



Mercedes-Benz
Brighton



Saturday Racing

SANDRINGHAM YACHT CLUB Inc.

Mercedes-Benz Brighton

SATURDAY SUMMER SERIES

**NOTICE OF RACE
2023-2024**

The Organising Authority is Sandringham Yacht Club Inc.

Sandringham Yacht Club Inc. (SYC)
invites entries for the Mercedes-Benz Brighton Saturday Summer Series
to be sailed from October 2023 to April 2024.

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 (SR) of Australian Sailing (AS) 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. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. Entry is open to all monohull keelboats that comply with SR Part 1 category 5 (5N for Aggregate race 6B) and have lodged their Man Overboard (MOB) compliance declaration and SR Equipment Audit form.
- 2.2.
 - a) 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.
 - b) 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.
- 2.3. Eligible boats may enter for all events including the Range Series 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 two hours before the race.
- 2.4. A separate Range Series Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions will be issued by the Range Series Organising Authority; however, entry is via the SYC online entry system. Range Series entry requirements are listed in the Range Series Notice of Race, available on the Range Series website <https://www.yachtingchamps.org.au/range-series/>.

3. ENTRY FEES

- 3.1. The entry fees are waived for all SYC members.
- 3.2. The entry fees for non-SYC members are:

Block Entry, includes Aggregate Series and all stand-alone and trophy races	\$110.00
Casual entry per race day	\$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 block 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. Races may be 'boat start, laid mark courses' or 'boat start, club (fixed mark) courses'.
- 4.2. Races using 'tower start, club (fixed mark) courses' will be advised via Notice to Competitors (NTC).

5. RACE PROGRAM - Refer Appendix A.

- 5.1. The start time for each race is stated in Appendix A. The Warning Signal for the first division starting will be no earlier than 5 minutes prior to the time indicated.
- 5.2. The number of Aggregate races scheduled is 13, of which 5 must be completed to constitute a series.
- 5.3. The number of Peter Taylor Trophy races scheduled is 2 of which 1 must be completed to constitute a series.
- 5.4. Aggregate races that have been abandoned may be re-sailed on Saturday 3 February and/or 13 April 2024 at 1200.
- 5.5. Boats will be advised of races to be re-sailed by SMS, MemberPoint app, on the SYC website and/or by NTC by 1700 on the Tuesday before the re-sail day.

6. HANDICAPS and RATINGS

- 6.1. Performance (PHS) handicaps 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 0600 on the day of the race.
- 6.3. ORC (International and endorsed Club) ratings will be those issued by the Rule Authority (AS) and current at 0600 on the day of the race.
 - 6.3.1. The ORC single number Windward/Leeward Time on Time rating will be used to score Windward/Leeward races, and:
 - 6.3.2. The ORC single number All Purpose Time on Time rating will be used to score all other races.
 - 6.3.3. The ORC Non-Spinnaker rating will be used for scoring boats racing without spinnakers.
- 6.4. No alteration to the boat's rating will be permitted after 0600 on the day of the race, except as a result of a rating protest, or to correct rating office errors.
- 6.5. AMS Non-Spinnaker and Double-Handed ratings are not permitted to be used.
- 6.6. A boat without a valid rating will be scored DNC for that race in that division.
- 6.7. The Race Committee may make corrections to handicaps or ratings at any time.

7. DIVISIONS

7.1. Club Aggregate Series

- 7.1.1. Boats shall race in divisions according to their start of season PHS handicap based on the following guidelines:

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| • Division 1 | above 0.901 |
| • Division 2 | 0.826 to 0.900 |
| • Division 3 | 0.600 to 0.825 |
| • Division 3 - Non-Spinnaker (No Extras) | All |

- 7.1.2. Boats with a starting PHS handicap between 0.885 and 0.915 may apply to the Race Committee for permission to sail in either Division 1 or 2.

- 7.1.3. Boats with a starting PHS handicap between 0.810 and 0.840 may apply to the Race Committee for permission to sail in either Division 2 or 3.

7.2. Standalone and Trophy Races

- 7.2.1. Boats shall race in divisions according to their start of season PHS handicap based on the following guidelines:

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| • Division A | above 0.830 |
| • Division B | 0.830 and below. |

- 7.2.2. Boats with a starting PHS handicap between 0.815 and 0.845 may apply to the Race Committee for permission to sail in either Division A or B.

- 7.3. Notwithstanding the above guidelines, boats may be allocated to a division at the absolute discretion of the Race Committee. The decision of the Race Committee will be final, and boats shall not change divisions thereafter.
- 7.4. Boats wishing to race on AMS or ORC rating only shall start with the PHS handicap division appropriate to their PHS handicap.
- 7.5. Boats assigned to Group "K" by the Race Committee shall sail and be scored as a part of the appropriate PHS division. Their divisional flag will be that of the division in which they are entered. The Group "K" eligibility criteria and assigned boat list will be posted on the Notice Board.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1. SYC Sailing Instructions are available from the SYC Boating Office and are available on the SYC website. The first copy for each boat is issued free but a fee will be charged for additional copies.
- 8.2. RBYC Sailing Instructions are available from the RBYC website and will apply to races conducted by RBYC.
- 8.3. The Range Series NoR and Sailing Instructions are available at <https://www.yachtingchamps.org.au/range-series/> and will apply to the three Range Series race days.
- 8.4. Notice to Competitors may be issued on the day of racing. These and handicap listings will be available on the Official Noticeboard before the race.

9. RACING AREA

The races will be conducted on Port Phillip as follows:

SYC races – off SYC.

RBYC hosted races – off RBYC

Range Series – refer to Range Series NoR and SI's for courses and the start line location.

10. COURSES

Courses will be as described in the Sailing Instructions.

11. SCORING

- 11.1. All races will be scored in AMS, ORC and PHS unless noted otherwise.
- 11.2. RRS A5.3 applies.
- 11.3. **Club Aggregate**
 - 11.3.1. Each boat's Aggregate 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 changes RRS A2.1.
 - 11.3.2. Only the better score of the races 6A or 6B will be counted in the Aggregate score.
 - 11.3.3. Where multiple races are held as part of an event (e.g. Commodore-in-Chief Trophy, Port Phillip Trophy, Range Series), then the series result of that event will be counted in the Club Aggregate with RRS Rule A8.2 amended so that the points for the place for which the boats have tied and for the place(s) immediately below shall be added together and divided equally. This clause will not apply for the scoring of the Peter Taylor Trophy.
- 11.4. The Peter Taylor Series Trophy will be scored in AMS divisions only, combined with the RBYC fleet, with no exclusions. This changes RRS A2.1.
- 11.5. **Attendance at Major Championships**
 - 11.5.1. A boat that intends to compete in an AS sanctioned national or state championship, or any other race that the Race Committee may nominate as a significant race, may, not less than seven days prior to the event, apply in writing to the Race Committee to receive average points for the Club Aggregate race(s) missed.
 - 11.5.2. 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.

- 11.5.3. The missed race(s) will be scored by allocating average points of all races sailed in the series, rounded up to the nearest 0.1 point. This averaging will apply to scoring for Aggregate races only.
- 11.6. When Group "K" is abandoned, Group "K" boats will be scored for that race by allocating average points of all races sailed in the series, rounded up to the nearest 0.1 point. This averaging will not apply to scoring for non-series trophy races.
- 11.7. 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 of their series entry.
- 11.8. For a handicap or rating division to be scored there must be a minimum of 4 entries in that division.

12. PRIZES

- 12.1. Prizes will be awarded to first place in each scoring division of the races sailed and will be presented in the Clubhouse after the day's racing.
- 12.2. Aggregate and trophy winners will have their inscriptions added to the respective perpetual trophies and will be awarded a memento trophy. Trophies will be presented at the end of the series. Perpetual trophies will remain in the clubhouse for display in the trophy cabinet.
- 12.3. Only SYC registered boats with the lowest series score in a handicap/rating in a Division of the club aggregate races will be awarded the title of Club Champion.

12.4. Club Captain's Trophy

12.4.1. The Club Captain's Trophy will be awarded to a SYC-registered keelboat with the lowest combined score, with no exclusions, in the Club Aggregate Series, based on Measurement Rating(s) across all Divisions and is calculated as follows:

12.4.1.1. For each race within the Club Aggregate Series, boat's score will be calculated as follows:

$$\text{Score} = \text{Place} / \text{Number of Starters within that Division and Rating.}$$

- 12.4.2. A boat that is a starter but then is DNF, DSQ, etc. will receive a score of 1.0. A boat that is entered within the Club Aggregate Series but does not start a race will be given a score of 1.2. Series ties will be broken per RRS A8.
- 12.5. The Peter Taylor Series Trophy will be held at the club (limited to SYC or RBYC) with the most AMS winners across the divisions. e.g., if a RBYC boat wins Divisions 1 and 2, then the trophy will reside at RBYC for the ensuing year.

13. ADDITIONAL SAFETY ITEMS

Group K: In the event of a need to signal Group "K" Boats independent of the division in which they sail then the appropriate flags will be flown over the "K" flag. This could apply in the event of unsuitable weather conditions where group "K" racing is abandoned by flying the "N" over "A" over "K" flags

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 extension for boats flying spinnakers.

16. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information may be obtained from the SYC Office:

Telephone: (03) 9599 0999 E-mail: boating@sync.com.au Website: www.sync.com.au

Appendix A

2023-2024 Race Program

October 2023

Sat 14	T	Immediate Past Commodore's Trophy @ 1400
Sat 21	A T	Club Aggregate Series #1 @ 1200 Wyvern Cup – Div 1 Gogs Manning – Div 2 Sun Trophy – Div 3
	PT	Heat 1 - Peter Taylor Trophy (Fixed marks, at RBYC, long course)
Sat 28	RS A	Range Series #1 @ 1330 Incorporating Club Aggregate #2 (up to 2 races)

November 2023

Sat 4	SA	Stand-alone Race @ 1400
Sat 11	A T	Club Aggregate #3 @ 1400 Katoura Salver Trophy
Sat 18	T	Kingston Trophy Slalom Race @ 1400
Sat 25	T	Captain Kuiken Teams Trophy @ 1400

December 2023

Sat 2	A T	Club Aggregate #4 @ 1200 A D McKenzie Cup – ORC A D McKenzie Bell – PHS Southport Trophy – AMS
	PT	Heat 2 – Peter Taylor Trophy (Fixed Marks, with RBYC, long course)
Sat 9	A T	Club Aggregate #5 @ 1400 Commodore's Trophy – Div 1 Vice Commodore's Trophy – Div 2 Rear Commodore's Trophy – Div 3
Sat 16	T SA	Le Cascadeur 2-handed Trophy @ 1400 Stand-Alone Race

January 2024

Sat 6	T	Centenary Trophy @ 1400
Sat 13	A T	Club Aggregate #6A @ 1200 JJ Jarold Trophy (Multiple Short Courses)
Sat 20	A T	Club Aggregate #7 @ 1400 Ken King Trophy (PHS Only)

February 2024

Sat 3	A A T	Re-sail day (if required) @ 1200 Club Aggregate #8 @ 1400 First Division Trophy – Div 1 Dorothy Trophy – Div 2 Anonyma Trophy – Div 3
Sat 10	RS A T	Range Series #2 @ 1330 Incorporating Club Aggregate #9 (up to 2 races) SYC Cup
Sat 17	A T	Club Aggregate #6B @ 1800 Trophy Race – Long Distance Day/Night (AS Category 5N) Tam O’Shanter (ORC) and Jisuma (AMS/PHS) Trophy
Sat 24	T	Benito’s Treasure Trophy Race @ 1000

March 2024

Sat 2	A T A T	Club Aggregate #10 @ 1100 Commodore-in Chief’s Trophy (multiple short courses) Club Aggregate #11 immediately after #10 Port Phillip Trophy (multiple short courses)
Sat 16	T	Quarterdeck Trophy Race @ 1400
Sat 23	RS A	Range Series #3 @ 1330 Incorporating Club Aggregate #12 (up to 2 races)

April 2024

Sat 6	SA	Stand-alone Race @ 1400
Sat 13	A A T	Re-sail day (if required) @ 1200 Club Aggregate #13 @ 1400 Roy Hoffert Trophy

RS – Range Series
A – Aggregate Races
SA – Stand-alone Races
T – Trophy Races
PT – Peter Taylor Trophy