Mercedes-Benz Brighton

Thursday Twilights

NOTICE OF RACE

Summer Series 2019-2020

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 March.

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

All persons on board shall be either a member of SYC or comply with SYC's Day Membership requirements through the Sail Pass Scheme.

1.2 Manual Power

RRS Rule 52 shall not apply.

1.3 Trash Disposal

RRS Rule 55 is amended by adding the following sentence to the rule: "However, discarding cotton, wool, or any other similar biodegradable material when setting a sail is permitted".

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.

A boat shall lodge their safety declaration 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 1800 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

The entry fee is waived for boat owners with a minimum of 10 years of SYC full membership.

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)
c) and
d) starting at a later spinnaker handicap time as nominated in Cl 7 below.

6. RACE PROGRAM

Race	Date	Race	Date	Race	Date
1	10 October 2019	9	5 December 2019	17	6 February 2020
2	17 October 2019	10	12 December 2019	18	13 February 2020
3	24 October 2019	11	19 December 2019	19	20 February 2020
4	31 October 2019	12	2 January 2020	20	27 February 2020
5	7 November 2019	13	9 January 2020	21	5 March 2020
6	14 November 2019	14	16 January 2020	22	12 March 2020
7	21 November 2019	15	23 January 2020	23	19 March 2020
8	28 November 2019	16	30 January 2020		Last Blast 26 March 2020

* The Last Blast on 26 March is an optional race and not part of the Series.

The Warning Signal will be made as follows:

Races 1 to 4 in October 2019 at 1755
Races 5 to 20 in November 2019 to February 2020 at 1810
Races 21 to 23 in March 2020 at 1755
Last Blast on 26 March at 1755

The number of races scheduled is 23 of which 10 shall be completed to constitute a Series.

There shall be no resails on subsequent days.

The 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 Cl 5 and Cl 7 will be scored DNF without a hearing. This amends RRS Rule 63.1.

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 Notice to Competitors 2016-2020_SI_20 and replace courses 1-9 of 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 Rule 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 are reminded of RRS Fundamental Rule 4 - Decision to Race:
The responsibility for a boats decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.

The Organising 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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