GEELONG SUMMER
OF SAILING

49ER, 49ER FX, NACRA 17
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2020
GEELONG, AUSTRALIA

February 8th - 15th 2020

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On behalf of the Royal Geelong Yacht Club, I would like to warmly welcome all athletes, officials, volunteers, support staff and guests to Geelong for the 2020 49er, 49erFX and Nacra World Championships. We also thank our sponsors, State Government of Victoria, Visit Victoria and the City of Greater Geelong for their assistance and support for the event.

Our city will be a perfect venue to host the Championships with Corio Bay being an ideal amphitheatre for viewing all courses, whether from the water or the land. After sailing, Geelong and the Bellsarine offers exceptional experiences with its events, attractions and Cafes and Restaurants.

We look forward to welcoming you and wish all athletes success in the competition.

John Kint
Commodore
Royal Geelong Yacht Club
Glenn Ashby

“It’s one of Australia’s hidden gems for racing for all different types of classes. It really is great sailing – I always enjoy my time here.”

“World Championships will be an absolute feather in Geelong’s cap.”

“The 49ers, 49er FX and Nacra 17 are going to be blessed with some fantastic yachting on Corio Bay.”

“I’ve always really enjoyed my time down here, the relatively flat water always makes the sailing really nice, particularly on high performance boats...it really is a great place to go yachting.”

John Bertrand

“It’s like an amphitheatre, a large part of the sailing venue is circled by land so it makes the racing really interesting.”

“The World Championships are not bestowed on clubs without superb environment and superb facilities. RGYC is a superb choice.”

49ER, 49ER FX, NACRA 17

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2020
As a port city sat astride the exceptional waters of Corio Bay and the Bellarine Peninsula, Geelong is considered one of the gems in Australian sailing. With a proud maritime history that dates back to the inception of the Royal Geelong Yacht Club in 1859, the iconic foreshore precinct has played host to a range of world championships and iconic sailing events.

2020 will see the world's best sailors in the 49er, 49er FX and Nacra 17 classes take to Geelong's waters with a World Championship on the line. In an Olympic year, athletes will also be making their final bids for a berth at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics.

Geelong is often called “The Gateway City” due to its central location, surrounded by some of Victoria's iconic tourist regions such as the Bellarine Peninsula, the surf town of Torquay, the Great Ocean Road and the Great Otway National Park.

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GEELONG FAST FACTS
- 1 hours drive from Melbourne (capital of the state of Victoria)
- 235,000 population
- Ancestral home to the Wathaurong people
Nestled in the heart of Geelong’s historic waterfront, the Royal Geelong Yacht Club is home to a number of iconic sailing events. The Festival of Sails is the largest keelboat regatta in the southern hemisphere and oldest sporting event in Victoria, whilst the biennial Wooden Boat Festival of Geelong is a celebration of maritime culture and history.

The Club regularly attracts high-performance sailing events at a world, national and state level. Leveraging its extensive club facilities with direct access to first class sailing conditions on Corio Bay, the club has hosted the Melges 24 World Championships, the Viper World Championships, International 14 World Championship and the Superfoilers over the past few years. In addition to the 49er / 49erFX / Nacra 17 World Championships, the club will also host the Laser Masters World Championship in 2020. RGYC will host the boatpark, yacht club, competitors’ hub, and fanzone for supporters from around the world and country, state and regional areas of Australia.
“We are looking forward to having the World Championships in our own backyard. It will be great to see a large fleet of International sailors sailing on the perfect flat waters of Geelong and experience our way of living in Australia”

Tess Lloyd
49er FX Australian Sailing Team

Jason Waterhouse and Lisa Darmanin
NACRA 17 Australian Sailing Team, Olympic Silver Medalists
Victoria Area Map

SAIL MELBOURNE
Race Course Area
Royal Yacht Club of Victoria

Avalon International Airport
Werribee
Geelong (RGYC)
Corio Bay
Port Philip Bay
Melbourne CBD
Williamstown (RVCV)
Brighton (RBYC)
Tullamarine International Airport

49er, 49erFX and Nacra World Championships
Race Course Area, Royal Geelong Yacht Club
Geelong Area Map

Corio Bay

North Shore

Point Henry

Limeburners (Boat Ramp)

Geelong (RGYC)

Geelong CBD

49er, 49erFX and Nacra World Championships Race Course Area, Royal Geelong Yacht Club
“It has super flat water, really good winds and the Royal Geelong Yacht Club is great host, so the 49er event in 2020 is going to be fantastic. For the type of boats we are sailing in this event, it will be a perfect venue.”

Will and Sam Phillips
49er Australian Sailing Team

49er Sailors Will and Sam Philips home is on the other side of the bay and know the area well – “the city of Geelong embraces big events, they have the Festival of Sails, the Geelong Cats football team – the town has a superb sporting environment.”

Nathan Outteridge
NACRA 17 Australian Sailing Team, Olympic Gold Medalist
The Geelong city area and surrounding suburbs have a huge choice of places to stay, from the luxury of our magnificent waterfront, the indulgences of some of our heritage bed and breakfasts, right down to simple and cheap camping grounds. There is something to suit everyone’s taste and budget and many are conveniently located close to our best attractions and events and are still only minutes from our region’s best beaches.

For a range of information on where to stay go to:

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.

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.

GEELONG - THE GATEWAY TO ADVENTURE

Geelong is often called “The Gateway City” due to its central location, surrounded by some of Victoria’s iconic tourist destinations.

Torquay & the Surf Coast
Dive into surf culture at Torquay, the home of Bells Beach and birthplace of iconic brands Rip Curl and Quicksilver. The official start point of the Great Ocean Road, Torquay is Victoria’s surfing and beach worship capital.

Great Ocean Road
Set off on your own Great Ocean Road adventure and experience one of the world’s most scenic coastal drives. See the towering 12 Apostles, get up close to native wildlife, and take in iconic surf breaks, pristine rainforest and misty waterfalls as you go.

The Bellarine Peninsula
From the hills to the coast and every hot spot in between - the Bellarine Peninsula has it all. Spend a day hiking in the You Yangs or touring between dreamy coastal towns such as Portarlington, Barwon Heads or Queenscliff. Known for its makers and growers, the region has a vast range of wineries and micro brewers to explore. From the hills to the coast and every hot spot in between - the Bellarine Peninsula has it all. Spend a day hiking in the You Yangs or touring between dreamy coastal

Great Otway National Park
Feel humbled amongst the ancient giants of the Otways Ranges. The striking cool temperate rainforest of the Great Otway National Park boasts one of the highest rainfalls in the state with waterfalls flowing year-round. Walkers of almost any ability can trek around the Otways, discovering the Great Ocean Walk, waterfalls, lush forests, cliff top walks, heritage and coastal trails. Whether you go inland or hug the rugged coast, the Otways is a place for adventure, romance and discovery.
**Festival of Sails**
25th - 27th January 2020

One of the oldest sporting events in the state of Victoria and the largest keelboat regatta in the southern hemisphere, the Festival of Sails provides three days of world class sailing on Corio Bay. Held over the Australia Day long weekend the event lights up the Geelong waterfront with free live music across two stages, a wide variety of market and food stalls and entertainment for the whole family. Over 100,000 people attend the event each year.

**49er / 49er FX / Nacra 17 Oceania and World Championships**
30th January - 15th February 2020

**Wooden Boat Festival of Geelong**
6th - 10th March 2020

The Wooden Boat Festival is a celebration of all things relating to the design, construction and sailing of wooden boats, and incorporates community activations with local schools, cultural groups and businesses. The event is a celebration of maritime culture and history that the whole family can enjoy.
In addition to the sailing events hosted at RGYC, the Geelong region has some of Australia's best events and there is usually something happening every weekend. Our biggest event is the biennial Australian International Airshow. The multicultural Pako Festa held every February is our biggest free local event attracting around 100,000 visitors.

**GEELONG MAJOR EVENTS**

Major event dates over the Geelong 2020 summer:

- Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Race
  1st & 2nd February 2020
- Ironman Geelong
  23rd February 2020
- Pako Festa
  29th February 2020
RESOURCES

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