



Mercedes-Benz
Brighton 

Saturday Racing

SANDRINGHAM YACHT CLUB Inc.

Mercedes-Benz Brighton

'ROUND THE STIX' 2024 WINTER SERIES

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority is the Sandringham Yacht Club Inc.

Sandringham Yacht Club Inc. (SYC) invites entries for the 2024 Mercedes-Benz Brighton Saturday 'Round the Stix' Winter Series to be sailed from May until September 2024 on Port Philip off Sandringham.

1. RULES

- 1.1. All races will be governed by the rules as defined in World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), Prescriptions and Special Regulations of the Australian Sailing (AS) and SYC Sailing Instructions (SI).
- 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 5 and have lodged their Man Overboard (MOB) compliance declaration and SR Equipment Audit form.
- 2.2. Eligible boats shall enter via www.syc.com.au/keelboat-racing/online-entry/ Boats may enter for all handicap and rating systems as part of the entry. Casual entries will be accepted up to up to one hour before the race.
- 2.3. 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.

3. ENTRY FEES

3.1. The entry fee is waived for all SYC members.

3.2. The entry fee for non-SYC members are:

Series entry: \$125.00

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.

3.4. A boat's entry covers all handicaps and ratings.

4. RACE FORMAT

4.1. All races are sailed as fleet races with a separate mass start for each division.

4.2. All Aggregate races will be 'boat start, club courses', with the start in the vicinity of SYC 4 unless otherwise stated in a Notice to Competitors.

5. RACE PROGRAM

Race No.	Date	First Warning Signal	Race No.	Date	First Warning Signal
1	4 May*	1155	2	18 May	1325
3	1 June	1325	4	15 June	1325
5	29 June	1325	6	13 July	1325
7	27 July*	1155	<i>Resail</i>	<i>3 August</i>	1325
8	10 August	1325	9	24 August	1325
10	7 September	1325			

*The number of races scheduled for Alan Shiels Memorial Trophy is 2 (Race 1 and 7), of which 1 must be completed to constitute a Series.

5.1. The number of races scheduled for the Series is 10, of which 4 must be completed to constitute a Series.

5.2. A race that has been abandoned may be re-sailed on Saturday 3 August 2024.

5.3. Boats will be advised of races to be re-sailed by SMS, Member Point app, on the SYC website and/or by a Notice to Competitors by 1700 on Tuesday before the resail day.

5.4. There will be no resails after Saturday 7 September 2024.

6. HANDICAPS and RATINGS

- 6.1. Performance Handicaps (PHS) will be allocated by the Race Committee for each race, and adjustments made in line with YV Performance Handicap Rules.
- 6.2. AMS ratings will be those issued by the Rating Authority (YRSA) and current at 0600 on the day of the race.
- 6.3. ORC ratings (International and Club) will be those issued by the Rule Authority (AS) and current at 0600 on the day of the race.
- 6.4. AMS non-spinnaker or Two-Handed ratings shall not be used.
- 6.5. A boat without a valid rating will be scored DNC for that race in that division.
- 6.6. The Race Committee may make corrections to handicaps or ratings at any time. This changes RRS Rule 78.

7. DIVISIONS

- 7.1. Boats shall race in divisions assigned by the Race Committee, according to their start of season performance handicap as follows:

Division A	PHS 0.830	and above	Code Flag W
Division B	PHS 0.829	and below	Code Flag E
Double-Handed	All		

- 7.2. Boats whose handicap falls within +/-20 point range of the division break points may choose, prior to the first race, and subject to approval of the Race Committee, the division in which they will sail for the rest of the season.
- 7.3. Boats wishing to race on AMS or ORC rating only, shall start with the performance handicap division appropriate to their PHS handicap.
- 7.4. Boats assigned to Group "K" by the Race Committee shall sail and be scored as a part of the appropriate PHS division. Their divisional flag will be that of the division in which they are entered. The Group "K" eligibility criteria and assigned boat list will be posted on the Notice Board.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1. SYC Sailing Instructions are available from the SYC Boating Office and are available on the SYC website. The first copy for each boat is issued free but a fee will be charged for additional copies.
- 8.2. Notice to Competitors may be issued on the day of racing. These will be posted on the official notice board and will be available online before the race.

9. RACING AREA

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

10. COURSES

Courses will be as described in the SYC Sailing Instructions.

11. SCORING

- 11.1. All races will be scored in AMS, ORC and PHS unless noted otherwise.
- 11.2. RRS A5.3 applies.
- 11.3. Each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score/s for 30% of races to the nearest lower whole number. This changes RRS Rule A2.
- 11.4. Alan Shiels Memorial Trophy will be scored as a series consisting of two races with no exclusions on performance handicap only, as indicated in Clause 5 above, with RRS Rule A8.2 amended so that the points for the place for which the boats have tied and for the place(s) immediately below shall be added together and divided equally.
- 11.5. Attendance at Major Championships
 - 11.5.1 A boat that intends to compete in an AS sanctioned national or state championship, or any other race that the Race Committee may nominate as a significant race, may, not less than seven days prior to the event, apply in writing to the Race Committee to receive average points for the Club Aggregate race(s) missed.
 - 11.5.2 The approval for the award of average points will be at the sole discretion of the Race Committee and is not subject to request for redress. The average points will only be awarded to boats that actually compete in the designated race(s). A delay of boat works, transport or other non-racing events will not be grounds for obtaining average points.
 - 11.5.3 The missed race(s) will be scored by allocating average points of all races sailed in the series, rounded up to the nearest 0.1 point. This averaging will apply to scoring for Aggregate races only.
- 11.6. For a handicap or rating division to be scored there must be a minimum of 4 entries in that division.
- 11.7. When Group "K" racing is abandoned for a Series race 1 or 2, Group "K" boats will be scored by allocating average points of the next 2 sailed races, rounded up to the nearest 0.1 point. When Group "K" racing is abandoned for later Series' races, they will be scored by allocating average points of all races sailed to date, rounded up to the nearest 0.1 point.
- 11.8. 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.

12. PRIZES

- 12.1. Prizes will be awarded for first place in each race in each handicap and rating division. These will be presented in the Clubhouse after each race.
- 12.2. Series winners will have their inscriptions added to the respective perpetual trophies and will be awarded a memento trophy. Perpetual trophies shall remain in the clubhouse for display in the trophy cabinet.
- 12.3. Alan Shiels Memorial Trophy will be awarded based on scores calculated in Clause 11 for performance handicap in Divisions A and B.

13. ADDITIONAL SAFETY ITEMS

- 13.1. **Group K:** In the event of a need to signal Group “K” Boats independent of the division in which they sail then the appropriate flags will be flown over the “K” flag. This could apply in the event of unsuitable weather conditions where group “K” racing is abandoned by flying the “N” over “A” over “K” flags.

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 their 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. 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.

16. 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