



**VYRA PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP  
'The Association Cup'**

**NOTICE OF RACE**

**The Organising Authority is Sandringham Yacht Club Inc. (SYC)**

**Sandringham Yacht Club invites entries for the Association Cup to be held on Port Phillip off SYC on Sunday, 17 March 2024.**

## **1. RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), Australian Sailing (AS) Prescriptions and Special Regulations Part 1, and the Sailing Instructions (SI).
- 1.2 Changes to the Racing Rules of Sailing:
  - a) RRS 51: A boat with movable or variable ballast (within the meaning of those terms in the Special Regulations) may move the ballast for the purpose of changing trim or stability.
  - b) RRS 52 does not apply to the adjustment of movable appendages.
- 1.3 No anchors shall be carried on deck forward of the stem or with any part outboard.
- 1.4 Dual watch marine VHF radios shall be carried, which may be permanently installed or be waterproof handheld and must be capable of operating on channels 16 and 77. Permanently installed radios shall have either a cockpit or companionway mounted speaker to enable receipt of radio messages in the cockpit or shall have a wireless handset in the cockpit.
- 1.5 All boats shall carry lifejackets for each competitor that comply with AS4758-2015 (Minimum Level150), or equivalent ISO standard.
- 1.6 The AMS rules as issued by the rating authority (YRSA) will apply.
- 1.7 The ORC rules as issued by the rule authority (AS) will apply.
- 1.8 All competitors shall be members of AS, and before the day's racing, all boats are required to sign on all their crew via MemberPoint or through their TopYacht online entry prior to first race of the day. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in a penalty with the boat's race score being increased by 3 points, but not worse than the score for DSQ for the first race of the day.

## **2. ADVERTISING**

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

## **3. ELIGIBILITY**

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all Victorian keelboat clubs that are members of AS, and that can form the team from boats on their club register.
- 3.2 The boats must comply with SR Part 1 Category 6 safety requirements.
- 3.3 Association Cup team shall comprise a total of up to four boats in the divisions nominated below.
- 3.4 A club shall enter one team only.

### 3.5 **AMS Division**

A team of two boats nominated by a club, each possessing a current AMS rating with a time correction factor (TCF) of not less than 0.700 or greater than 1.200.

### 3.6 **ORC Division**

A team of two boats nominated by a club each possessing a current ORC (Endorsed Club or International) certificate, with a windward/leeward Time on Time (TOT) TCF not greater than 1.200.

3.7 A boat may only be entered in one rating division.

## 4. **ENTRY AND FEES**

4.1 Eligible clubs may enter online at <https://syc.com.au/association-cup/> by 1200 on Wednesday 13 March 2024.

4.2 There is no entry fee for this regatta.

## 5. **SCHEDULE**

5.1 Racing will take place on Sunday 17 March 2024.

5.2 The regatta will comprise of up to four (4) races for each division.

5.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is no earlier than 1055.

5.4 Subsequent races will be started as soon as possible after the completion of previous race, not necessarily in the same divisional sequence.

5.5 All divisions must complete at least one race to constitute a series.

5.6 The last warning signal will be no later than 1600.

5.7 There will be no re-sails after Sunday 17 March 2024.

## 6. **MEASUREMENTS**

6.1 Each boat shall have a valid rating certificate as issued by the relevant authority.

6.2 AMS ratings shall be as provided by YRSA at 0900 on Saturday 16 March 2024.

6.3 ORC ratings shall be as provided by AS at 0900 on Saturday 16 March 2024.

6.4 Boats and their equipment may be inspected and/or check measured 24 hours prior to the start of the first race and in accordance with RRS 61.3 (Protest Time Limit) after the finish of the last race of the regatta at the discretion of the Race Committee.

## 7. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

7.1 The sailing instructions will be available on the SYC website: (<https://syc.com.au/association-cup/>) on or before Monday 11 March 2024.

## 8. **VENUE**

8.1 Racing will be conducted on the waters of Port Phillip, in the vicinity of Sandringham Yacht Club.

## **9. THE COURSES**

The courses to be sailed will be determined by the Race Committee and will be of a windward/leeward configuration, as listed in the Sailing Instructions.

## **10. SCORING**

10.1 Association Cup teams will be scored in two divisions:

- a) AMS
- b) ORC, using windward/leeward TOT TCF.

10.2 Low Point System of Appendix A will apply with no exclusions. This modifies RRS Appendix A2.1.

10.3 In each division, the winning team will be the team with the lowest total team score.

10.4 Where a team has not fielded boat/s in a division the each boat score will be the total number of boats entered in that division plus one.

10.5 The final Association Cup team score will be the total of points scored.

10.6 Ties for the Association Cup will be decided according to RRS A7 and A8. When team results are tied, they shall be decided by applying the rules of RRS A8 as if a team score in a race was for a "boat".

## **11. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

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 are not available to all boats.

## **12. PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

### **12.1 VYR Association Perpetual Challenge Cup**

The Club nominating the winning overall team will be the winner of the Cup until challenged and defeated.

### **12.2 AMS Challenge Trophy**

The Club nominating the winning team will be the winner of the Trophy.

### **12.3 ORC Challenge Trophy**

The club nominating the winning team will be the winner of the Trophy.

### **12.4 Max Peters Memorial Trophy**

The lowest scoring individual AMS boat will be the winner of the Trophy.

### **12.5 R.J. Green Memorial Trophy**

The lowest scoring individual ORC boat will be the winner of the Trophy.

### **13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

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.

**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.**

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.

### **14. 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.

### **15. FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact Sandringham Yacht Club:

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