



SANDRINGHAM YACHT CLUB Inc.

WOMEN IN SAILING CHALLENGE

NOTICE OF RACE

SUNDAY 3 MARCH 2024

The Organising Authority is Sandringham Yacht Club Inc.

Sandringham Yacht Club Inc. (SYC) invites entries for the Women in Sailing Challenge (WISC) to be sailed on Sunday 3 March 2024 off Sandringham. This event constitutes Race Day three of the Port Phillip Women's Championship Series (PPWCS) 2024.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta 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), SYC Sailing Instructions (SI) and the 2024 PPWCS Notice of Series as applicable and not in conflict with this NOR, unless noted otherwise.
- 1.2. Membership Requirements:
 - 1.2.1. All crew shall be members of AS.
 - 1.2.2. SYC has established a complying Sail Pass Membership to enable skippers and crew to meet their RRS obligations.
 - 1.2.3. It shall be the responsibility of the person in charge of the boat to ensure that all crew on board for each race comply with AS membership rules.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. Entry is open to all monohull keelboats that comply with SR Safety Category 6.
- 2.2. A boat's safety declaration shall be lodged by marking the applicable box in the online entry.
- 2.3. Eligible boats may enter via the web at: www.syc.com.au/on-water/keelboat-racing/wisc/
- 2.4. Boats must submit a completed crew list through the TopYacht crew sign on by no later than the first warning signal. This can be accessed at: www.syc.com.au/on-water/keelboat-racing/wisc/
- 2.5. Boats may enter for all handicap and rating systems as part of the entry fee.
- 2.6. Entries will be accepted up to Friday 1 March. Late entries may be accepted in the Boating Department up to 1200 on Saturday 2 March and may be subject to a late entry fee. Telephone or radio entries will not be accepted.
- 2.7. Boats may enter one of two categories, as per the PPWCS NOR;
 - 2.7.1. All female crew.
 - 2.7.2. Female helm with mixed crew.

3. ENTRY FEES

Racing – part of the PPWCS (AMS, ORC & EHC)	\$30
Cruising (Spinnaker or Non-Spinnaker)*	\$30

*The cruising division will form part of SYC's Sunday Sailors race #12, in line with the SYC Sailing instructions. For SYC members, the entry fee for the Cruising division is free.

4. RACE FORMAT

- 4.1. For the Racing division, all races will be sailed as fleet races with "boat start, boat finish, laid mark courses". This will form part of the PPWCS.
- 4.2. The Cruising division will sail under the Sunday Sailors Notice of Race. The format will be a "pursuit" race with a "tower start, Club courses around fixed marks, tower finish" race. Boats may nominate whether they will be racing with a spinnaker as per CI 4.2 of the Sunday Sailors NOR. The SYC Sailing Instructions and Sunday Sailors Notice of Race can be accessed here: <https://syc.com.au/on-water/keelboat-racing/race-documents/>

5. PROGRAM

- 5.1. The program will consist of one (1) race day, with no resails.

Format	Course	Warning Signal
Racing division - boat start and finish (multiple races)	Laid marks, Windward/ Leeward	Not earlier than 1055
Cruising division - tower start, tower finish (single race)	Fixed marks	Not earlier than 0925

- 5.2. The Warning Signal for the first race of the day is as nominated above, with subsequent races (where applicable) following on as soon as practicable after the completion of the prior race.
- 5.3. The number of races scheduled for the Racing division is two (2) of which one (1) race must be completed to constitute the Challenge.
- 5.4. The number of races scheduled for the cruising division is one (1) which will constitute the event.
- 5.5. No warning signal will be made after 1500.

6. HANDICAPS and RATINGS

- 6.1. For the Racing division:
 - 6.1.1. Event performance handicaps (EHC) will be allocated by the Race Committee for each race.
 - 6.1.2. AMS ratings will be those issued by the Rating Authority (YRSA) and current at 0600 on the day of the event.
 - 6.1.3. ORC (International and endorsed club) ratings will be those issued by the Rule Authority (AS) and current at 0600 on the day of the event.
 - 6.1.4. No alteration to the boat's rating will be permitted after this date, except in the case of a rating protest, or to correct rating office errors.
 - 6.1.5. A boat without a valid rating will be scored DNC for that race in that division.
- 6.2. For the Cruising division, pursuit handicaps will be allocated by the Race Committee.
- 6.3. The Race Committee may make corrections to handicaps or ratings at any time. This changes RRS 78.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1. Sailing Instructions for the Racing Division will be available online at the Official Notice Board at (www.syc.com.au/on-water/keelboat-racing/wisc/) by Friday 1 March 2024.
- 7.2. The SYC Sailing Instructions for the Cruising Division are available online at <https://syc.com.au/on-water/keelboat-racing/race-documents/>
- 7.3. Notices to Competitors may be issued prior to racing and will be available on the Official Notice Board online at (www.syc.com.au/on-water/keelboat-racing/wisc/).

8. RACING AREA

The races will be conducted on Port Phillip, in the vicinity of SYC.

9. COURSES

Courses will be as described in the Sailing Instructions.

10. SCORING

- 10.1. Scoring of races will be in accordance with the RRS Appendix A using the Low Point Scoring system, with no exclusions.
- 10.2. For a handicap/rating division to be scored in the series there must be a minimum of 3 entries.
- 10.3. Where multiple races are held on a day, the performance handicap may be adjusted between races.

11. PRIZES

- 11.1. A presentation event will be held at SYC at approximately 1500 or as soon after racing as possible on 3 March 2024.
- 11.2. The Racing Division winners on EHC will have their inscription added to the Doris Little Women in Sailing perpetual trophy and will be awarded a prize.
- 11.3. The Racing Division winners on AMS will have their inscription added to the AMS perpetual trophy and will be awarded a prize.
- 11.4. The Racing Division winners on ORC will have their inscription added to the ORC perpetual trophy and will be awarded a prize.
- 11.5. The Cruising division winner will receive a prize.
- 11.6. Trophies will be presented at the presentation event. Perpetual trophies shall remain in the SYC Clubhouse for display in the trophy cabinet.

12. 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.

13. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

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. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Participants are welcome to leave their boat in the SYC marina on Saturday evening via prior appointment with the Waterfront Department (03) 9599 0901.

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