



**SANDRINGHAM YACHT CLUB Inc.**

# **WOMEN IN SAILING CHALLENGE**

## **NOTICE OF RACE**

**SUNDAY 21 MARCH 2021**

The Organising Authority is the Sandringham Yacht Club Inc.

Sandringham Yacht Club Inc. (SYC) invites entries for the Women in Sailing Challenge (WISC) to be sailed on Sunday 21 March 2021 off Sandringham. This event constitutes Race Day four of the Port Phillip Women's Championship Series (PPWCS) 2021.

### **1. RULES**

- 1.1. The regatta 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), SYC Sailing Instructions (SI) and the 2021 PPWCS Notice of Series as applicable and not in conflict with this NOR, unless noted otherwise.
- 1.2. Membership Requirements:
  - 1.2.1. All crew shall be members of AS.
  - 1.2.2. SYC has established a complying Sail Pass Membership to enable skippers and crew to meet their RRS obligations.
  - 1.2.3. It shall be the responsibility of the person in charge of the boat to ensure that all crew on board for each race comply with AS membership rules.

### **2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 2.1. Entry is open to all monohull keelboats that comply with the requisite safety category and have completed their safety compliance declaration.
- 2.2. A boat's safety declaration shall be lodged by marking the applicable box on the online entry. Boats shall comply with SR Safety Category 6.
- 2.3. Eligible boats may enter via the web at: [www.syc.com.au/on-water/keelboat-racing/wisc/](http://www.syc.com.au/on-water/keelboat-racing/wisc/)
- 2.4. Boats must submit a completed crew list by no later than 1700 on Friday 19 March. This can be accessed at: [www.syc.com.au/on-water/keelboat-racing/wisc/](http://www.syc.com.au/on-water/keelboat-racing/wisc/)
- 2.5. Boats may enter for all handicap and rating systems as part of the entry fee.
- 2.6. Entries will be accepted up to 1700 on the Wednesday 17 March. Late entries may be accepted in the Boating Department up to 1200 on Saturday 20 March and may be subject to a late entry fee. Telephone or radio entries will not be accepted.
- 2.7. Boats may enter one of three categories, as per the PPWCS NOR;
  - 2.7.1. All female crew.
  - 2.7.2. Mixed crew with females in lead roles and each eligible boat limited to a maximum number of male crew as determined by the table below. There is no prescribed minimum number of male crew. A male crew member shall not occupy a key position of helmsperson, foredeck hand or mainsail trimmer.

<b>Total Crew Number</b>	<b>Maximum Number of Male Crew</b>
3 or less	1
4 to 6	2
7 or more	3

2.7.3. Female helm only with no crew limitations.

### 3. ENTRY FEES

Racing (AMS, IRC & PHS)	\$30
Cruising (Spinnaker or Non-Spinnakers) (PHS only)	\$30

### 4. RACE FORMAT

All races shall be sailed as fleet races. Races will be "*boat start/finish, laid mark courses*" for the Racing division. The Cruising division will have one "*boat start, fixed marks, tower finish*" race. Boats in the Cruising division must nominate whether they will be racing with a spinnaker upon entry.

### 5. PROGRAM

5.1. The program shall consist of one (1) race day.

Format	Course	Warning Signal
Racing division - Boat start and finish (multiple races)	Laid marks, Windward/ Leeward	No earlier than 0955
Cruising division - Boat start, tower finish (single race)	Fixed marks	No earlier than 1005

5.2. The Warning Signal for the first race of the day is as nominated above, with subsequent races (where applicable) following on as soon as practicable after the completion of the prior race.

5.3. The number of races scheduled for the Racing division is three (3) of which one (1) race shall be completed to constitute the Challenge. The number of races scheduled for the cruising division is one (1) which will constitute the event.

5.4. No warning signal will be made after 1500.

### 6. HANDICAPS

6.1. Event performance handicaps (PHS) will be allocated by the Race Committee for each race.

6.2. AMS ratings will be those issued by the Rating Authority (YRSA) and current at 1200 on the Friday before the event.

6.3. IRC ratings will be those issued by the Rule Authority (AS) and current at 1200 on the Friday before the event. The crew number requirements of IRC Rule 22.4 shall not apply.

6.4. No alteration to the boat's rating will be permitted after this date, except in the case of a rating protest, or to correct rating office errors.

6.5. A boat without a valid rating will be scored DNC for that race in that division.

6.6. The Race Committee may make corrections to handicaps or ratings at any time.

6.7. This changes RRS 78.

### 7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1. Sailing Instructions will be available online [www.syc.com.au/on-water/keelboat-racing/wisc/](http://www.syc.com.au/on-water/keelboat-racing/wisc/) by Friday 19 March 2020.

7.2. Notices to Competitors may be issued prior to racing and will be available on the Official Notice Board and also online at [www.syc.com.au/on-water/keelboat-racing/wisc/](http://www.syc.com.au/on-water/keelboat-racing/wisc/). The handicap listing will be posted on the Official Notice Board at the Ken King Centre. These documents will also be posted on the SYC web site.

### 8. RACING AREA

The races will be conducted on Port Phillip, in the vicinity of SYC.

### 9. COURSES

Courses will be as described in the Sailing Instructions.

### 10. SCORING

10.1. Scoring of races will be in accordance with the RRS Appendix A using the Low Point Scoring system, with no exclusions

10.2. For a handicap/rating division to be scored in the series there shall be a minimum of 3 entries.

10.3. Where multiple races are held on a day, the performance handicap may be adjusted between races.

- 10.4. Cruising division will be scored in PHS only.
- 10.5. For all divisions, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

## 11. PRIZES

- 11.1. A presentation event will be held at SYC after the last race on 21 March 2021.
- 11.2. The Racing division winner on PHS will have their inscription added to the Doris Little Women in Sailing perpetual trophy and will be awarded a prize.
- 11.3. The Racing division AMS winner will have their inscription added to the AMS perpetual trophy and will be awarded a prize.
- 11.4. The Racing division IRC winner will have their inscription added to the IRC perpetual trophy and will be awarded a prize.
- 11.5. The Cruising division winner will receive a prize.
- 11.6. Trophies will be presented at the presentation event. Perpetual trophies shall remain in the SYC Clubhouse for display in the trophy cabinet.

## 12. 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 extension.

## 13. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

## 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. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Participants are welcome to leave their boat in the SYC marina on Saturday evening via prior appointment with the Waterfront Department (03) 9599 0901.

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E-mail [boating@syc.com.au](mailto:boating@syc.com.au)  
WISC Page [www.syc.com.au/on-water/keelboat-racing/wisc/](http://www.syc.com.au/on-water/keelboat-racing/wisc/)  
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