



## **Metung Yacht Club Wind Guideline for Sailors and Race Committee 2021-2022**

The primary objective of the race committee is safety for competitors and volunteers.

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 BOM Gippsland Lakes, and Gippsland Lakes wind warnings.

A **strong wind warning** is for winds of 26 to 33 knots within forecast period. Gusts can be up to 40% stronger.

### **Policy Guideline**

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

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 22 knots or 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 would be dependent on sea state and wind direction.

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

### **Classic Wooden boats specific**

Racing will be cancelled if forecast is for winds of more than approximately 15 knots and forecast to build.

### **Juniors**

At the discretion of the race officer, an assessment will be made at the time regarding the conditions in which juniors will be able to sail.