



## J24 VICTORIAN STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

#### 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).
- 1.2. Changes to J24 class rules as described in the Notice of Race (NOR) will apply.
- 1.3. The Two Turn Penalty is changed to One Turn Penalty for breaking rules of Part 2. This amends RRS 44.1.

#### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at:

[https://www.topyacht.com.au/notice\\_brd/notice\\_brd.php?ev=107.107.107.1.1771](https://www.topyacht.com.au/notice_brd/notice_brd.php?ev=107.107.107.1.1771)

#### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day they will take effect, except that any changes to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

#### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole next to the Ken King Centre.
- 4.2. When flag "AP" is displayed ashore, "1 minute is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes in the race signal AP.

#### 5. BRIEFING

Crew briefing will be held at the Regatta Office on Saturday 23 March at 0830.

#### 6. SCHEDULE OF RACING

- 6.1. The regatta will be held on Saturday 23 March and Sunday 24 March 2024.
- 6.2. There will be up to 5 races scheduled on each day.
- 6.3. The warning signal for the first start on each day will be no earlier than 0955.
- 6.4. Subsequent races will be started as soon as practicable after the completion of the previous race.
- 6.5. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1430.
- 6.6. There will be no resails after Sunday 24 March 2024.

#### 7. CLASS FLAGS

J24 Class Flag will be a White flag with the J24 Class Insignia.

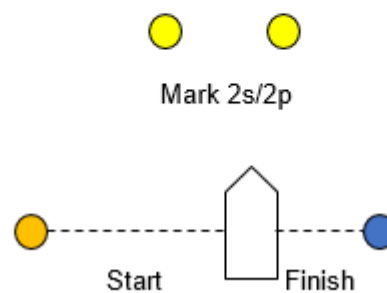
#### 8. RACING AREAS

Racing will be conducted on Port Phillip to the West of SYC.

#### 9. THE COURSES

- 9.1. The diagram below shows the courses and the order in which marks are to be passed.

- 9.2. No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee signal vessel may display the approximate compass bearing of the windward mark for the first leg.



- 9.3. Courses will be advised by flying the appropriate numeral pennant below the Class Flag.

| Course No | Course Configuration                                      |
|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| 1         | Start – 1 – 1a – Finish                                   |
| 2         | Start – 1 – 1a – 2P/2S – 1 – 1a – Finish                  |
| 3         | Start – 1 – 1a – 2P/2S – 1 – 1a – 2P/2S – 1 – 1a – Finish |

## 10. MARKS

- 10.1. Mark 1, 1a & 2P/2S will be yellow inflatable buoys.
- 10.2. Mark 1a will be an offset mark approximately 50 metres from Mark 1.
- 10.3. Marks 1, and 1a shall be rounded to Port.
- 10.4. The Start mark will be an orange inflatable buoy or a boat displaying an Orange Flag on a staff.
- 10.5. The Finish mark will be a blue inflatable buoy.
- 10.6. The change mark will be a yellow inflatable buoy with a black band.
- 10.7. On any course where a mark is shown as a gate, if there is only one mark in place, it shall be rounded to Port.

## **11. THE START**

- 11.1. To alert boats that a race will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least five minutes before the warning signal is made. Competitors should keep a listening watch on VHF Ch 77 for the Race Committee's intentions
- 11.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and the port-end starting mark or a boat displaying an Orange Flag on a staff.
- 11.3. A crowding mark may be laid adjacent to the Race Committee Boat. When laid, boats approaching the line to start shall leave the crowding mark on the same required side as the Race Committee Boat
- 11.4. A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after their starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

## **12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 12.1. To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 12.2. When changing the course, if mark 1 is moved, mark 1a will not be laid.

## **13. THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee Boat and at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end finishing mark.

## **14. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

- 14.1. Race time limit – 90 minutes
- 14.2. Mark 1 time limit – 30 minutes
- 14.3. Race target time – 45 minutes
- 14.4. If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the time limit the race may be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 14.5. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

## **15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 15.1. Protest forms are available at the boating office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.2. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the time limit expiry or the Race Committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 15.3. Notices will be posted on the Online Notice Board no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 15.4. Notices of protests by the Race Committee, Technical Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 15.5. Breaches of SIs 14, 19.2, 21, 22, 23 and 24, will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 15.6. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

## **16. PENALTIES**

When the Protest Committee decides that a boat that is a party to a protest has broken a rule it shall disqualify her per RRS 64.2, unless the rule broken is one of the class rules

listed in Attachment 1, for which the applicable percentage scoring penalty is prescribed therein, calculated in accordance with RRS 44.3 (c).

## **17. ARBITRATION**

- 17.1. Appendix T will apply.
- 17.2. The arbitrator may be a member of any subsequent Protest Committee or may observe and give evidence to a Protest Committee.

## **18. SCORING**

- 18.1. The Low Point scoring system, Appendix A of the RRS will apply.
- 18.2. Three (3) completed races are required to constitute a series.
- 18.3. When fewer than 6 races are competed, each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with no exclusion.
- 18.4. When 6 or more races are competed, each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with one exclusion.
- 18.5. Performance Handicap System (PHS) results will be decided by application of the Time Correction Factor (TCF). 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).

## **19. SAFETY**

- 19.1. All competitors are reminded that they are responsible for their own personal safety, as per RRS 1.2, irrespective of signals made or not made.
- 19.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

## **20. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 20.1. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- 20.2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **21. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

On the water, a boat can be instructed by a member of the Race Committee or the Technical Committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection. Ashore, equipment may be inspected or measured at times specified in the class rules, the notice of race, or within 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the Race Committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

## **22. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

- 22.1. Boats shall remain in the water from 2100 on Friday 22 March until the completion of the racing.
- 22.2. The Race Committee may approve a written request for a boat to be hauled out at any time provided it is satisfied that this is required for essential repairs. Haul-out approval is only to facilitate work that could not have been done afloat.
- 22.3. The Race Committee may approve a written request for a boat to be launched later than 2100 on Friday 22 March provided it is satisfied that this is for genuine reasons.

## **23. PLASTIC POOLS AND DIVING EQUIPMENT**

Underwater breathing apparatus, closed plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats from 2100 on Friday 22 March until the completion of the regatta.

## **24. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 24.1. 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.

- 24.2. Boats shall maintain a listening watch on VHF Ch 16 and designated race frequency VHF Ch 77. Boats may transmit on VHF radio to communicate in the event of an emergency or upon retiring from a race or at the request of the Race Committee.

## **25. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 25.1. 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.
- 25.2. Attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental **Rule 3, Decision to Race: The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.**
- 25.3. 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.

## ATTACHMENT 1 — Penalties for Breaking Some Class Rules

| CLASS RULE                                 | INFRINGEMENT                                                                                                                                                                | SCORING PENALTY |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| B.3                                        | A copy of the Measurement Certificate and the Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment (Rule 3.7.3) are to be kept aboard the yacht one or both items are not on board. | 20%             |
| C.4                                        | Advertising does not conform to the restrictions                                                                                                                            | 20%             |
| C.9.4 and C.9.5                            | Mainsail is set outside of the limit marks                                                                                                                                  | 20%             |
| C.5.1(a)(1)                                | Two bailing buckets of minimum capacity 9 liters each fitted with a lanyard are not on board.                                                                               | 40%             |
| C.7.2(a)(9)                                | Approved compass device is not present or not functional                                                                                                                    | 20%             |
| C.5.1(a)(4)                                | The throwable lifesaving device and attached sea anchor not on deck and ready for use.                                                                                      | 40%             |
| C.5.1(a)(5)                                | First aid kit is not on board                                                                                                                                               | 20%             |
| C.5.1(b)(1)<br>C.5.1(a)(2)<br>C.5.2(a)(10) | Any of anchors(s), outboard motor/engine, battery or engine fuel container(s) are not in their proper location and secured against movement                                 | 20%             |
| C.7.3(a)(11)                               | Elastic (shock) cord is used in the standing or running rigging where it is not specifically allowed                                                                        | 20%             |
| C.5.3                                      | The stowage of required or optional equipment other than unbagged sails on the cabin sole over the keel.                                                                    | 20%             |
|                                            | The removal of the rudder from the water when the Sailing Instructions stipulate that the boat shall remain afloat for the duration of the regatta                          | 20%             |

If a boat receives one of the above penalties, the protest decision will include whether the same penalty can or will be applied to subsequent infringements. The protest decision may also specify that the boat cannot be protested again under the same class rule for a time period specified by the Protest Committee.