



J24 Australian Championships 2022

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organising Authority is the Sandringham Yacht Club Inc.

1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, (RRS), the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) Part 1, and the Rules of the International J24 Class (unless altered by the Notice of Race (NoR) or these Sailing Instructions (SI).
- 1.2. AS Special Regulations, Part 1, Safety Category 6 plus will apply and boats must carry a hand-held VHF Radio capable of receiving Ch16 and Ch77.
- 1.3. Appendix T will apply.

2. Alterations to J24 Class Rules.

The rules of the International J24 Class 2021 are changed as follows:

- 2.1. Where a boat deviates from the rules of measurement on hull and rigging, such deviation may be considered legal when a class measurer is satisfied that the item in question is "as supplied by the licensed builder at the time of manufacture". The measurement certificate shall be endorsed appropriately by the class measurer.
- 2.2. Class rule C.2.1(b) is changed as follows: A boat may sail with different crew on different days provided the crew changes are declared at registration. The number of declared crew shall remain the same throughout the regatta. Crew changes not declared at registration require advance written approval of the Race Committee and will only be approved in exceptional circumstances.
- 2.3. Class rule C.10.2 is changed as follows: A boat may carry one Mainsail, one Genoa, one Jib and two Spinnakers on-board while racing. The use of Spinnakers is subject to Class Rule J.2.
- 2.4. Class rule C.5.2(B)(1 and 2) are changed as follows: The Organising Authority may arrange for the publishing of races on-line via a GPS tracking system. Boats wishing to be included in this program will be allowed to operate RaceQs

app on their mobile phone. The RaceQs app may only be used to record races and must not be accessed for any other reason during racing.

3. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the notice board at the Regatta Office.

4. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted not less than 90 minutes before the next scheduled start, except that any changes to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before they will take effect.

5. Signals Made Ashore

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flag mast located next to the Ken King Centre.

When flag AP is displayed on shore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in the race signal AP

6. Schedule of Races

- 6.1. As per the Notice of Race.
- 6.2. When more than one race is held on the same day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable after the completion of the previous race. To alert boats that another race will begin shortly, an Orange flag will be displayed (with one sound signal) for at least four minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 6.3. A maximum of five (5) races will be sailed on any one day.

7. Class Flags

The class flag will be the J24 flag, which is a white flag with J24 insignia.

8. Racing Area

The sailing area will be on the waters of Port Phillip, off SYC. See Attachment 2.

9. Courses and Marks

- 9.1. The diagram in Attachment 1 shows the course, marks, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2. No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee boat may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

10. Start

- 10.1. Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 10.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and the course side of the port-end starting mark or a RHIB displaying an Orange Flag.
- 10.3. A crowding mark may be laid adjacent to the Race Committee boat. When laid, boats approaching the line to start shall leave the crowding mark on the same required side as the Race Committee boat.
- 10.4. A boat starting later than five minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.

11. Change of the next Leg of the Course

- 11.1. To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark of the same colour as the original with a black band, (or move the finish line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.
- 11.2. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 11.3. Any subsequent marks may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration.

12. Finish

The finishing line will be between the staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee boat and the finishing mark.

13. Penalty System

When the Jury decides that a boat that is a party to a protest has broken a rule it shall disqualify her per RRS 64.1, unless the rule broken is one of the class rules listed in Attachment 3, for which the applicable percentage penalty is prescribed therein, calculated in accordance with RRS 44.3 (c).

14. Time Limit

- 14.1. If no boat has passed mark 1 within 30 minutes, the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet this target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1 (a)
- 14.2. The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish shall be 75 minutes.
- 14.3. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

15. Protests and Requests for Redress

- 15.1. Protest forms are available at the Regatta Office.
- 15.2. Protests shall be delivered to the Regatta Office within 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day, or from when the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 15.3. Notices will be posted on the official notice board no later than 30 minutes of the protest time limit expiry to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses, and the location of the hearing.
- 15.4. Notices of protests by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

- 15.5. Breaches of SI 2, 18.2, and 20.2 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the Jury so decides.
- 15.6. On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
 - 15.6.1. Within the protest time limit, if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day.
 - 15.6.2. No later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.

16. ARBITRATION

- 16.1. RRS 44.1 is changed to permit a boat that has broken a rule of Part 2 or RRS 31 to take a penalty after racing but prior to any protest hearing. Her penalty will be a scoring penalty as calculated in RRS 44.3(c) equal to 30% of the number of starters in that race or 40% of the difference between her finishing position and the number of starters in that race, whichever is less.
- 16.2. The arbitrator may be a member of any subsequent Jury or may observe and give testimony to the Jury. This changes RRS 63.3 (a).

17. Scoring

- 17.1. The Low Point scoring system, Appendix A of the RRS will apply, with no exclusions if 5 or less races are completed. This changes RRS A2.
- 17.2. If six (6) to ten (10) races are competed, each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 17.3. If eleven (11) or more races are competed, each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores
- 17.4. Performance Handicap System (PHS) results will be decided by application of the Time Correction Factor (TCF). The PHS TCF will be allocated by the Race Committee, may be recalculated between races and will not be subject to redress. This changes RRS 62.1 (a).

18. Safety Regulations

- 18.1. Competitors shall sign on as an entrant prior to the warning signal of the first race of each day, by sailing on starboard tack past the stern of the Race Committee Boat, hailing their sail number and having the hail acknowledged. Any boat failing to sign-on may be scored DNC without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.
- 18.2. Competitors who retire from racing shall inform the Race Committee boat by radio on the allocated frequency, by hailing any race management boat or by advising the regatta office in person or by phone as soon as possible.

19. Replacement of Crew or Equipment

- 19.1. Substitution of competitors or equipment will not be allowed without the written approval of the Race Committee.
- 19.2. Requests for equipment substitution shall be made in writing to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity. If damage occurs on the water, equipment may be substituted before the following race and written permission shall be requested before the end of protest time on the same day.

The written application for substitution and the decision of the Race Committee will be displayed on the notice board.

- 19.3. Any changes outside these parameters must be approved by the Race Committee

20. Equipment and Measurement Checks

- 20.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the regatta rules. A boat shall comply with a request by the Measurer to proceed to a designated area for inspection and facilitate the inspection.
- 20.2. A boat that fails to comply with this official request for inspection will be subject to protest by the Race Committee.
- 20.3. Boats may be checked for sailing weight at any time.

21. Official Boats

Official boats may be marked by displaying a SYC burgee.

22. Support Boats

Support boats shall stay at least 200 metres outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

23. Haul-Out Restrictions

- 23.1. Boats shall remain in the water from 1800 on Wednesday 5 January 2022 until the completion of the racing.
- 23.2. The Race Committee may approve a written request for a boat to be hauled out at any time provided it is satisfied that this is required for essential repairs. Haul-out approval is only to facilitate work that could not have been done afloat.
- 23.3. The Race Committee may approve a written request for a boat to be launched later than 1800 on Wednesday 5 January 2022 provided it is satisfied that this is for genuine reasons.

24. Plastic Pools and Diving Equipment

Underwater breathing apparatus, closed plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats after 1800 on Wednesday 5 January 2022, until the completion of the racing.

25. Radio Communication

- 25.1. Except in an emergency, a boat while racing shall neither make nor receive electronic transmissions (radio, e-mails, mobile phone etc.) or other communications which not available to all boats.
- 25.2. In accordance with RRS 41, the Race Committee may broadcast the course to be sailed, names/sail numbers of OCS boats, and/or any information of interest to competitors. Any failure of, or defect in, such a broadcast will not be grounds for redress. For this purpose boats shall carry a VHF radio. Boats may transmit on VHF radio to communicate in the event of an emergency or upon retiring from a race or at the request of the Race Committee.
- 25.3. The designated race frequency is VHF Ch 77

26. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded for First, Second and Third in the Championship and First, Second and Third on EHC Handicap.

27. Media and Television Policy

In participating in this regatta, all competitors automatically grant to the J24 Association of Victoria and the Sandringham Yacht Club, its agents and sponsors of the regatta, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time, and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him/her recorded during the period of the completion for the regatta in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the regatta without compensation.

28. Disclaimer of Liability

All those taking part in races conducted by Sandringham Yacht Club in association with the J24 Association of Victoria 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.

Attention is drawn to the Fundamental Race Rule 3 - Decision to Race, which states:

“The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone”.

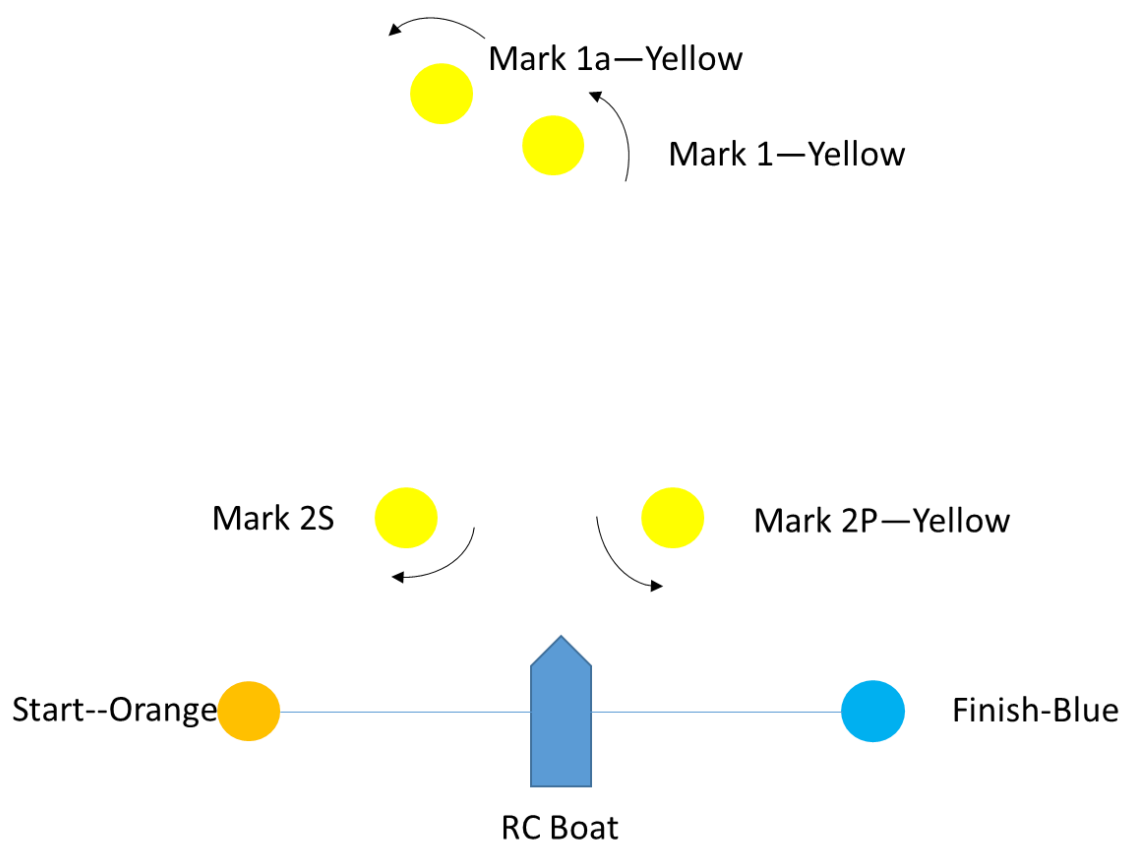
Sandringham Yacht Club, its staff, officers and volunteers accept no responsibility whatsoever for loss or damage to boats or equipment or personal injury associated with races conducted by the Club.

29. Insurance

All competing boats shall have third party insurance cover with racing extension of not less than \$10,000,000 (Ten Million Australian Dollars). Boats shall produce evidence of insurance at registration.

ATTACHMENT 1—Courses

- 1.1. All courses will be windward/leeward configuration.
- 1.2. Courses will be advised by displaying the appropriate numeral pennant (1-3).
- 1.3. All marks to be left to port except gate mark 2S. Boats shall pass between 2P and 2S before rounding either mark to commence the next leg of the course.
- 1.4. On any course where a mark is shown as a gate, if there is only one mark in place, competitors shall leave it to port.

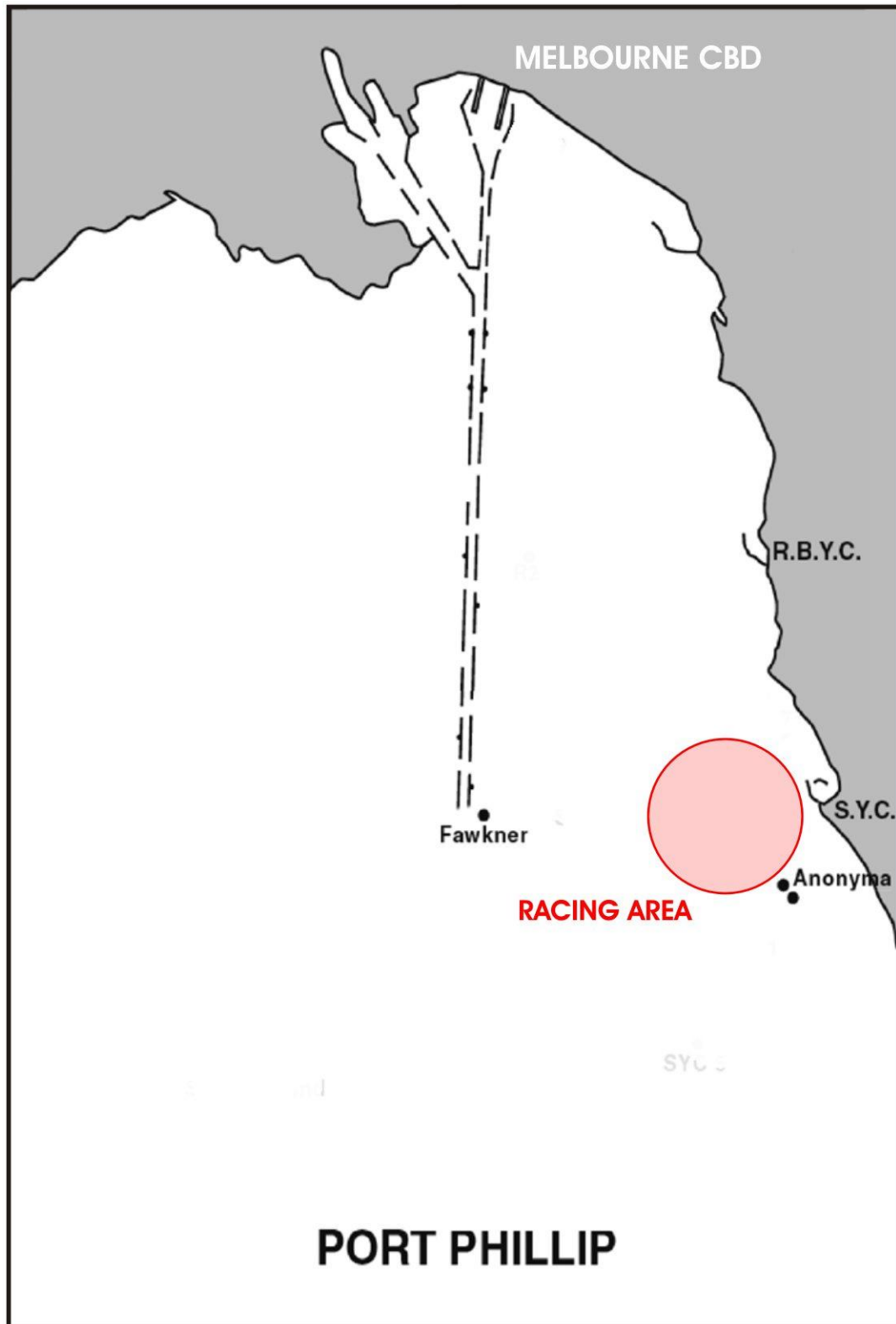


Course No	Course Configuration
1	Start—1—1a--Finish
2	Start – 1—1a—2P/2S—1—Finish
3	Start—1—1a--2P/2S—1—2P/2S—1—Finish

- 1.5. Marks 1, 1a, 2P and 2S will be yellow inflatable truncated cones
- 1.6. The starting mark will be an orange inflatable truncated cone
- 1.7. The finish mark will be a blue inflatable truncated cone
- 1.8. The change mark will be a yellow inflatable truncated cone with a black band

ATTACHMENT 2—Course Area

The sailing area will be on the waters of Port Phillip, to the west of the Sandringham Yacht Club.



ATTACHMENT 3—Penalties for Breaking Some Class Rules

CLASS RULE	INFRINGEMENT	PENALTY
B.3	A copy of the Measurement Certificate and the Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment (Rule 3.7.3) are to be kept aboard the yacht one or both items are not on board.	20%
C.4	Advertising does not conform to the restrictions	20%
C.9.4 and C.9.5	Mainsail is set outside of the limit marks	20%
C.5.1(a)(1)	Two bailing buckets of minimum capacity 9 liters each fitted with a lanyard are not on board.	40%
C.7.2(a)(9)	Approved compass device is not present or not functional	20%
C.5.1(a)(4)	The throwable lifesaving device and attached sea anchor not on deck and ready for use.	40%
C.5.1(a)(5)	First aid kit is not on board	20%
C.5.1(b)(1) C.5.1(a)(2) C.5.2(a)(10)	Any of anchors(s), outboard motor/engine, battery or engine fuel container(s) are not in their proper location and secured against movement	20%
C.7.3(a)(11)	Elastic (shock) cord is used in the standing or running rigging where it is not specifically allowed	20%
C.5.3	The stowage of required or optional equipment other than unbagged sails on the cabin sole over the keel.	20%
	The removal of the rudder from the water when the Sailing Instructions stipulate that the boat shall remain afloat for the duration of the regatta	20%

If a boat receives one of the above penalties, the protest decision will include whether the same penalty can or will be applied to subsequent infringements. The protest decision may also specify that the boat cannot be protested again under the same class rule for a time period specified by the Jury.