

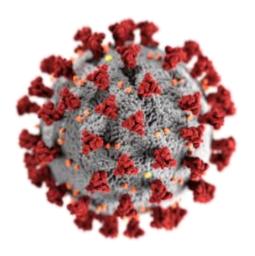
Royal South Australian Yacht Squadron (OA) in conjunction with the Multihull Association of South Australia presents the



King of the Gulf

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The Bad News:

The King of the Gulf committee, after a long meeting last night, regretfully were forced to decide to move the KoG regatta from Port Vincent to the Royal South Australian Yacht Squadron. It was determined that, under the current COVID restrictions, holding the regatta in Vincent was just not possible.

Under the current COVID's space regulations, the large marquee on the marina lawns and the number of permitted in the marquee were just horrible. You would also be aware that the meals in the marquee are provided by the fantastic local Coast Guard volunteers and the great people at the Port Vincent Bowls Club. We suspect that they would have difficulties in getting enough volunteers for the meals they provide, and we were not willing to put them under any pressure. The COVID space restrictions would also rule out the use of the Port Vincent Sailing Club and the Port Vincent Bowls Club for the presentations.

The Good News:

The KoG committee are determined to make the alternative KoG at the Squadron a fantastic event. We intend to make this regatta as positive and as much fun as humanly possible, turning this shitty one-off negative into a fantastic positive one, "similar to the sailor who fell into a sewer and came up with a bar of chocolate".

- The RSAYS will offer free berthing during the regatta.
 Please contact the RSAYS office on 8341 8600 or rsays@rsays.com.au to book a free berth. You can do this regatta from the Squadron or from your own club. In true KoG fashion, we will make it work.
- 2. Any yacht that has already nominated for the 2022 regatta has three (3) palatable options.
 - a. Attend the regatta at the new venue with the usual KoG fun race program.
 - b. Email John Hardy for the 2022 nomination fee refund (john@LTvineyard.com.au)

- c. Email John Hardy for your 2022 KoG nomination fee be carried over to KoG 2023, quarantined from any nomination fee increases for next year.
- 3. Any 2022 KoG meal bookings will be refunded. It is our understanding that we can just reverse your credit card payment if you paid for your booking through the KoG website. John Hardy will do this ASAP.
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- 4. We are discussing meal options after races with the RSAYS in line with their current and possible future COVID plans. We are confident we can come up with a range of acceptable safe options.
 It must be noted that the RSAYS clubhouse is a double jab venue which will be enforced.
 This restriction does not apply to the yachts or marina.
- 5. We are working on modifying the Notice of Race (NoR) and the Sailing Instructions (Si's). The new NoR will be emailed to skippers when completed and the Si's, courses and Skipper's handbook will be on the website in line with our <u>original KoG time table</u>.
- 6. An exciting opportunity which has presented itself, due to the regatta being moved to Adelaide, is the fact that the passage races will be conducted under Cat 6 and not Cat 5 conditions along the Adelaide coast. We hope that this option will encourage more yachts to participate in the passage races and indeed the full KoG regatta. The passage races could also facilitate options for spectator viewing from the jetties and television coverage.

7. FREE Sail Pass:

Australian Sailing has a new rule 46 that is effective 1 Jan 2022 which requires all regatta crew to be sailing club members. The Squadron has offered free sail passes to any crew requiring temporary Australian Sailing membership. This RSAYS free Sail Pass is available HERE for any KoG crew that may require it.

8. **SUMMARY OF OPTIONS:**

- a. Enjoy the modified KoG regatta out of the RSAYS with an exciting range of courses.
- b. Take advantage of the free berthing offer from the RSAYS during the regatta.
- c. Sail in the regatta but keep your yacht at your local club, sleep home and just sail the races.
- d. Taste the 2022 version of the KoG and join us next year with the "Full Monty" version in Vincent.

Don't leave your crew in the dark:



All the KOG newsletters you get are also on the "King of the Gulf" website.

This is in response to a few crews who had the audacity to suggest that some skippers did not keep them in the loop regarding regatta clothing, meal tickets etc. etc.

Your easy out is to point them to the KOG website and your problem is solved. https://www.myasa.asn.au/email-newsletters



2022 "King of the Gulf" regatta clothing:

The King of the Gulf regatta clothing can also be ordered now.

Delivery will be at the regatta.

We are giving the t shirts and the polo shirts a rest this year and have gone for some good quality cold weather clothing. All details are on the web site **HERE**.

We are designing a new, once in a century "Stuff COVID KoG" logo for this year's range of clothing. More details later when the artwork is completed.









2022 "King of the Gulf" IMPORTANT dates:

- Monday 3rd January COVID forces venue change to the RSAYS.
- Sailing Instructions (SI's) and Courses on web site 17th January 2022
- Friday 4th February Coastal Passage Race Adelaide Coastline
- Saturday 5th February "King of the Gulf" Regatta (2 races)
- Sunday 6th February "King of the Gulf" Regatta (Long Race)
- Monday 7th February "King of the Gulf" Regatta (2 races)
 Tuesday 8th February Coastal Passage Race - Adelaide Coastline

RSAYS Free Berth Bookings at the club:

Bookings can be made by contacting RSAYS on 8341 8600 or rsays@rsays.com.au.

Race presentations:

Race presentations will be conducted each day at the club at 5.30pm.

Skipper's Handbook:

The KOG event regatta does not print off hard copies of the Skipper's Handbook. The handbook will be available online as a pdf file and can be printed off at home if desired. The handbook will be available online Monday 17th January. HERE





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