



# WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2020 GEELONG

## LOCAL AREA INFO PACK

2020 49ER / FX / NACRA 17 OCEANIA AND WORLD  
CHAMPIONSHIPS

ROYAL GEELONG YACHT CLUB  
25 EASTERN BEACH ROAD  
GEELONG, VICTORIA,  
AUSTRALIA 3220



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## Royal Geelong Yacht Club Information

The Royal Geelong Yacht Club is located in the heart of Geelong's waterfront precinct and provides sailors with direct access to the waters of Corio Bay.

Address: Royal Geelong Yacht Club  
25 Eastern Beach Rd, Geelong, Vic, Australia 3220

Google Maps link: [Click Here](#)

Lat & Long: 38° 8' 42.9612" S, 144° 21' 58.3992" E  
-38.145267°, 144.36639°

Email: [info@rgyc.com.au](mailto:info@rgyc.com.au)

Phone: (03) 5229 3705



## When can I access Royal Geelong Yacht Club for the event?

Full access to the boat park will be available from the 29<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

Facilities are also available for teams to set-up and train from late December and all through January in the lead up to the events.

If you are interested in accessing our facilities before the 29<sup>th</sup> January, please contact the club directly at [info@rgyc.com.au](mailto:info@rgyc.com.au) to book your place.

There will be no container storage available at RGYC due to limited space. If you require local container storage, please liaise with our Local Logistics Company – Cargo Live.

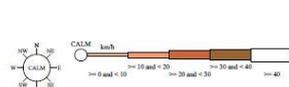
CargoLive Projects Team  
[projects@cargolive.com.au](mailto:projects@cargolive.com.au) | +612 9099 0810 (office)

## Where are we sailing and what are the Sailing Conditions?

The course area will be located in Corio Bay which is one of the premier locations for sailing in Australia. The Bay comprises an area approximately 4nm x 2nm of clear flat waters.

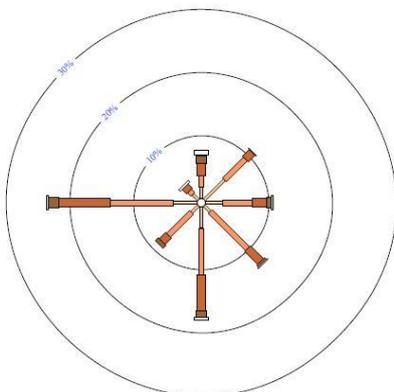
The predominant southerly sea breezes give the best possible sailing conditions. These reliable and consistent winds, combined with low swells and minimal tidal flow ensure that each race is a true contest of sailing skills.

Shipping channels within Corio Bay are clearly marked and will have minimal shipping movements during the race times.



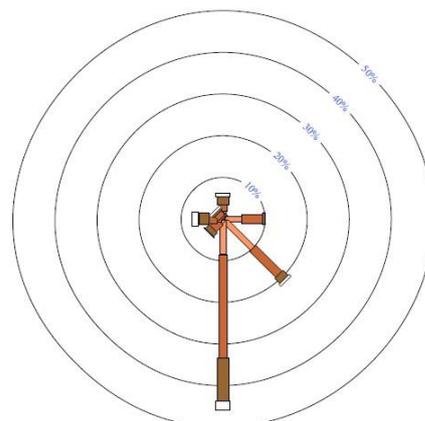
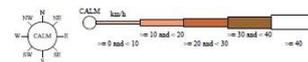
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3 pm Feb  
544 Total Observations

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## Will I have access to amenities/food and drink while at Royal Geelong Yacht Club?

The RGYC clubhouse has cafe and snack bar facilities that are open every day of the week.

There are many nearby restaurants, cafes, snackbars, supermarkets and other shops within a 2 to 5 minute walking distance of the club.

RGYC has men's and women's toilets, showers and change-rooms available for competitors located within our dedicated OTB Club Rooms and additional facilities in the main clubhouse.

Competitors will have access to complimentary Wi-Fi within club grounds and clubhouse.



## How do I get my boat and equipment to Australia?

We recommend you call our Local Logistics Company - CargoLive, who have a dedicated team to assist sailors competing in this year's World Championships in Geelong and can assist with international shipping, customs clearance, border security and trucking.

CargoLive will have staff on the ground to supervise unpacking and packing and will also handle general queries about shipping to make life easy for visiting sailors and teams. If you wish to ship your boats for the next regatta or return home, they can help with it all.

Their dedicated Team can be contacted below:

CargoLive Projects Team  
[projects@cargolive.com.au](mailto:projects@cargolive.com.au) | +612 9099 0810 (office)

## Is there any opportunity for me to Charter Equipment and Boats?

Opportunities to Charter equipment and boats may be available via the local 49er / 49erFX / Nacra 17 community. If you require equipment for the event, please contact Royal Geelong Yacht Club Major Events on: [info@rgyc.com.au](mailto:info@rgyc.com.au)

## Where can I find servicing companies and boat parts?

Chandleries:

- Boating Central  
24 Bellarine Street, Geelong, VIC, Australia  
Phone: +61 3 5229 4632  
<https://www.boatingcentral.com.au/>  
7 min walk



#### Sailmaker:

- Bull Sailmakers (on-site at RGYC)  
Eastern Beach Road, Geelong, VIC, Australia  
Phone: +61 3 5222 2930  
Email: [bullsails@live.com.au](mailto:bullsails@live.com.au)



#### Shipwrights:

- Garner Marine Services (on-site at RGYC)  
Eastern Beach Road, Geelong, VIC, Australia  
Phone: +61 408 820 662
- Bowdler Boat Repairs (on-site at RGYC)  
87 Fitzroy Street, Geelong, VIC, Australia  
Phone: +61 418 521 101



### What public transport options are available in Geelong?

The Geelong City Centre is easy to navigate by foot, on bike or scooter. If you are looking to move further around the area, Geelong has extensive public transport links including Train, Bus, Taxi, Plane and Ferry that can be easily accessed from the Royal Geelong Yacht Club.



Closest Train Station – Geelong Station: 10-minute walk

Closest Bus Stop – Moorabool Street/Geelong Station: 10-minute walk

[www.vline.com.au](http://www.vline.com.au)

Geelong Taxi Service: 13 10 08

Shipping Port – Port of Melbourne: 65 minutes

Customs Clearance – Located at Port Melbourne or at a local facility in Geelong

### Will I need a Visa to enter Australia?

Other than Australian & New Zealand citizens, all other visitors must obtain a Visa.

Please visit the Australian Department of Home Affairs website below to establish the visa needs of your team.

<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-find>

For many nationalities an eVisitor Visa application can be completed online free of charge.

## **Are there any regattas held at the Royal Geelong Yacht Club over the 2020 summer period?**

Royal Geelong Yacht Club will be hosting an unparalleled summer of sailing events in 2020.

The Festival of Sails takes place immediately before the 49er / 49er FX / Nacra 17 Oceania Championships – from 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

The event is the largest keel boat regatta in the southern hemisphere and is one of Victoria's oldest sporting events (in its 177<sup>th</sup> year). The event is not just about world class sailing, but also provides a range of entertainment, live music and market stalls along the Geelong foreshore.

If you are interested in getting involved in these events, please contact RGYC directly, or visit the Festival of Sails website for more information:

<https://festivalofsails.com.au/>

In addition to the Festival of Sails, RGYC will also host the following major events in 2020:

2019/20 International Cadet National Championship: December 2019/January 2020

2020 Festival of Sails: 25 – 27 January 2020

2020 Wooden Boat Festival: 6 – 9 March 2020

2020 Oceania and Australian Laser Masters Championships: 13 – 18 March 2020

2020 ILCA Laser Masters World Championship: 19 – 28 March 2020

## **Where can we go Shopping and/or Eating?**

Geelong has an amazing array of restaurants ranging from the silver service down to some of the best pizza and burger joints. A huge selection of international cuisines can be easily found, and our pub scene is vibrant and full of energy. Whether you are after a quiet post race dinner, an ice cold beer and a meal with friends, or simply an amazing coffee and brunch, you will never be far from what you're looking for in Geelong. All of this is an easy walking distance from the club.

A few favourite areas to explore:

- Waterfront Precinct - Steampacket Gardens
  - The Steampacket Gardens are at the heart of Geelong's waterfront precinct. Surrounded by first class restaurants such as the Wharf Shed Tavern, The Edge and Sailors Rest, Steampacket Gardens provide a great spot for a meal, drink or coffee a mere 50 metres from the Royal Geelong Yacht Club.
- Little Malop Street
  - The Little Malop Street precinct is emerging as Geelong's coolest spot to eat, drink and relax in downtown Geelong. Quality options both day and night to come and sample some of Geelong's finest restaurant, bar and coffee establishments.
- Pakington Street
  - Pakington Street in West Geelong is Geelong's centre of cosmopolitan lifestyle and multiculturalism. The street is jammed packed full of boutique shopping, cafes, fresh produce and some of the city's best pubs, bars and restaurants. Being a less than half hour stroll from the city centre and easily accessible via the city bus services, Pakington Street is a must for anyone looking for a bit of style and relaxation.

<https://www.visitgeelongbellarine.com.au/things-to-do/>

## **Where can I park my car?**

Whilst there is no competitor car parking available on site at RGYC, the Geelong city centre provides a range of public parking options close by.

There are a range of 3 hour parking options around the club and all day free and paid parking (\$13 per day) is available along sections of Ritchie Boulevard and Eastern Beach Reserve (1-2 minutes walk from the club).

More information is available from the City of Greater Geelong website -  
<https://www.geelongaustralia.com.au/parking/article/item/8cb86481f530eba.aspx>