



# Thursday Twilights

## NOTICE OF RACE

### Thursday Twilight Summer Series 2023-2024

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 October 2023 to March 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) 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.
  - 3.1.1. 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.
  - 3.1.2. 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.

- 3.2. 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 prescribed fee at the SYC office prior to 1800 on the day of the race.

#### 4. ENTRY FEES

- 4.1. The entry fee is waived for all SYC members.
- 4.2. The entry fees for non-SYC members are:

Series Entry:	\$100.00
Casual Entry per race:	\$15.00

- 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:
- advising the Race Officer by VHF channel 77 prior to their preparatory signal (four minutes prior to allocated handicap), and
  - starting at a later spinnaker handicap time as nominated in CI 7 below.

## 6. RACE PROGRAM

Race	Date	Race	Date	Race	Date
1	5 October	2	12 October##	3	19 October
4	26 October**	5	2 November	6	9 November##
7	16 November	8	23 November**	9	30 November
10	7 December##	11	14 December	12	21 December**
13	4 January 2024	14	11 January##	15	18 January
16	25 January**	17	1 February	18	8 February##
19	15 February	20	22 February**	21	29 February
22	7 March##	23	14 March	24	21 March**
	Last Blast 28 March				

\*\*Denotes a female helm race.

##Denotes a youth helm race.

- 6.1. The Last Blast on 28 March is not part of the series.
- 6.2. The Warning Signal will be made as follows:  
 Races 1 to 4 in October 2023 at 1755  
 Races 5 to 21 in November 2023 to February 2024 at 1810  
 Races 22 to 24 in March 2024 at 1755  
 Last Blast on 28 March at 1755
- 6.3. The time limit for each race will be 2015 or Sunset, whichever is earlier.
- 6.4. The number of races scheduled is 24 of which 5 must be completed to constitute a series.
- 6.5. Races 4, 8, 12, 16, 20 and 24 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 email 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 boat's series score.
- 6.6. Races 2, 6, 10, 14, 18, and 22 are designated as optional youth/intermediate (under 30 years) helm events. These races are aimed to encourage young sailors who do not normally helm the boats to take on this function. The boats that choose to have a youth helm shall advise the boating office by email or SMS of the name of the skipper prior to the race warning signal. The results of these races will also be included in the boat's series score.
- 6.7. There will be no resails.

## 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 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 Boating Office and on the SYC website. 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 A2.
- 12.2. RRS A5.3 applies.
- 12.3. 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 also be awarded to the first female and first youth helm in each division of the designated races.
- 13.3. Winners of race 12 on 22 December will be awarded the Cameron Dale Trophy.
- 13.4. These prizes will be presented in the Clubhouse after the race.
- 13.5. Series winners 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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