed by the return to training sub-committee supported by the Youth Committee; Race results will be](#)

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generated and reported on the results section of the club website; race series will be developed and re-introduced by the Race Committee

The weekly race programme is shown below.

	09:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	13:00	14:00	15:00	16:00	17:00	18:00	19:00	20:00
<b>Saturday</b>	Youth Session 9:00 – 12:30 (on-line signing on)  Start Times As advertised (circa 10:30)				General Racing 13:00 – 16:30 (on-line signing on)  Start Times As advertised (circa 14:00)			General Sailing 16:30 – 18:30 (on-line booking)		General Sailing 18:30 – 21:00 (on-line booking)		
<b>Sunday</b>	General Sailing 09:00 – 12:30 (on-line booking)				General Racing 13:00 – 16:30 (on-line signing on)  Start Times As advertised (circa 14:00)			General Sailing 16:30 – 18:30 (on-line booking)		General Sailing 18:30 – 21:00 (on-line booking)		
<b>Monday</b>	General Sailing 09:00 – 12:00 (on-line booking)		General Sailing 12:00 – 15:00 (on-line booking)		General Sailing 15:00 – 18:00 (on-line booking)			General Sailing 18:00 – 21:00 (on-line booking)				
<b>Tuesday</b>	Model Yacht Group 09:00 – 12:00 (MYG only) (on-line booking)		Model Yacht Group 12:00 – 15:00 (MYG only) (on-line booking)		General Maintenance 15:00 – 18:00 (NO SAILING)			General Sailing 18:00 – 21:00 (on-line booking)				
<b>Wednesday, Thursday &amp; Friday</b>	General Sailing 09:00 – 12:00 (on-line booking)		General Sailing 12:00 – 15:00 (on-line booking)		General Sailing 15:00 – 18:00 (on-line booking)			General Sailing 18:00 – 21:00 (on-line booking)				

Signing on to enter a race is to be done on-line, as is the notification of retirement from a race or the lodging of a protest, with links provided on the web site and via club emails. Please also log the attendance of additional people (parents, supporting family members etc) in the relevant area of the signing on sheet.

On-line entries are to be opened a few days before the race is scheduled (typically on Thursday for the following weekend racing), provided volunteers are in-place to run the racing.

Race results will be generated and published in the results section of the club website.

Protest forms are available online here (provide a link), and are to be submitted to sailing@sailfrensham.org in accordance with the SIS.

Please keep the gate shut when entering or leaving the club.

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