Mercedes-Benz Brighton

Saturday Racing

SANDRINGHAM YACHT CLUB Inc.

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'ROUND THE STIX'
2021 WINTER SERIES

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority is the Sandringham Yacht Club Inc.

Sandringham Yacht Club Inc. (SYC) invites entries for the 2021 Mercedes-Benz Brighton Saturday 'Round the Stix' Winter Series to be sailed from May until September on Port Philip off Sandringham.

1. RULES

1.1. All races will be governed by the rules as defined in World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), Prescriptions and Special Regulations of the Australian Sailing (AS) and SYC Sailing Instructions (SI).

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. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

2.1. Entry is open to all monohull keelboats that comply with SR Part 1 category 5 and have lodged their Man Overboard (MOB) compliance declaration and SR Equipment Audit form.

2.2. Eligible boats shall enter via www.syc.com.au/keelboat-racing/online-entry/ Boats may enter for all handicap and rating systems as part of the entry. Casual entries will be accepted up to up to one hour before the race.

2.3. A MOB 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 the boat's first race of this series. **Boats that have submitted MOB and EA forms after 1 October 2020 are deemed to comply with this requirement**. These forms are available on the SYC website at www.syc.com.au/safety/ or from the SYC Boating Office.

3. ENTRY FEES

3.1. Series (BLOCK) entry: $125.00

Casual Entry: $15.00

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

3.3. 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.

3.4. The entry fee covers all handicaps and ratings.

4. RACE FORMAT

4.1. All races are sailed as fleet races with a separate mass start for each division.

4.2. All Aggregate races will be 'boat start, club courses', with start in the vicinity of SYC4 unless otherwise stated in a Notice to Competitors.

4.3. All Double-Handed races will be 'tower start, club courses'.

5. RACE PROGRAM

5.1. **Aggregate Races**

Race No.	Date	First Warning Signal	Race No.	Date	First Warning Signal
1	**29 May***	**1155**	2	5 June	1325
3	26 June	1325	4	10 July	1325
Resail 1	*17 July*	*1325*	**5**	**24 July***	**1155**
6	7 August	1325	*Resail 2*	*14 August*	*1325*
7	21 August	1325	8	4 September	1325
9	18 September	1325			

5.1.1. *The number of races scheduled for Alan Shiels Memorial Trophy is 2 (Race 1 and 5), of which 1 must be completed to constitute a Series.

5.2. **Double Handed Races**

Race No.	Date	First Warning Signal	Race No.	Date	First Warning Signal
1	29 May	1055	2	5 June	1055
3	26 June	1055	4	10 July	1055
Resail 1	*17 July*	*1055*	5	24 July	1055
6	7 August	1055	*Resail 2*	*14 August*	1055
7	21 August	1055	8	4 September	1055
9	18 September	1055			

5.3. The number of races scheduled for the Aggregate and Double Handed series is 9 of which 4 must be completed to constitute a Series**.**

5.4. Races that have been abandoned may be re-sailed on the following days:

Resail day 1 – Saturday 17 July 2021
Resail day 2 – Saturday 14 August 2021

5.5. Boats will be advised of races to be re-sailed by SMS, Member Point app, on the SYC website and/or by a Notice to Competitors by 1700 on Tuesday before the resail day.

5.6. There will be no resails after Saturday 18 September 2021.

6. HANDICAPS and RATINGS

6.1. Performance Handicaps (PHS) will be allocated by the Race Committee for each race, and adjustments made in line with YV Performance Handicap Rules.

6.2. AMS ratings will be those issued by the Rating Authority (YRSA) and current at 1600 on the Friday before the race.

6.3. ORC ratings (International and Club) will be those issued by the Rule Authority (AS) and current at 1600 on the Friday before the race.

6.4. AMS non-spinnaker or Two-Handed ratings shall not be used.

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. This changes RRS Rule 78.

7. DIVISIONS

7.1. Boats shall race in divisions assigned by the Race Committee, according to their start of season performance handicap as follows:

Division A	PHS 0.830	and above	Code Flag W
Division B	PHS 0.829	and below	Code Flag E
Non-Spinnaker (No Extras)	All		Code Flag T
Double-Handed	All		

7.2. Boats whose handicap falls within +/-20 point range of the division break points may choose, prior to the first race, and subject to approval of the Race Committee, the division in which they will sail for the rest of the season.

7.3. Boats wishing to race on AMS or ORC rating only, shall start with the performance handicap division appropriate to their PHS handicap.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

8.1. SYC Sailing Instructions are available from the SYC Boating Office. The first copy for each boat is issued free but a fee will be charged for additional copies.

8.2. Notice to Competitors may be issued on the day of racing. These will be posted on the official notice board and a day sheet with handicap listings will be available online before the race.

9. RACING AREA

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

10. COURSES

Courses will be as described in the SYC Sailing Instructions.

11. SCORING

11.1. Each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score/s for 30% of races to the nearest lower whole number. This changes RRS Rule A2.

11.2. Alan Shiels Memorial Trophy will be scored as a series consisting of two races with no exclusions on performance handicap only, as indicated in Clause 5 above, with RRS Rule A8.2 amended so that ties broken in favour of the boat with lowest total corrected time.

11.3. For a handicap or rating division to be scored there must be a minimum of 4 entries in that division.

11.4. Non-spinnaker boats will be scored in PHS only, as part of Division B and as a separate non-spinnaker Division.

11.5. When Group "K" racing is abandoned for a Series race 1 or 2, Group "K" boats shall be scored by allocating average points of the next 2 sailed races, rounded up to the nearest 0.1 point. When Group "K" racing is abandoned for later Series' races, they shall be scored by allocating average points of all races sailed to date, rounded up to the nearest 0.1 point.

11.6. 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.

12. PRIZES

12.1. Prizes will be awarded for first place in each race in each handicap and rating division. These will be presented in the Clubhouse after each race.

12.2. Series winners will have their inscriptions added to the respective perpetual trophies and will be awarded a memento trophy. Perpetual trophies shall remain in the clubhouse for display in the trophy cabinet.

12.3. Alan Shiels Memorial Trophy will be awarded based on scores calculated in Clause 11 for performance handicap in Divisions A, B and Non-spinnaker.

13. DISCLAIMER

13.1. 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 their equipment.

13.2. 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.**

13.3. 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.

14. 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.

15. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information may be obtained from the SYC Office:

Telephone: (03) 9599 0907 E-mail: boating@syc.com.au WEB Page: www.syc.com.au