



The Commodores Challenge 2024

Notice of Race

The Organising Authority for this Regatta is the Sandringham Yacht Club Inc.

The Commodore's Challenge will be held at Sandringham Yacht Club (SYC) on Sunday 19 May 2024.

SYC Commodore, Sue Bowes, invites Commodores from selected clubs around Port Phillip to nominate a team of 4 – 5 females to represent their club.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS). The Prescriptions and Special Regulations (SR) of Australian Sailing (AS) and Sailing Instructions (SI's).
- 1.2 While afloat, competitors shall wear a personal flotation device (PFD) secured in accordance with its instructions and complying with the standard required by AS. RRS rule 40 is changed so that it applies at all times while racing, without the need for display of the Y flag.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 Entry is limited to a maximum of eight entries (including Sandringham Yacht Club). The Commodore of each participating club must nominate a team of 4 – 5 females to represent their club. The method used to choose each team is up to each Commodore. Each sailor must be a financial member of the Club that is placing the entry.
- 2.2 Entries will be accepted up to 1700, Friday 10 May 2024. Clubs may enter by filling out the entry form [here](#).
- 2.3 There will be no entry fee for the Commodore's Challenge.
- 2.4 Through the submission of your entry form, you agree that if in the case of any damage to the J70s, you may be liable up to \$1,000 (insurance excess). A deposit is not required but by submitting the entry form you agree to these terms and conditions.

3. RACE FORMAT

- 3.1 All races will be sailed in One Design J70s. The format will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions. All races will be sailed as fleet races.

4. SCHEDULE

Saturday 18 May 2024	Training Day Slot 1 (optional)	1000-1230
	Training Day Slot 2 (optional)	1300-1530
Sunday 19 May 2024	Boat Rigging	0800-0845
	Information Session & boat draw	0845
	First Warning Signal	1000
	Presentation	Approximately 1700

- 4.1 Saturday 18 May 2024 will be used as a training day. This is not compulsory but the option to take a J70 out for a practice session is being made available to all entering teams. A member of the Sandringham Yacht Club Boating Academy will also be available to answer questions on the day.
- 4.2 The J70s can be booked between 1000 to 1230 or 1300 to 1530 for training. If you would like to organise a time on Saturday 18 May 2024 to train, please email boating@syc.com.au to arrange this. Training allocations will be available to entered teams on a first come, first served basis.

5. PROGRAM

- 5.1 The Warning Signal for the first race of the day is as nominated above, with subsequent races to follow as soon as practical after the completion of the prior race.
- 5.2 No warning signal will be made after 1700.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available online from no later than 1700, Wednesday 15 May 2024.

7. RACING AREA

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

8. COURSES

Courses will be as described in the Sailing Instructions.

9. SCORING

Scoring will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

10. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 10.1 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 not available to all boats.
- 10.2 Boats shall carry a VHF radio. 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.
- 10.3 Teams are required to provide their own VHF radio.
- 10.4 The designated race frequency is VHF Ch 77.

11. MEDIA

- 11.1 By participating in the event, competitors grant to the Organising Authority and their sponsors, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the athlete during the period of the competition without compensation.
- 11.2 Boats may be required to carry cameras/sound equipment as specified by the Organising Authority.

12. PRIZES

- 12.1 Presentation will be held upstairs at SYC at the conclusion of racing on Sunday 19 May 2024. Commodores, race officials, competitors and their families and friends are invited to attend the presentation.

13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 13.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 3, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

14. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

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