



SANDRINGHAM YACHT CLUB Inc.

NOTICE OF RACE

Wednesday Wonders Winter Series 2024

The Organising Authority is Sandringham Yacht Club Inc.

Sandringham Yacht Club Inc. (SYC) invites entries for the Noorden Property Wednesday Wonders Winter Series to be sailed 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 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 <https://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 1200 on the race day.
- 2.4. For a boat to be eligible for the Century Class division, the age of the skipper and the age of the yacht must add up to at least 100 years as at the date of the race.

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:	\$100.00
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 pursuit start "no extras" as defined in the Sailing Instructions.
- 4.2. Races will be tower start, club courses.

5. RACE PROGRAM

Race	Date	Race	Date	Race	Date
1	3 April	2	10 April [#]	3	17 April
4	24 April [*]	5	1 May	6	8 May [#]
7	15 May	8	22 May	9	29 May [*]
10	5 June	11	12 June [#]	12	19 June
13	26 June [*]	14	3 July	15	10 July [#]
16	17 July	17	24 July	18	31 July [*]
19	7 August	20	14 August [#]	21	21 August
22	28 August [*]	23	4 September	24	11 September [#]
25	18 September	26	25 September [*]		

^{*}Denotes a Century Class race

[#]Denotes Female Helm

- 5.1. The Warning Signal for each race will be made at 1325.
- 5.2. The number of races scheduled is 26 of which 9 must be completed to constitute a Series.
- 5.3. The number of Century Class races scheduled is 6 of which 2 must be completed to constitute a series.
- 5.4. A Century Class race will be held on the last Wednesday Wonders race of each month. If a scheduled Century Class race is abandoned, then the next race will be scored. If the last race of the season is abandoned, this race will not be scored.
- 5.5. A Female Helm race will be held on the second Wednesday Wonders race of each month.
- 5.6. There will be no re-sails on subsequent days.

6. HANDICAPS

- 6.1. Handicaps will be allocated by the Race Committee for each race.
- 6.2. Handicap listings will be available at the Ken King Centre before each race.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions are available from the SYC Office and 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 Sailing Instructions.

10. SCORING

- 10.1. For the Wednesday Wonders Series, each boat's Series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score/s for 50% of races to the nearest lower whole number. This changes RRS A2.
- 10.2. RRS A5.3 applies.
- 10.3. For the Century Class division, each boat's Series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 10.4. 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. A prize will also be awarded to the highest placed Century Class boat on an allocated Century Class race day. 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 winners of the Series and the Century Class division will be awarded a memento trophy.
- 11.4. The following perpetual trophies will also be awarded:
 - 11.4.1. MISTY BLUE TROPHY: to the boat having the lowest averaged time closest to her allocated start for the number of races scored in the Series. A boat that has not started in the required number of the races will be given a start time of 1 minute for the races not started.
 - 11.4.2. SHEBESSA SHIELD: to the boat having the lowest combined score based on their placings in the Winter and Summer Series.
 - 11.4.3. CENTURY CLASS: to an eligible boat in the Century Class division with the lowest Series score in the Wednesday Wonders Winter Series Century Class.

12. DISCLAIMER

- 12.1. All those taking part in races conducted by Sandringham Yacht Club 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).

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