



Thursday Twilights

NOTICE OF RACE Summer Series 2018-2019

The Organising Authority for this Series is the Sandringham Yacht Club Inc.

Sandringham Yacht Club (SYC) invites entries for the Mercedes-Benz Brighton Twilight Summer Series to be sailed on Thursday evenings from October to April.

1. RULES

All races will be governed by the current rules as defined in the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) Part 1 and SYC Sailing Instructions (SI)

1.1 SYC Membership and MemberPoint sign on

Before each race, all boats are required to sign on all their crew via the MemberPoint app. (MemberPoint > member services > crew sign on), or through their TopYacht online entry prior to first race of the day.

Non-compliance is subject to a protest by the Race Committee.

A breach of this requirement is not protestable by another boat.

If found by the Protest Committee to have breached this requirement, the penalty will be having her race score increased by 25% of the difference between the boat's finishing score and the score for DSQ in her division, rounded up to the next whole number. All other boats' scores will remain the same. This changes RRS Rule 64.1 and appendix A.

1.2 Manual Power

RRS Rule 52 shall not apply.

2. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to carry advertising material, supplied by SYC to promote a sponsor. Boats entered for the Series shall keep the advertising material in good condition and replace it with another available from SYC if so warranted.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

Entry is open to all monohull keelboats that comply with the requisite safety category, have completed their safety compliance declaration and have lodged their Man Overboard compliance form.

Safety declaration shall be lodged by marking the applicable box on the on-line entry. A separate Man Overboard compliance declaration (including the strongly recommended use of a water rescue training dummy for MOB recovery) must be lodged with the SYC Boating Office and is available on the SYC web site under Keel Boat Racing.

Eligible boats may enter via the web at <https://syc.com.au/on-water/keelboat-racing/online-entry/>
Casual Entries must be lodged with the prescribed fee at the SYC office prior to 1900 on the day of the race. Telephone or radio entries will not be accepted.

4. ENTRY FEES

Series Entry: \$100.00
Casual Entry: \$15.00

There will be no refund of casual entry payments for boats that subsequently apply for Series entry, nor any reduction in the Series entry fee.

5. RACE FORMAT

All races in the Series will be tower start, club courses around fixed marks, pursuit start.

The default format is "no extras" as defined in the Sailing Instructions, however boats may elect to fly a Spinnaker by:

- a) advising the Race Officer by VHF channel 77 prior to the warning signal,
- b) starting at a later spinnaker handicap time as nominated in CI 7 below.

6. RACE PROGRAM

Race	Date	Race	Date	Race	Date
1	11 October 2018	9	6 December 2018	17	7 February 2019
2	18 October 2018	10	13 December 2018	18	14 February 2019
3	25 October 2018	11	20 December 2018	19	21 February 2019
4	1 November 2018	12	3 January 2019	20	28 February 2019
5	8 November 2018	13	10 January 2019	21	7 March 2019
6	15 November 2018	14	17 January 2019	22	14 March 2019
7	22 November 2018	15	24 January 2019	23	21 March 2019
8	29 November 2018	16	31 January 2019	24	28 March 2019
					Last Blast on 4 April 2019*

* Last Blast on 4 April is an optional race but not part of the Series
The Warning Signal will be made as follows:

Races 1 to 3 in October 2018 at 1855
Races 4 to 20 in November 2018 to February 2019 at 1910
Races 21 to 24 in March 2019 at 1855
Last Blast on 4 April at 1855

The number of races scheduled is 24 of which 10 shall be completed to constitute a Series.

There shall be no resails on subsequent days.

Time limit for each race shall be 2015 or Sunset, whichever is earlier.

7. HANDICAPS

Spinnaker and non-spinnaker handicaps for each race will be allocated by the Race Committee.

Handicap listings will be displayed at the Ken King Centre before each race.

Boats that fly a spinnaker without complying with CI 5 and CI 7 will be scored DNF without a hearing.
This amends Rule 63.1 of the RRS

8. DIVISIONS

Boats shall race in Divisions A or B as assigned by the Race Committee at the start of the Series.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The SYC Sailing Instructions are available from the SYC Office and on the SYC web page. The first copy for each boat is issued free but a fee will be charged for additional copies.

10. RACING AREA

The races will be conducted on Port Phillip off Sandringham Yacht Club.

11. COURSES

Courses will be as described in the SYC Sailing Instructions.

12. SCORING

Each boat's Series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score/s for 25% of completed races to the nearest lower whole number. This amends RRS A2.

Boats that have sailed as casual entries that subsequently convert to Series entry will not be scored in the Series for races sailed prior to submission and payment of Series entry fee.

For a race to be scored there must be at least 5 entrants in that Division.

13. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the boats placing first, second and third in each Division in each race of the Series. These prizes will be presented in the Clubhouse after each race. Prizes for winners not in attendance will be awarded to the next best finisher at the discretion of the Race Committee.

Series winners in each division will be awarded a memento trophy.

14. SAFETY

The safety category applicable to this series is AS Category 6.

A declaration of compliance with safety requirements and Man Overboard form (or equivalent at the respective home club of the entrant) lodged from 1 October of a given year will remain valid until 31 October of the following year.

The safety declaration will not remain valid unless the boat and safety equipment is maintained in accordance with the requirements of the relevant safety category.

Skippers of all boats must recognise the limitations of their vessel and withdraw from the race if weather conditions exceed Class Rules or design safety.

Skippers are reminded of RRS 4 - Decision to Race:

The responsibility for a boats decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.

The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for any material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the race.

15. INSURANCE

All competing yachts shall have public liability insurance for an amount of not less than Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000), with racing risk extensions for boats flying spinnakers.

16. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information may be obtained from the SYC Office as follows:

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E-mail	boating@syc.com.au	WEB Page	www.syc.com.au