



J24 National Championships 2016

NOTICE OF RACE

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

Sandringham Yacht Club Inc. (SYC) invites entries for J24 National Championships, to be sailed off Sandringham, Victoria on 3 January to 8 January 2016.

1. RULES

- 1.1. All races will be governed by the current rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Yachting Australia (YA) and current SYC Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. J24 Class Rules (where applicable) unless otherwise stated, will apply (except as altered by the Sailing Instructions or this Notice of Race)
- 1.3. YA prescriptions to Rule 46 and Rule 56 apply to this regatta.
- 1.4. The Sailing Instructions to be issued prior to the race

2. ALTERATION OF CLASS RULES

The rules of the International J24 Class 2013 are changed as follows:

- 2.1. Where a boat deviates from the rules of measurement on hull and rigging, such deviation may be considered legal when a class measurer is satisfied that the item in question is "as supplied by the licensed builder at the time of manufacture". The measurement certificate shall be endorsed appropriately by the class measurer.
- 2.2. Class rule 5.3 is changed as follows: A boat may sail with different crew on different days provided the crew changes are declared at registration. The number of declared crew shall remain the same throughout the regatta. Crew changes not declared at registration require advance written approval of the Race Committee and will only be approved in exceptional circumstances.
- 2.3. Class rule 3.6.1 is changed as follows: A boat may carry one Mainsail, one Genoa, one Jib and two (2) Spinnakers on-board while racing
- 2.4. Class rule 8.1.5 is changed as follows: The Organising Authority has arranged for the publishing of races on-line via a GPS tracking system. Boats wishing to be included in this program will be allowed to either:
 - 2.4.1. Carry a designated GPS Tracking device which may be hired from the VIC J24 Class Association
 - 2.4.2. Operate the designated Tracking software on a compatible mobile phone which can transmit GPS data to the system in real time.
 - 2.4.3. No other use of GPS enabled devices will be permitted.

3. ADVERTISING

- 3.1. All competitors may be required to display Regatta sponsor's name / logo. The Class Association will supply these items and they shall be affixed and / or worn as prescribed in the Supplementary Sailing Instructions.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

The Championship is open to boats of the International J24 Class that comply with class rules and that fulfil the following requirements

- 4.1. Entry is open to all the J24 yachts owned and entered by a member of a Club affiliated to an MYA (Member Yachting Australia), and who is a member of MYA and Yachting Australia.
- 4.2. All competitors shall be members of MYA and an Australian J24 State Association. If membership is not paid for all crew/skippers- race results will not count, until all memberships are paid in full.
- 4.3. The owner of the J24 as shown on the measurement certificate shall be a member of their State Class Association.
- 4.4. The helmspersons nominated on the 'Entry Form' will be deemed to be in charge of the boat and no change of helmsperson shall be made without the written consent of the Race Committee.
- 4.5. Each boat shall hold and lodge with the Organising Authority a current Measurement Certificate issued and validated by the State Measurer and a current Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment for the International J24 Class.
- 4.6. Boats shall comply with Yachting Australia Special Regulations Safety Category 6 as stated in Clause 14 of this NOR and shall be insured as stated in Clause 15
- 4.7. Eligible boats must submit entries online via the website:

www.syc.com.au/keelboat-racing/online-entries

- 4.8. Entries after 1700hrs on Friday 18 December 2015 will be subject to a late entry fee.

5. ENTRY FEES

- 5.1. Normal entry fee: \$500
- 5.2. Late Entry: \$580.00 for entries received after 1700hrs Friday 18 December 2015

6. REGISTRATION & MEASUREMENT

- 6.1. Registration and Crew Weigh In will be conducted at Sandringham Yacht Club Auditorium on:
 - 6.1.1. Saturday 2 January from 12:00 until 6:00pm, and
 - 6.1.2. Sunday 3 January from 9:00am until 11:00am.
- 6.2. The Organizing Authority or J24 National Association representative may conduct measurement and inventory checks of competing yachts at any time, before, during and after racing. All Victorian boats must have their boats weighed during the set weighing days of 12th and 13th December 2015, please contact John Neville on 0407 858 335 for bookings.
Alternate arrangements may be considered at the Measurers sole discretion.
- 6.3. Unmeasured sails shall be presented for measurement at the Sandringham Yacht Club prior to 4:00pm Saturday 2 January 2016.
- 6.4. Boats may be checked for race weight before entry into water. All up racing weight is 1330kg.
- 6.5. A copy of the yachts' current measurement certificate, insurance certificate and inventory of required and optional equipment form shall be lodged at registration.

7. RACE FORMAT

- 7.1. Format will be boat start, laid course fleet races.

- 7.2. The Regatta will be a Wet Regatta, and all boats must be in the water before 1200 hrs on Sunday 3 January 2016. Any exception must be approved by the Organising Authority.
- 7.3. Mooring overnight in the SYC marina at no cost is available from of 3 January to 9 January

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1. SYC Sailing Instructions will be available upon registration at SYC and will be available online on the SYC website and the National J24 website prior to the event
- 8.2. Supplementary Sailing Instructions (SSI) may be issued on or prior to the day of racing.

9. RACING AREA

- 9.1. The races will be conducted on Port Philip off Sandringham Yacht Club.

10. COURSES

- 10.1. Courses shall be as described in the Sailing Instructions.

11. RACE PROGRAM

- 11.1. Crew briefing will be held in the Auditorium at 0830hrs on Monday 4 January.
- 11.2. No more than four races will be sailed on one day.
- 11.3. While it is the intention of the Organising Authority to conduct races as shown above, the schedule and number of races may be altered on any given day. Any change of races will be posted by 1030 hours on the day it will take effect.
- 11.4.

Day	Date	Warning Signal
Invitational	Sunday 3 January	No earlier than 1455
Day 1	Monday 4 January	No earlier than 1155hrs
Day 2	Tuesday 5 January	No earlier than 1155hrs
Lay day	Wednesday 6 January	No racing scheduled
Day 3	Thursday 7 January	No earlier than 1255hrs
Day 4	Friday 8 January	No earlier than 1155hrs

- 11.5. No warning signal will be made after 1530hrs on Friday 8 January 2016.
- 11.6. There will be no resails after Friday 8 January 2016.

12. SCORING

- 12.1. The Low Point scoring system, Appendix A of the RRS will apply, with no exclusions. This changes RRS A2.
- 12.2. Twelve (12) races are scheduled of which six (6) completed races are required to constitute the regatta. If 6 or more races are competed, each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with one exclusion.
- 12.3. Performance Handicap System (PHS) results will be decided by application of the Time Correction Factor (TCF). The PHS TCF will be allocated by the Race Committee, may be recalculated between races and will not be subject to redress. This changes RRS 62.1 (a).

13. PRIZES

- 13.1. Results and prizes will be announced at the Presentation Dinner on Friday 8 January
- 13.2. Prizes will be awarded for boats placed first to third overall and first to third on PHS handicap

14. SAFETY

- 14.1. The safety category applicable to this regatta is YA Category 6. The safety declaration will not remain valid unless the boat, together with its safety equipment, is maintained in accordance with the requirements of the relevant safety category.
- 14.2. Safety declaration shall be lodged by marking the applicable box on the on-line entry.
- 14.3. All boats shall carry a working waterproof VHF radio capable of operating at least on channels 16, 67, 69, 71, 73 and 77.

15. INSURANCE

- 15.1. All competing yachts shall have public liability insurance with racing endorsement for an amount of not less than Ten Million Dollars (AUD10,000,000).

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 16.1. All those taking part in races conducted by SYC do so at their own risk and responsibility. SYC and the J24 Class Association is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.
- 16.2. SYC and the J24 Class Association is not responsible for any damage or injury, either ashore or at sea to persons or boats, which might result from participating in races conducted by SYC.
- 16.3. Competitor attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rules 3 and 4.

Fundamental Rule 3 – Acceptance of the Rules:

“By participating in a race conducted under these Racing Rules, each competitor and boat owner agrees:

- (a) to be governed by the Rules;
- (b) to accept the penalties imposed and other action taken under the Rules, subject to appeal and review procedures provided in them, as the final determination of any matter arising under the Rules; and
- (c) with respect to any such determination, not to resort to any court of law or tribunal

Fundamental Rule 4 - Decision to Race:

“The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.”

17. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 17.1. Organized social events will include:

Date	Event	Location and time
3 January	Invitational Race BBQ	Ken King Centre SYC, following the race
4 January	No organised event	
5 January	Themed party	SYC – American themed
6 January	No organised event	
7 January	Free night	Various venues centred around St Kilda
8 January	Presentation dinner	Port Phillip Room SYC. 7pm \$100

- 17.2. Additional information will be published periodically at:

Sandringham Yacht Club website www.syc.com.au

National J24 Class Association website www.j24.com.au

- 17.3. The Annual General Meeting of the J24 Association of Australia will be held on Thursday January 7 at 8:30am in the SYC Auditorium.

17.4. Key contact details are as follows

Name	Role	Phone	Email
Michael Reinehr	SYC Boating Office	03 9599 0907	michael.reinehr@syc.com.au
Doug MacGregor	Vic J24 Association President	0400 584 067	daylight@daylightstudios.com.au
David Suda	National President	0418 884 747	stormyachting@hotmail.com
Simon Grain	National Vice President	0413 870 046	grain@smarketing.com.au
Michael Lewenhagen	Vic J24 Measurer	0420 438 410	mlewenhagen@hotmail.com
John Neville	Vic J24 Association Committee— Coordinator Measurement days	0407 858 335	john_neville@dataagility.com

17.5. Trailer and car parking

17.5.1. Road trailers used to transport interstate boats to and from the regatta may be stored at the Sandringham Yacht club for the duration of the event.

17.5.2. Each interstate boat will be provided with parking for one vehicle in the SYC member's carpark during the event. An access "key" will be required, subject to the payment of a refundable bond.

17.5.3. Carparking for Victorian members (boat owners and crew) will be subject to the normal rule of access at SYC. Carparking is available in Council carparks in Jetty Road or in nearby streets for those without SYC carpark access.

17.6. Souvenir T-Shirts will be presented to all crews at registration.

17.6.1. Boats that have completed and paid entry by Friday 27 November 2015 may nominate t-shirt sizes for each crew member. Please email the sizes to Doug MacGregor by this date.

17.6.2. Boats that complete and pay entry following 27 November, will be presented with t-shirts in size male – Large.