



Mercedes-Benz
Brighton



Sunday Sailors

SANDRINGHAM YACHT CLUB Inc.

NOTICE OF RACE

Sunday Sailors Winter Series 2024

The Organising Authority is Sandringham Yacht Club Inc.

Sandringham Yacht Club Inc. (SYC) invites entries for the Mercedes-Benz Brighton Sunday Sailors Winter Series to be sailed on Sundays from April to September 2024.

1. RULES

- 1.1. All races will be governed by the Rules as defined in the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), Prescriptions and Special Regulations (SR) of the Australian Sailing (AS) and SYC Sailing Instructions (SI's).
- 1.2. All persons on board shall be either a member of SYC or comply with SYC's Day Membership requirements through the Sail Pass Scheme.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. Entry is open to all monohull keelboats that comply with SR Part 1 category 6 and have lodged their Man Overboard (MOB) compliance declaration and SR Equipment Audit form.
- 2.2. a) A Man Overboard compliance declaration (including the strongly recommended use of a water rescue training dummy for MOB recovery which has been carried out after 1 September 2023), must be lodged with the SYC Boating Office prior to a boat's first race of the season, whichever is later.

b) The SR Equipment Audit form signed by the person in charge must be lodged with the SYC Boating Office prior to a boat's first race of the season. This form is valid for 12 months from the date of submission or date of completed Audit, whichever is later.

These forms are available on the SYC website at www.syc.com.au/safety or from the SYC Boating Office.

- 2.3. Eligible boats may enter via www.syc.com.au/on-water/keelboat-racing/online-entry/. Casual entries will be accepted up to 1600 on the Saturday preceding the race.
- 2.4. Late casual entries may be accepted in the Boating Department up to 0900 on the race day subject to payment of double the normal entry fee.

3. ENTRY FEES

- 3.1. The entry fee is waived for all SYC members.
- 3.2. The entry fees for non-SYC members are:
Series entry: \$55.00
Casual entry: \$15.00
- 3.3. There will be no refund of casual entry payments for boats that subsequently apply for Series entry, nor any reduction in the Series entry fee.

4. RACE FORMAT

- 4.1. All races in the Series will be tower start, club courses around fixed marks, pursuit start.
- 4.2. The default format is “no extras” as defined in the Sailing Instructions, however boats may elect to fly a Spinnaker by:
 - a) advising the Race Officer by VHF channel 77, prior to their preparatory signal; and
 - b) starting at a later time as nominated in CI 6 below.

5. RACE PROGRAM

Race	Date	Race	Date	Race	Date
1	7 April	2	21 April	3	5 May
4	19 May	5	2 June	6	16 June
7	30 June	8	14 July	9	28 July
10	11 August	11	25 August	12	8 September

- 5.1. The Warning Signal for each race will be made at 0925.
- 5.2. The number of races scheduled is 12 of which 4 must be completed to constitute a Series.
- 5.3. There will be no re-sails on subsequent days.

6. HANDICAPS

- 6.1. Non-spinnaker and spinnaker handicaps will be allocated by the Race Committee for each race.
- 6.2. Boats that elect to fly spinnakers by complying with requirements of CI 4.2 shall start at the later Spinnaker Handicap start time.
- 6.3. Handicaps for each day’s racing will be available at the Ken King Centre Notice Board from 0900 on the day of the race.
- 6.4. Boats that fly a spinnaker without complying with CI 4.2 and CI 6.2 may be scored DNF without a hearing. This amends RRS 63.1.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The SYC Sailing Instructions are available from the SYC Office and from the SYC website. The first copy for each boat is issued free but a fee will be charged for additional copies.

8. RACING AREA

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

9. COURSES

Courses will be as described in the SYC Sailing Instructions.

10. SCORING

- 10.1. Each boat's Series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst scores for 25% of races to the nearest lower whole number. This amends RRS A2.
- 10.2. RRS A5.3 applies.
- 10.3. Boats that have sailed as casual entries that subsequently convert to Series entry will not be scored in the Series for races sailed prior to submission and payment of Series entry fee.

11. PRIZES

- 11.1. Prizes will be awarded to the boats placing first, second and third in each race of the Series. These will be presented in the Clubhouse after each race.
- 11.2. An additional prize for start of the day will be presented to the boat(s) calculated as starting closest to its allocated start time.
- 11.3. The winner of the Series will be awarded a memento trophy.
- 11.4. The following perpetual trophies will be awarded:
 - 11.4.1. **SUNDAY PLATE:** to the boat having the lowest combined score based on their placings in the Winter and Summer Sunday Series.
 - 11.4.2. Ties will be broken in favour of the boat with the lower score of the sum of final placings in each Series treated as a Series under RRS A2 with no exclusions, with the Summer Series taken as the second race of the Series.

12. DISCLAIMER

- 12.1. 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 their equipment.
- 12.2. 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.**
- 12.3. 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.

13. 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 for boats flying spinnakers.

14. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information may be obtained from the SYC Office:

Telephone: (03) 9599 0922 Email: boating@syc.com.au Website: www.syc.com.au