



# Thursday Twilights

## NOTICE OF RACE Summer Series 2021

The Organising Authority is 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 January to March.

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. All races will be governed by the Rules as defined in the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), Prescriptions and Special Regulations (SR) of Australian Sailing (AS) Part 1 and SYC Sailing Instructions (SI's).
- 1.2. All persons on board shall be either a member of SYC or comply with SYC's day membership requirements through the Sail Pass Scheme.

### 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

- 3.1. Entry is open to all monohull keelboats that comply with SR Part 1 category 6 and have lodged their Man Overboard (MOB) compliance declaration and SR Equipment Audit form.
- 3.2. Man Overboard compliance declaration (including the strongly recommended use of a water rescue training dummy for MOB recovery which has been carried out after 1 September 2020) and the Equipment Audit form, signed by the person in charge, must be lodged with the SYC Boating Office prior to 31 January 2021 or a boat's first race of the season, whichever is later. These forms are available on the SYC website at <https://syc.com.au/safety/> or from the SYC Boating Office.
- 3.3. 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.

### 4. ENTRY FEES

- 4.1. Series Entry: \$50.00  
Casual Entry: \$15.00
- 4.2. The entry fee is waived for boat owners with a minimum of 10 years of SYC full membership.
- 4.3. 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

- 5.1. All races in the Series will be tower start, club courses around fixed marks, pursuit start.
- 5.2. 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 their preparatory signal, and
  - b) starting at a later spinnaker handicap time as nominated in CI 7 below.

## 6. RACE PROGRAM

Race	Date	Race	Date	Race	Date
1	7 January 2021	2	14 January 2021	3	<b>21 January 2021**</b>
4	28 January 2021	5	4 February 2021	6	<b>11 February 2021**</b>
7	18 February 2021	8	25 February 2021	9	<b>4 March 2021**</b>
10	11 March 2021	11	18 March 2021		<b>Last Blast 25 March 2021**</b>

\*\*Denotes a female helm race

- 6.1. The Last Blast on 25 March is an optional race and not part of the Series.
- 6.2. The Warning Signal will be made as follows:

Races 1 to 8 in January to February 2021 at 1810  
Races 9 to 11 in March 2021 at 1755  
Last Blast on 25 March at 1755
- 6.3. The number of races scheduled is 11 of which 5 shall be completed to constitute a Series.
- 6.4. There shall be no resails on subsequent days.
- 6.5. The time limit for each race shall be 2015 or Sunset, whichever is earlier.
- 6.6. Races 3, 6, 9 and Last Blast are designated as optional female helm events. These races are aimed to encourage females who do not normally helm the boats to take on this function. The boats that choose to have a female helm shall advise the boating office by e-mail or SMS of the name of the female skipper prior to the race warning signal. The results of these races will also be included in the boats series score.

## 7. HANDICAPS

- 7.1. Spinnaker and non-spinnaker handicaps for each race will be allocated by the Race Committee.
- 7.2. Handicap listings will be displayed at the Ken King Centre before each race.
- 7.3. Boats that fly a spinnaker without complying with CI 5 and CI 7 may 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 the SYC Sailing Instructions.

## **12. SCORING**

- 12.1. 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.
- 12.2. 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.

## **13. PRIZES**

- 13.1. Prizes will be awarded to the boats placing first, second and third in each Division in each race of the Series.
- 13.2. In addition, prizes will be awarded to the first female helm designated races.
- 13.3. 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.
- 13.4. Series winners in each division will be awarded the Ingara trophy.

## **14. DISCLAIMER**

- 14.1. All those taking part in races conducted by Sandringham Yacht Club Inc. do so at their own risk and responsibility. Sandringham Yacht Club, its staff, officers and volunteers accept no responsibility whatsoever for the seaworthiness of boats whose entries are accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.
- 14.2. Attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 3: The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.
- 14.3. Sandringham Yacht Club, its staff, officers and volunteers accept no responsibility whatsoever for loss or damage to boats or equipment or personal injury or death associated with races conducted by the Club.

## **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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