



TYC GaLS Regatta

6th to 8th September 2019 - FAQ's

We are always happy to answer any questions that you may have about the Regatta, but chances are your question has been asked and answered before...

Most of the information you will need is contained in the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions. Read through these FAQ's and if you do not find what you are looking for, please contact the TYC office on 07 4772 1192.

What is the entry fee?

The TYC GaLS Committee believe that a per person entry fee is the fairest way to encourage participation of all size boats. It doesn't penalise the small crews and reward the large ones. The race fee is a one off payment for two days and 5 - 7 races.

Entry is \$100 per person (including the skipper/owner). There is no boat nomination fee. This \$100 registration fee includes:

- * Regatta entry
- * T-shirt (size required when registering) & welcome pack
- * Welcome drink & nibbles on Friday night
- * Buffet dinner on Saturday night

Can I bring any type of boat to compete on?

The TYC GaLS Regatta is currently a competition for keelboats and sports boats on the register of a yacht club affiliated with Australian Sailing. All keelboats must comply with Category 6 safety standards. Regatta officials may inspect any yacht entered for compliance with safety standards.

Can I have men on the boat?

Yes. While we would love to see all female crews racing, each yacht may have a maximum of one (1) male participant on board crew or sitting back relaxing. The remainder of the crew & the boat's helm must be female.

The committee would value the support and assistance of any non-sailing men that may be available over the weekend to volunteer their time to help make this a memorable regatta.

Do I need to book for social functions?

There is no cost or need to book for competitors to attend the Welcome & Presentation functions. Friends, family & partners are invited to all functions but bookings are appreciated for catering purposes.

Additional tickets to the buffet dinner on Saturday night are available via our website for \$50 per person. Bookings & payment must be made by Thursday 6th September. If you do not book before the required date, there is a good chance you may miss out. However, we will accommodate everyone who books before the deadline.

If you are planning to dine at Townsville Yacht Club during any of the functions, bookings will be appreciated.

Do I need to be a member of a yacht club to compete in the TYC GaLS Regatta?

Yes. Each competitor must have an Australian Sailing number. All visiting competitor's will receive a TYC temporary membership which entitles you to TYC Members pricing for food & beverages.

Do I have to pay to hire a boat?

No. Boat owners generously donate their boats to the crews competing in the TYC GaLS Regatta. Some male owners may opt to be on board during the Regatta (as the one male sailing participant). If your boat owner is not racing, please consider buying your them a Regatta polo top and invite them to the functions as a thank you.

Do I have to own a boat to compete?

No. You don't need to own your own boat. You can either arrange your own boat, or contact us to help you find one. We rely on generous boat owners donating their boats to competing crews, so whilst we take your preferences into consideration when helping you find a boat, there are often compromises that must be made. If a male owner opts to be on board during the Regatta, they are considered to be the one (1) male participant allowable.

What if I don't have enough crew for my boat?

Contact us or list your requirements on the TYC GaLS Regatta website. There are often women looking to join a crew and we will do our best to help you.

Do I have to organise extra insurance for the boat?

Most boats are covered for multiple skippers as boat insurance cover differs to car insurance policies where drivers must be named. However, this is a generalisation, so we recommend checking the insurance cover with the boat owner.

What if I am by myself and want to compete?

Contact us or list your name on the TYC GaLS Regatta website. We will do our best to find you a place on a team.

Is lunch available for purchase?

Please arrange your own lunches & snacks. There are cafes & takeaway shops within an easy walking distance of TYC. Ice & takeaway drinks are available from the club.

What if I have dietary requirements?

The Townsville Yacht Club restaurant caters for many different dietary requirements. Please make a booking for every event and let the kitchen know in advance that you have dietary requirements. This includes vegetarian, pescatarian (vegetarian who eats fish), vegan, gluten intolerant, nuts etc. Our wonderful staff will do their best to accommodate your needs.

How many divisions are there?

All yachts will be competing in one division unless a minimum of 6 entries are made or accepted to warrant an additional division.

Is there an overall winner of the TYC GaLS Regatta?

Yes. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd places for each race on corrected times, as well as for 1st, 2nd & 3rd overall.

Presentations to the winners will be made at the functions on both Saturday and Sunday after racing.

What accommodation is available close to TYC?

Quest on Palmer is directly across the road from the club. South Townsville has a wide range of accommodation styles available from Backpackers to 5 star. If you would prefer to be billeted with local sailors, please contact the TYC office & we will do our best to accommodate you.

Is there a social side to the regatta?

It is a very social and fun regatta and we encourage family, partners & friends to join in the social events.