



**Virtual
Regatta**



Sandringham Yacht Club eSailing Club Championship

The Organising Authority is Sandringham Yacht Club



1. Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in [The Virtual Racing Rules of Sailing](#) dated 22nd January 2019.
- 1.2 Rule infringements will be decided by the VR system and its decisions are final and are not appealable.
- 1.3 There will be no protests for incidents while racing, any penalties will be applied by VR during the game.

2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1 Competitors must be a current financial member of SYC to be eligible to enter.
- 2.2 SYC members can enter online by [clicking here](#).
- 2.3 Boats must enter by 1700hrs on Friday 8 May.

3. Fees

- 3.1 There shall be no entry fee.

4. Format of Racing

- 4.1 The Championship will consist of two Saturday's with the first warning signal no earlier than 1400hrs on each day.
- 4.2 There will be five races sailed on each race day.
- 4.3 The maximum number of competitors per race will be 20.
- 4.4 Each race must have a Race Organiser who will be one of the competitors. The Race Organiser will be appointed by the Organising Authority.
- 4.5 In the event that the number of eligible entries exceeds 20, the following format will be applied:
 - The fleet will be evenly split and randomly assigned to groups for a qualifying round.
 - Race day one will be a qualifying series consisting of five races.
 - Race day two will be finals series consisting of five races.
 - At the conclusion of race day one, the top 19 boats will be assigned to the gold fleet, with the subsequent 19 assigned to the silver fleet and so on. Note, this number may be increased to the top 20 competitors if a race organiser qualifies as part of the top 20.

5. Schedule

- 5.1 The following schedule will apply:

	Date	Warning Signal
Race Day One	09/05/2020	No earlier than 1400hrs
Race Day Two	16/05/2020	No earlier than 1400hrs

- 5.2 Subsequent warning signals will be made no earlier than two minutes after the last boat finishes the previous race.
- 5.3 The winner of the SYC eSailing Club Championship will be registered to compete in the State Challenge Finals. In the event that the winner is unable to compete in the State Challenge Finals, the next highest placed finisher will be invited. This will be repeated until a candidate has accepted the position to race in the State Challenge Finals.
- 5.4 The State / Territory Challenge Finals will be held and completed by 22 – 24 May 2020.
- 5.5 The National Challenge for the State / Territory Championship winner and second place winner will be sailed on Thursday 28 May 2020.
- 5.6 Fleet assignments (if applicable) and access codes will be provided to the competitors no later than two hours prior to the first warning signal by email.
- 5.7 Communication of updates shall be conducted on WhatsApp. [Click here to join the SYC eSailing WhatsApp group](#).

6. Equipment

- 6.1 The equipment to be sailed will be the J70.



7. Course

The course will be “Upwind Medium” – a windward / leeward course with an offset mark and a downwind finish. TWO laps. The race target time will be 6 minutes. See diagram below. Failure to meet the race target time will not be grounds for redress.

8. Dropping out from Races

There shall be no redress for dropping out or failing to connect to a race for any reason.

9. Scoring

- 9.1 The Low Points Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 9.2 Five (5) races are required to be completed on each race day.
- 9.3 If the Championship is sailed in a single fleet, two (2) discards can be taken for every five (5) races sailed.
- 9.4 If the Championship is sailed in multiple fleets, two (2) discards can be taken from the qualifying series and two (2) discards from the finals series.
- 9.5 Ties will be broken in accordance with RRS A8.
- 9.6 For qualifying rounds RRS A4.2 is changed such that a boat that did not start, did not finish, retired or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the largest group.

10. Starting Races

Races shall be started by using the following signals.

Minutes before starting signal	Visual signal	Sound signal	Means
1:15	P and Virtual Regatta flag	One	Warning signal
1:00	P removed	One	Preparatory signal
0:00	Virtual Regatta flag removed	One	Starting signal

11. Prizes

Prizes may be presented to the winners of the SYC eSailing Championship.

12. Course Diagram

eSAILING COURSE
Mark Rounding Order
Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish





13. Disclaimer

Sandringham Yacht Club accept no responsibility for data usage or in game purchases by competitors; neither problems experienced by third party providers, Virtual Regatta.

14. Further Information

For other queries about the SYC eSailing Championships or stage two or three of the Australian eSailing Challenge, please contact SYC Sailing Manager, James Sly, on James.Sly@syc.com.au or phone 0448 968 085.