

Metung Yacht Racing Club

Wind policy

A guideline for race committee

Season 2015-2016

When deciding whether to proceed with racing in stronger winds the Race Committee and Race Officer should demonstrate a reasonable duty of care to competitors and volunteers

The official weather site is the BOM, Gippsland Lakes, and Gippsland Lakes local wind warnings.

A **Strong Wind Warning** is for winds of 22 to 27 knots within forecast period. Gusts can be up to 40 per cent stronger.

Policy guideline

Race Officers should be guided by local conditions, where racing is to take place and take into account seastate.

The most recent BOM weather forecast is to be posted on official notice board, each race day. Racing **would not normally** start if the current or forecast wind speed is above 26 knots i.e. a strong wind warning is current or forecast for the race period. And likely to increase during the race period

However in some cases it may be appropriate to hold races in the shelter of Bancroft Bay and the Reeves Channel rather than in Lake King, this will be dependent on sea state and wind direction

No races will be cancelled prior to two hours of race start.

Competitors should be warned at sign-on if strong winds are expected.

Classic Wooden Boats specific

Racing will be cancelled if the forecast is for winds of more than approximately 15 knots and forecast to build. Racing will not be cancelled prior to two hours of race start.

Juniors

At the discretion of the most senior officials, an assessment will be made at the time re the conditions, in which juniors will be able to sail.

The primary objective of the race committee is that safety for competitors and volunteers is foremost at all times

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