



# GEELONG SUMMER OF SAILING

49ER, 49ER FX, NACRA 17  
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2020  
GEELONG, AUSTRALIA

February 8th - 15th 2020



# WELCOME TO GEELONG


On behalf of the Royal Geelong Yacht Club, I would like to warmly welcome all athletes, officials, volunteers, support staff and guests to Geelong for the 2020 49er, 49erFX and Nacra World Championships. We also thank our sponsors, State Government of Victoria, Visit Victoria and the City of Greater Geelong for their assistance and support for the event.

Our city will be a perfect venue to host the Championships with Corio Bay being an ideal amphitheatre for viewing all courses, whether from the water or the land. After sailing, Geelong and the Bellarine offers exceptional experiences with its events, attractions and Cafes and Restaurants.

We look forward to welcoming you and wish all athletes success in the competition.

**John Kint**  
Commodore  
Royal Geelong Yacht Club



A photograph of two men sitting on the deck of a sailboat. The man on the left is wearing a white t-shirt with a graphic, blue jeans, and a black cap. The man on the right is wearing a red t-shirt and grey shorts. In the background, there is a large Ferris wheel and other boats in a harbor.

Glenn Ashby

“It’s one of Australia’s hidden gems for racing for all different types of classes. It really is great sailing – I always enjoy my time here.”

“The World Championships will be an absolute feather in Geelong’s cap”

“The 49ers, 49er FX and Nacra 17 are going to be blessed with some fantastic yachting on Corio Bay.”

“I’ve always really enjoyed my time down here, the relatively flat water always makes the sailing really nice, particularly on high performance boats...it really is a great place to go yachting.”

John Bertrand

“It’s like an amphitheatre, a large part of the sailing venue is circled by land so it makes the racing really interesting.”

“The World Championships are not bestowed on clubs without superb environment and superb facilities. RGYC is a superb choice.”



# SAILING IN GEELONG

As a port city sat astride the exceptional waters of Corio Bay and the Bellarine Peninsula, Geelong is considered one of the gems in Australian sailing. With a proud maritime history that dates back to the inception of the Royal Geelong Yacht Club in 1859, the iconic foreshore precinct has played host to a range of world championships and iconic sailing events.

2020 will see the world's best sailors in the 49er, 49er FX and Nacra 17 classes take to Geelong's waters with a World Championship on the line. In an Olympic year, athletes will also be making their final bids for a berth at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics.

Geelong is often called "The Gateway City" due to its central location, surrounded by some of Victoria's iconic tourist regions such as the Bellarine Peninsula, the surf town of Torquay, the Great Ocean Road and the Great Otway National Park.

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## GEELONG FAST FACTS

- 1 hours drive from Melbourne (capital of the state of Victoria)
- 235,000 population
- Ancestral home to the Wathaurong people





# THE ROYAL GEELONG YACHT CLUB

An outstanding sailing venue.

Nestled in the heart of Geelong's historic waterfront, the Royal Geelong Yacht Club is home to a number of iconic sailing events. The Festival of Sails is the largest keelboat regatta in the southern hemisphere and oldest sporting event in Victoria, whilst the biennial Wooden Boat Festival of Geelong is a celebration of maritime culture and history.

The Club regularly attracts high-performance sailing events at a world, national and state level. Leveraging its extensive club facilities with direct access to first class sailing conditions on Corio Bay, the club has hosted the Melges 24 World Championships, the Viper World Championships, International 14 World Championship and the Superfoilers over the past few years. In addition to the 49er / 49erFX / Nacra 17 World Championships, the club will also host the Laser Masters World Championship in 2020. RGYC will host the boatpark, yacht club, competitors' hub, and fanzone for supporters from around the world and country, state and regional areas of Australia.





## Tess Lloyd

49er FX Australian Sailing Team

“We are looking forward to having the World Championships in our own backyard. It will be great to see a large fleet of International sailors sailing on the perfect flat waters of Geelong and experience our way of living in Australia”



## Jason Waterhouse and Lisa Darmanin

NACRA 17 Australian Sailing Team,  
Olympic Silver Medalists



# Victoria Area Map

Tullamarine International Airport

Melbourne CBD

Williamstown (RYCV)

Brighton (RBYC)

SAIL MELBOURNE  
Race Course Area  
Royal Yacht Club of Victoria

Werribee

Avalon International Airport

Port Philip Bay

49er, 49erFX and Nacra World Championships  
Race Course Area, Royal Geelong Yacht Club

Corio Bay

Geelong (RGYC)

# Geelong Area Map



**North Shore**

**49er, 49erFX and Nacra World Championships  
Race Course Area, Royal Geelong Yacht Club**

**Corio Bay**

**Point Henry**

**Limeburners  
(Boat Ramp)**

**Geelong  
(RGYC)**

**Geelong CBD**





### **Nathan Outeridge**

NACRA 17 Australian Sailing Team,  
Olympic Gold Medalist

“It has super flat water, really good winds and the Royal Geelong Yacht Club is great host, so the 49er event in 2020 is going to be fantastic. For the type of boats we are sailing in this event, it will be a perfect venue.”

### **Will and Sam Phillips**

49er Australian Sailing Team

49er Sailors Will and Sam Phillips home is on the other side of the bay and know the area well – “the city of Geelong embraces big events, they have the Festival of Sails, the Geelong Cats football team – the town has a superb sporting environment.”



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## WHERE TO STAY & THINGS TO DO

The Geelong city area and surrounding suburbs have a huge choice of places to stay, from the luxury of our magnificent waterfront, the indulgences of some of our heritage bed and breakfasts, right down to simple and cheap camping grounds. There is something to suit everyone's taste and budget and many are conveniently located close to our best attractions and events and are still only minutes from our region's best beaches.

For a range of information on where to stay go to:

<https://www.visitgeelongbellarine.com.au/accommodation/>



# SHOPPING & EATING

Geelong has an amazing array of restaurants ranging from the silver service down to some of the best pizza and burger joints. A huge selection of international cuisines can be easily found, and our pub scene is vibrant and full of energy. Whether you are after a quiet post race dinner, an ice cold beer and a meal with friends, or simply an amazing coffee and brunch, you will never be far from what you're looking for in Geelong.

A few favourite areas to explore

## Waterfront Precinct - Steampacket Gardens

The Steampacket Gardens are at the heart of Geelong's waterfront precinct. Surrounded by first class restaurants such as the Wharf Shed Tavern, The Edge and Sailors Rest, Steampacket Gardens provide a great spot for a meal, drink or coffee a mere 50 metres from the Royal Geelong Yacht Club.

## Little Malop Street

The Little Malop Street precinct is emerging as Geelong's coolest spot to eat, drink and relax in downtown Geelong. Quality options both day and night to come and sample some of Geelong's finest restaurant, bar and coffee establishments.

## Pakington Street

Pakington Street in West Geelong is Geelong's centre of cosmopolitan lifestyle and multiculturalism. The street is jammed packed full of boutique shopping, cafes, fresh produce and some of the city's best pubs, bars and restaurants. Being a less than half hour stroll from the city centre and easily accessible via the city bus services, Pakington Street is a must for anyone looking for a bit of style and relaxation.

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# GEELONG - THE GATEWAY TO ADVENTURE

Geelong is often called “The Gateway City” due to its central location, surrounded by some of Victoria’s iconic tourist destinations.

## **Torquay & the Surf Coast**

Dose up on surf culture at Torquay, the home of Bells Beach and birthplace of iconic brands Rip Curl and Quiksilver. The official start point of the Great Ocean Road, Torquay is Victoria’s surfing and beach worship capital.

## **Great Ocean Road**

Set off on your own Great Ocean Road adventure and experience one of the world’s most scenic coastal drives. See the towering 12 Apostles, get up close to native wildlife, and take in iconic surf breaks, pristine rainforest and misty waterfalls as you go.

## **The Bellarine Peninsula**

From the hills to the coast and every hot spot in between - the Bellarine Peninsula has it all. Spend a day hiking in the You Yangs or touring between dreamy coastal towns such as Port Arlington, Barwon Heads or Queenscliff. Known for its makers and growers, the region has a vast range of wineries and micro breweries to explore. From the hills to the coast and every hot spot in between - the Bellarine Peninsula has it all. Spend a day hiking in the You Yangs or touring between dreamy coastal

## **Great Otway National Park**

Feel humbled amongst the ancient giants of the Otways Ranges. The striking cool temperate rainforest of the Great Otway National Park boasts one of the highest rainfalls in the state with waterfalls flowing year-round. Walkers of almost any ability can trek around the Otways, discovering the Great Ocean Walk, waterfalls, lush forests, cliff top walks, heritage and coastal trails. Whether you go inland or hug the rugged coast, the Otways is a place for adventure, romance and discovery.







# ROYAL GEELONG YACHT CLUB 2020 MAJOR EVENTS

## **Festival of Sails 25th - 27th January 2020**

One of the oldest sporting events in the state of Victoria and the largest keelboat regatta in the southern hemisphere, the Festival of Sails provides three days of world class sailing on Corio Bay. Held over the Australia Day long weekend the event lights up the Geelong waterfront with free live music across two stages, a wide variety of market and food stalls and entertainment for the whole family. Over 100,000 people attended the event each year.

## **49er / 49er FX / Nacra 17 Oceania and World Championships 30th January - 15th February 2020**

## **Wooden Boat Festival of Geelong 6th - 10th March 2020**

The Wooden Boat Festival is a celebration of all things relating to the design, construction and sailing of wooden boats, and incorporates community activations with local schools, cultural groups and businesses. The event is a celebration of maritime culture and history that the whole family can enjoy.

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# GEELONG MAJOR EVENTS

In addition to the sailing events hosted at RGYC, the Geelong region has some of Australia's best events and there is usually something happening every weekend. Our biggest event is the biennial Australian International Airshow. The multicultural Pako Festa held every February is our biggest free local event attracting around 100,000 visitors.

## Major event dates over the Geelong 2020 summer:

**Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Race**  
1st & 2nd February 2020

**Ironman Geelong**  
23rd February 2020

**Pako Festa**  
29th February 2020



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## RESOURCES

[www.rgyc.com.au](http://www.rgyc.com.au)

[www.visitvictoria.com.au](http://www.visitvictoria.com.au)

[www.geelongaustralia.com.au](http://www.geelongaustralia.com.au)

[www.visitgeelongbellarine.com.au](http://www.visitgeelongbellarine.com.au)

[www.festivalofsails.com.au](http://www.festivalofsails.com.au)

[www.woodenboatfestivalgeelong.com.au](http://www.woodenboatfestivalgeelong.com.au)