



## Hodges Sandringham J24 Victorian State Championships

### NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority is the Sandringham Yacht Club Inc.

Sandringham Yacht Club (SYC) invites entries for J24 Victorian State Championships, scheduled to be sailed on Port Phillip off Sandringham, Victoria on 23 and 24 March 2024.

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), Prescriptions and Special Regulations (SR) of Australian Sailing (AS) and Sailing Instructions (SI's).
- 1.2. J24 Class Rules, unless altered by this Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions, will apply.
- 1.3. The rules of the International J24 Class Rules are changed as follows:
  - a) 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.
  - b) 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.
  - c) Class rule C.10.2 is changed as follows: A boat may carry one Mainsail, one Genoa, one Jib and two (2) Spinnakers on-board while racing. The use of Spinnakers is subject to Class Rule J.2.

#### 2. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display Regatta sponsor's name / logo. The J24 Class Association may supply these items and they shall be affixed and / or worn as prescribed in the Sailing Instructions.

#### 3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

The regatta is open to boats of the International J24 Class that comply with class rules, required safety category, and that fulfil the following requirements:

- 3.1. The J24 boats shall be owned and entered by a member of a club affiliated with AS and who is a member of AS.
- 3.2. All competitors shall be members of AS and an Australian J24 State Association. If membership is not paid for all crew/skippers- race results will not count, until all memberships are paid in full.
- 3.3. The owner of the J24 boat as shown on the measurement certificate shall be a member of their State Class Association.

- 3.4. The helmspersons nominated on the 'Entry Form' will be deemed to be in charge of the boat and no change of helmsperson shall be made without the written consent of the Race Committee.
- 3.5. Eligible boats must submit entries online via the website: <https://syc.com.au/j24-states/>
- 3.6. Entries after 1700 on Thursday, 14 March 2024 will be subject to a late entry fee.
- 3.7. No entries will be accepted after 1900 on Friday 22 March 2024.

#### **4. ENTRY FEES**

Normal entry fee:	\$280.00 (includes social events)
Late Entry:	\$350.00

#### **5. REGISTRATION & MEASUREMENT**

- 5.1. Registration will be conducted in the Regatta Office, located on the ground floor at the northern end of the Clubhouse, on Friday 22 March 2024 between 1730 to 1900 and Saturday 23 March 2024 between 0730 and 0815.
- 5.2. The Organising Authority and/or J24 National Association representative may conduct measurement and inventory checks of competing yachts at any time before, during and after racing.
- 5.3. Unmeasured sails shall be presented for measurement to the Measurer prior to 1800 on Friday 8 March 2024. Arrangements should be made by contacting the Class Measurer directly.
- 5.4. Crew weigh in will be from 1730 to 1900 on Friday 22 March and from 0730 to 0815 on Saturday 23 March in the SYC Auditorium. All crew must be weighed prior to 0815 Saturday 23 March.
- 5.5. Boats may be checked for race weight before entry into water. All up-racing weight is 1330kg.
- 5.6. A copy of the yachts' current measurement certificate, insurance certificate and inventory of required and optional equipment form shall be lodged at registration.
- 5.7. A copy of the yachts' current measurement certificate must be affixed to the starboard side of the forward bulkhead of the boat for the duration of the regatta.

#### **6. RACE FORMAT**

Regatta format will be boat start, windward-leeward laid course fleet races.

#### **7. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS**

- 7.1. The Regatta will be a Wet Regatta, and all boats must enter the water prior to 2100 on Friday 22 March.
- 7.2. Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and in accordance with the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

#### **8. BERTHING**

- 8.1. Mooring overnight in the SYC marina at no cost is available for the nights of 22 and 23 March – Information regarding location of berths will be provided at registration.
- 8.2. No boats shall be moored on the crane pontoon.

#### **9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Sailing Instructions will be available online on the SYC website by no later than 1700 on Monday 18 March and may be on the National J24 website prior to the event.

#### **10. RACING AREA**

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

#### **11. COURSES**

Courses will be as described in the Sailing Instructions.

## **12. RACE PROGRAM**

- 12.1. A race briefing will be held in the Regatta Office at 0830 on Saturday 23 March.
- 12.2. The first warning signal for the day's racing will sound no earlier than 0955 on Saturday 23 March and Sunday 24 March.
- 12.3. No more than 5 races are scheduled on each day.
- 12.4. No warning signal will be made after 1430 on Sunday 24 March 2024.
- 12.5. The number of scheduled races is eight (8) of which three (3) shall be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 12.6. There will be no resails after Sunday 24 March 2024.

## **13. SCORING**

- 13.1. When fewer than 6 races are competed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with no exclusions.
- 13.2. When 6 or more races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 13.3. Performance Handicap System (PHS) results will be decided by application of the Time Correction Factor (TCF) to the elapsed times. The PHS TCF will be allocated by the Race Committee and may be recalculated between races and will not be subject to redress. This changes RRS 62.1 (a).

## **14. PRIZES**

- 14.1. Results and prizes will be announced after the final race on Sunday 24 March in the eastern side of the Members' Bar & Bistro.
- 14.2. Prizes will be awarded for boats placed first to third overall and first to third on PHS handicap.

## **15. SAFETY**

- 15.1. The safety category applicable to this regatta is AS Category 6. The safety declaration will not remain valid unless the boat, together with its safety equipment, is maintained in accordance with these requirements.
- 15.2. Safety declaration shall be lodged by marking the applicable box on the on-line entry.
- 15.3. All boats shall carry a working waterproof VHF radio capable of operating at least on channels 16, 67, 69, 71 73 and 77.

## **16. INSURANCE**

All competing yachts shall have public liability insurance with racing endorsement for an amount of not less than Ten Million Dollars (AUD10,000,000), with racing risk extension.

## **17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 17.1. All those taking part in races conducted by SYC do so at their own risk and responsibility. SYC, J24 Class Association, their staff, officers and volunteers accept no responsibility whatsoever for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.
- 17.2. SYC, J24 Class Association, their staff, officers and volunteers accept no responsibility whatsoever for any damage, injury or death, either ashore or at sea to persons or boats, which might result from participating in races conducted by SYC.
- 17.3. Competitor 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.”**

## 18. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Organised social events are:

Saturday 23 March: 1700 – 2000. BBQ at SYC Ken King Centre,

Sunday 24 March: After Racing - Presentation & BBQ – Members' Bar.

Additional information may be obtained from Sandringham Yacht Club website

<https://syc.com.au/j24-states/> and National J24 Class Association website: [www.j24.com.au](http://www.j24.com.au)

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