



MARLAY POINT OVERNIGHT RACE

Saturday, March 11, 2017

General Information

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WELCOME

Welcome to you, our competitors, in this iconic race, the Marlay Point Overnight Race. This is the 49th running of this race and we look forward to our 50th race. It is my hope that we will continue to increasing entry numbers in the build up to our 50th race.

APC Logistics has been our long term naming rights sponsor and we thank them for their generous support over the years. However, we are currently looking for our next major sponsor.

We want to thank our other long term sponsors Bulls Cruisers, Captains Cove, Bull Sails, Cruising Helmsman, and Blue Gables Winery. These are the businesses that support us by donating wonderful and enjoyable prizes for our raffle which will be drawn at the Skippers Briefing, March 11th.

Although all our sponsors and volunteers are important to us, it is you the competitors that make this race. Because you keep coming back and introducing new people to the unique challenges of The Marlay you make this race one of the premier trailerable yacht races in Australia. Thank you.

A special and very big thankyou to our local volunteers and members of the club for a huge effort.

Again thank you for your support.

Finally: Sail safely, enjoy the race and the Gippsland Lakes and come back next year with more friends and more boats.

Michael Clark

Commodore

Lake Wellington Yacht Club

RAFFLE

Books of five \$2 tickets will be on sale at Marlay Point on race day. To secure your tickets early send us \$10 or multiples thereof with your entry fee and collect your tickets on the day.

- 1st prize: Luxury Bulls Cruiser 3-nights aboard Dominator 36 *
- 2nd prize: Captains Cove Waterfront Apartments, Max 6 people, 3 bedrooms, 2 nights* & Blue Gables Wine voucher
- 3rd prize: Bull Sails voucher (\$200) & 6 month Australian Sailing Magazine subscription
- 4th prize: Bulls Cruiser 2 hour Day Boat Hire & Cruising Helmsman Magazine 6 month subscription
- 5th prize: Cruising Helmsman Magazine 6 month subscription & Blue Gables Wine voucher

* Conditions apply

POLO SHIRTS

MPONR polo shirts can be ordered and paid for with your entry fee.

They will also be available from the Clubhouse on race day at \$40 each.

Ladies sizes 8 to 18 and Mens styles SX to 3XL.

PRINT AND BRING

- General Information book
- Sailing Instructions
- Declaration of Compliance and Safety Equipment Checklist inc Next of Kin List
- Declaration Form/Log Sheet

ARRIVAL

Yachts arriving at Marlay Point by road should enter the large rigging area to the rear of the clubhouse and then launch in their own time. After launching, cars and trailers must leave the launch area and may return to the rigging area to park. Traffic flow to the launch area is one way. Cars must return to park through the IN gate.



SIGN-ON

A reception centre and SIGN ON desk will be sited at the rear of the Clubhouse in the Bunkhouse. All skippers must confirm their entry in the race by signing-on before 5:30 pm on Saturday March 11.

YOU WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AS A STARTER UNLESS YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE SAFETY COMPLIANCE DECLARATION AND NEXT OF KIN FORMS AND SUBMITTED THEM TO THE SIGN-ON OFFICIAL.

SIGN ON BY RADIO IS NOT AVAILABLE BECAUSE OF THE NEED TO SUBMIT THE REQUIRED FORMS.

RACE INFORMATION

The Lake Wellington Yacht Club will be manned from mid-afternoon on Friday and the Public Address system will operate all day on Saturday. Announcements may also be made on VHF channel 73 throughout the day. The GLYC will be open on Saturday until late on Sunday.

A race information centre will be sited at the GLYC and will be manned from early Sunday morning until all yachts have finished.

LAUNCHING RAMPS

A double ramp exists at Marlay Point suitable for yachts with a draught of 0.7m or less. Visitors are advised that there are extensive areas of shallows around the foreshore and care should be taken with lowering keels until at least 100m from the shoreline. Deeper draught yachts are advised to launch at the Port of Sale and motor down the Latrobe River into Lake Wellington. Masts should not be raised until yachts have passed under the Swing Bridge, approx. 3Km from the Port of Sale. Launching facilities also exist at Hollands Landing (McLennan Straits), Loch Sport, Paynesville and Metung.

If not launching at Marlay Point allow enough time to get there by water and to get ashore to sign on.

JETTY

The jetty adjacent to the launching ramps at Marlay Point must be left clear for access by official patrol boats. **YACHTS MUST NOT TIE UP AT THE JETTY.**

MOORINGS

Upon launching, all yachts are asked to moor clear of the ramp and jetty. Yachts requiring sheltered moorings are advised to moor in the Avon or Latrobe Rivers. Lake Wellington Yacht Club will not be responsible for vessels running aground or dragging anchors.

A water taxi service may be available during Saturday.

A small donation towards the cost of fuel would be appreciated for this service.

BUS TRANSPORT

After launching on Saturday at Marlay Point, you may drive your car and trailer to Paynesville, then return by bus. Buses will leave Paynesville on Saturday from the Paynesville King Street car park and GLYC at approximately 1:30 pm and 4:00 pm Bus

tickets will be available from the bus driver at a cost of \$18 each. Please note that the bus transport is only for Saturday.



Paynesville MAP

WEATHER

Although every attempt will be made to provide up to date racecourse weather reports prior to the races local weather effects on the Gippsland Lakes can be extremely difficult to predict even for professional forecasters. The weather is notoriously unpredictable and entrants must use their own discretion when deciding on whether to start or continue to race.

CATERING

There will be a large range of reasonably priced food available at Marlay Point during Saturday. Refreshments will include a variety of food plus sit down facilities on the foreshore. The Clubhouse will be open at Marlay Point on Friday evening, and snack food may be available. Packaged beer will not be for sale.

Due to the nature of the race, the organizing committee does not encourage consumption of alcohol on race day and reminds ALL competitors that the blood alcohol level for skippers is 0.05, the same as for road users, and that the Water Police are particularly active on the Lakes during this weekend.

SAFETY INSPECTION

Safety inspections of competitors' vessels may take place at Marlay Point and Paynesville before and/or after the race.

All skippers and crews are reminded that the safety requirements are MANDATORY and failure to comply could result in disqualification. Skippers and crews are therefore requested to cooperate with the inspection teams to make the task as simple and pleasant as possible.

RESCUE ORGANISATION

On-water safety patrols will be coordinated by the Australian Volunteer Coast Guard Association who will utilise craft and personnel from their own organization along with the assistance of the Water Police and the State Emergency Services.

The Rescue Co-ordination Centre will be located at the Paynesville Community Centre on the Esplanade (Tel: (03) 5156 0106).

The purpose of the rescue craft is to provide an effective rescue service when required. They are not there for marshalling the race. If the weather conditions are kind, it is unlikely that you will even see a rescue boat throughout the race. Rescue craft are strategically positioned throughout the Lakes system during the race and will only be activated when directed by the on-course officials via the Rescue Coordination centre.

Radio Frequencies being monitored throughout the race will be: VHF Channels 16 and 73

All calls for assistance should initially be directed to the Rescue Coordination Centre. The MPONR Rescue Co-ordination Centre will handle all Race Rescue Radio Traffic and will liaise directly with the Water Police.

PLEASE keep radio traffic to an absolute minimum.

REMINDER: Skippers and/or owners are reminded that all craft acting as rescue craft are instructed that in the event of a capsize, the people involved are the first priority for rescue. Salvage of disabled craft is not the responsibility of the rescue craft, but they may assist when the situation stabilizes.

FIRST AID

First aid assistance, provided by the St John Ambulance Service, is available at Marlay Point throughout Saturday.

THE FINISH
WELCOME TO PAYNESVILLE and the
GIPPSLAND LAKES YACHT CLUB - POST-RACE FACILITIES

As your host club at the finish of the race, Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club will be pleased to offer any visiting sailors the use of the club facilities.

HOT SHOWERS, TOILETS, FOOD, THE CLUB BAR, INFORMATION DESK, PUBLIC PHONE etc. are all available.

Tea and coffee making facilities are available throughout the night and day.

Food and full bar facilities will be available on Sunday.

We hope that you will all be able to join in on the Post-Race celebrations and Line Honours Presentations which will be held early Sunday afternoon.

CAR AND TRAILER PARKING FACILITIES

Ramps are available at the King Street car-park, GLYC and the Esplanade west of the Club. Public toilets and showers are also available in these areas.

SIGN-OFF DECLARATION

Race Headquarters will be in the Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club. Declaration sheets will be accepted at the information desk at Race Headquarters.

RESULTS

Computer printouts of **provisional** results may be posted at race headquarters. Additional information may be obtained from the race information desk.

Final results will be posted as soon as possible on the LWYC web site, www.LakeWellingtonYachtClub.org and then mailed to all entrants as soon as possible thereafter.

WE HOPE YOU ENJOYED THE RACE-
NOW RELAX AND ENJOY THE FINISH!

Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club

Your Marlay Point Over Night Race

Finish Host

For post-race information,
phone the clubhouse: 5156 6864

Emergency telephone numbers we hope you won't need are:

AMBULANCE, POLICE or FIRE	000
WATER POLICE	5156 7462
DOCTOR	5156 7243
DENTIST	5152 4636
CHEMIST	5156 6671
HOSPITAL (Bairnsdale)	5150 3333
MARINE SALVAGE/DIVING.....	5156 6099
SHIPWRIGHT	5156 7085
SAILMAKER	5156 7039
AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEER COAST GUARD	5156 0106

NOTE:

THESE NUMBERS ARE ALL BAIRNSDALE OR PAYNESVILLE NUMBERS.

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Water Police, the East Sale Bureau of Meteorology and St John's Ambulance.