



Royal South Australian Yacht Squadron  
in conjunction with the  
Multihull Association of South Australia



# King of the Gulf



20th February 2024

Dear Skipper,

On behalf of the King of the Gulf organizing committee I would like to thank you for your assistance in making the 2024 King of the Gulf regatta such an enjoyable and exciting event for all of us.

We were very pleased with the close competitive racing in all divisions, and we extend a big thank you for joining us in our regatta and hope to see you back in Port Vincent next year. We had 31 nominations for the regatta which makes the KOG a very significant regatta in South Australian, and we expect to be close to 40 next year.

A summary of the results from the regatta are attached and the full SailSys results are [HERE](#) along with our newly created historical ["King of the Gulf Honour Board"](#)

Last year we uploaded over 500 photographs of the competing yachts onto the King of the Gulf Facebook page. We had over 7,500 views. We intend to do the same this year as we have lots of photographs. Your yacht photo portfolio will be up on our [Facebook Page](#) alphabetically in the 2024 "KoG Parade of Yachts". Once the Facebook parade has finished, your photographs will be loaded onto the "KOG Dropbox site" and can be downloaded from [HERE](#) free of charge.

Once again, the King of the Gulf committee thank you for your support. Our overriding aim is to make sure this event is structured around having a regatta that can be enjoyed by all big boats, medium boats, small boats, monohulls, multihulls, and trailer sailers.

Some areas we have highlighted for improvement in 2025.

1. We were disappointed with some of the EHS handicapping this year and we have already had significant conversations with SailSys to ensure that we do a much better job next year. In fact, SailSys have offered to review our setting up of the handicapping prior to our regatta next year. This will not only make the EHS handicapping fairer and more aggressive, but it will make nominating for the regatta and the printing of the results much more user friendly.

2. We have already booked a small marquee specifically for the BBQs and so minimise the problems we had with the wind this year.
3. The bowls club and the KOG are investigating the possibility of us having a 'curry night' on the Sunday night in preference to the BBQ which tends to take too many sailor BBQ cooks and servers from their primary role of having a great time. This should also help crew who require greater dietary options.
4. The bowls club are increasing the current presentation dinner table capacity of 150. This should allow yachts to book a specific table for the night thus eliminating the need for crews to sit at different tables. This will be a significant improvement and we thank the bowls club for working with us to create this option.
5. The bowls club are also going to facilitate the ability of us all having a bit of fun on the bowling green during the evening. Thanks to the crazy crews who thought of this.
6. The free self-service photo booth for crew photographs will be improved with better lighting and a KOG backdrop. This great 2024 last-minute initiative will be improved for next year. 😊
7. An exciting improvement to the \$1,000 teams' event is also being planned with a great suggestion from one of our participating yachts crew members.

The King of the Gulf committee are meeting soon to review the 2024 event. Can you please forward any suggestions for an even better regatta to me for discussion. Your feedback is always welcome as we work together to continue the King of the Gulf regatta, as "the regatta for sailors by sailors".

## **The 11<sup>th</sup> 2025 King of the Gulf** (based on the best tide options in Feb.)

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February**

**15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> February**

**Tuesday 18<sup>h</sup> February**

**Adelaide to Port Vincent passage race**

**King of the Gulf Regatta @ Port Vincent**

**Port Vincent to Adelaide passage race**

Regards, David Eldridge  
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