



SANDRINGHAM+HODGES

SANDRINGHAM YACHT CLUB Inc.

Hodges Sandringham

NOTICE OF RACE

'ONE DESIGN SPRINT SERIES' SUMMER 2023-2024

The Organising Authority is Sandringham Yacht Club Inc.

Sandringham Yacht Club Inc. (SYC) invites entries for the Hodges Sandringham Summer One Design (OD) Sprint Series to be sailed from October 2023 until May 2024.

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), relevant Class Association rules 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 membership scheme.
- 1.3. **J24 Class Rules (where applicable) will apply except as modified below:**
Class rule C.10.2 is amended as follows: A boat may carry one mainsail, one genoa, one jib and two (2) spinnakers on-board while racing.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. Entry is open to One Design keelboats that comply with SR Part 1 category 6 and have lodged their Man Overboard (MOB) compliance declaration and SR Equipment Audit form.
 - 2.1.1. A 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 2023), must be lodged with the SYC Boating Office prior to 31 October 2023 or a boat's first race of the season, whichever is later.
 - 2.1.2. The SR Equipment Audit form signed by the person in charge must be lodged with the SYC Boating Office prior to a boat's first race of the season. This form is valid for 12 months from the date of submission or date of completed Audit, whichever is later.

These forms are available on the SYC website at <https://syc.com.au/safety/> or from the SYC Boating Office.

- 2.2. 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 SYC office by 1600 on the day preceding the race. Late casual entries may be accepted subject to payment of double the normal entry fee.

3. ENTRY FEES

- 3.1. The entry fee is waived for all SYC members.
- 3.2. The entry fees for non-SYC members are:
Block Entry \$65.00
Casual Entry \$15.00
- 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.

4. RACE FORMAT

- 4.1. All races in the series are sailed as fleet races with a separate mass start for each Division.
- 4.2. Races will be '*boat start, laid courses*'.

5. RACE PROGRAM

Race Day	Date	Race Day	Date	Race Day	Date
1	8 October	2 [#]	22 October	3	29 October
4	12 November	5	26 November	6	10 December
7	21 January 2024	8	4 February	9	18 February
10	3 March	11	17 March		5 May [#]

- 5.1. The Warning Signal for the first race of the day will be no earlier than 0955, with subsequent races following on as soon as practicable. The target is for 3 to 4 races per day, each approximately 45 minutes in duration.
- 5.2. The time limit for each race is the earlier of 60 minutes, or the elapsed time of the first boat plus 25%, rounded up to the next whole minute. Expiry of the time limit for the race may be announced on VHF Ch 77.
- 5.3. No warning signal will be made after 1230. For race day 2[#], no warning signal will be made after 1500.
- 5.4. Race day 2[#] on 16 October will form part of the OTB Sail Sandy regatta. Racing will be conducted as per the Sail Sandy Sailing Instructions on this day.
- 5.5. Race on 5 May[#] is a One Design End Of Season Event, not part of the series.
- 5.6. There will be no resails on subsequent days.

6. DIVISIONS

- 6.1. Boats shall race in Divisions based on their One Design Class listed below:
- J24
- 6.2. Any additional One Design Classes that wish to compete must advise the Organising Authority prior to 1 October 2023.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1. 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.
- 7.2. Notice to Competitors may be issued on the day of racing. These will be available on the Official Notice Board at the Ken King Centre before the race.

8. RACING AREA

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

9. COURSES

- 9.1. Courses will be as described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 9.2. Courses will be of short windward-leeward configuration.

10. SCORING

- 10.1. Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score/s for 20% of completed races to the nearest lower whole number. This changes RRS A2.
- 10.2. RRS A5.3 applies.
- 10.3. Boats will be scored in their One Design class and on PHS for the J24's. PHS handicaps will be allocated by the Race Committee for each race day and may be adjusted between races.
- 10.4. For a Division to be scored, there must be a minimum of 3 series entries.
- 10.5. Six (6) completed races are required to constitute a series.
- 10.6. 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 the series entry fee.
- 10.7. **J24 Attendance at Major Championships:**
 - 10.7.1. A boat that intends to compete in a J24 sanctioned event, or any other race that the Race Committee nominates as a significant race, may, not less than seven days prior to the event, apply in writing to the Race Committee to award average points for the One Design Sprint Series races missed.
 - 10.7.2. The approval for the award of average points will be at the sole discretion of the Race Committee and is not subject to request for redress. The average points will only be awarded to boats that actually compete in the designated race/s. A delay of boat works, transport or other non-racing events will not be grounds for obtaining average points.
 - 10.7.3. The missed race(s) will be scored by allocating average points of all races sailed on the previous three race days, rounded up to the nearest 0.1 point. If three race days haven't been completed prior to the nominated race or event, the scores of the next race day(s) sailed will be utilised.

11. PRIZES

- 11.1. Prizes will be awarded to the boat of the day based on the overall score of all races sailed on that day without exclusion. These will be awarded in OD class scoring and also on PHS for the J24 class and will be presented in the Clubhouse after the day's racing.
- 11.2. Series winners in each Division will be awarded a memento trophy.
- 11.3. The J24 Series OD winner will be awarded a perpetual trophy.

12. DISCLAIMER

- 12.1. 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.
- 12.2. 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.**
- 12.3. 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.

13. 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.

14. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information may be obtained from the SYC Office as follows:

Telephone: (03) 9599 0999 E-mail: boating@syc.com.au WEB Page: www.syc.com.au