



# **2024 SYC J70 FLEET RACING REGATTA**

**SATURDAY 20 & SUNDAY 21  
JULY 2024**

**NOTICE OF RACE**

**Revision 1**

The Organising Authority is the Sandringham Yacht Club Inc. Sandringham Yacht Club (SYC) invites entries for the 2024 SYC J70 Fleet Racing Regatta, to be conducted on Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 July 2024.

## 1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. Races will be umpired as described below under the Penalty System.
- 1.3. The J70 class rules will apply.
- 1.4. 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. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available by 1700 on Thursday 18 July on the regatta page at <https://syc.com.au/syc-j70-fleet-racing-regatta/>.

## 3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The Official Noticeboard will be located online at: <https://syc.com.au/syc-j70-fleet-racing-regatta/>
- 3.2. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. Competitors will be responsible for providing their own VHF radio.

## 4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. Entry is open to SYC members only. Competitors must be current annual members of SYC to be eligible to compete.
- 4.2. Skippers must be aged 18 years of older. Should a member under the age of 18 years wish to skipper a team, permission must be sought via email to the SYC Boating Office on [Boating@syc.com.au](mailto:Boating@syc.com.au). A decision will be made based on sailor experience and this decision will be final.
- 4.3. There are no age restrictions on crew.
- 4.4. Members may enter a team of four to five sailors by completing the entry form at <https://syc.com.au/syc-j70-fleet-racing-regatta/>, which will be available from 1700 on Sunday 7 July 2024. Teams will be required to enter their skipper and crew details including name and SYC member number.
- 4.5. There will be a maximum of eight entries accepted for this event and these will be accepted in order of receipt.
- 4.6. Should there be more than eight teams interested, a waitlist will apply. If an accepted team withdraws their entry, teams on the waitlist will be accepted based on order of receipt.
- 4.7. If there is excessive demand for entries, SYC will investigate options to hold additional regattas at a later date with this event, being hosted on Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 July, becoming a Qualifier Event, along with an additional one or more event(s). The top team(s) from each qualifying event will then be invited to compete in a Final Event. A date for any additional Qualifying Event(s) and the Final Event will be notified before the commencement of racing on Saturday 20 July.
- 4.8. **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.**

## 5. FEES

There are no entry fees.

## 6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1. Teams must consist of four to five sailors.
- 6.2. There will be no change of skipper permitted.
- 6.3. Crew may be substituted but only with prior approval from the Race Committee. Crew substitutions must be submitted to the SYC Boating Office on [Boating@syc.com.au](mailto:Boating@syc.com.au).

## 7. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

- 7.1. Racing will be short course umpired fleet racing.
- 7.2. Each race is sailed between four provided one-design J70 boats.
- 7.3. Each race is 12-15 minutes. Teams will rotate as the event progresses ensuring all teams sail as many times as practical.

- 7.4. Teams are allocated to a boat in a race using the draw which will be published before the first warning signal of the first day of racing.
- 7.5. The Regatta will consist of a Qualifying Series & a Final Series. At the end of the Qualifying Series the top four placed boats qualify for the Final Series. The highest placed boat in the Qualifying Series starts the Final Series with one win. The first boat to win two races in the Final Series is the winner of the Regatta.
- 7.6. The Race Committee may change the format, terminate or eliminate any flight or race, when conditions or the remaining time scheduled do not permit the completion of the intended format.

## **8. SCHEDULE**

- 8.1. There will be a competitor briefing at 0830 on both days.
- 8.2. The first warning signal will be no earlier than 1000 on both days.
- 8.3. The last warning signal will be no later than 1700 on Sunday 21 July 2024.
- 8.4. Prize giving will take place as soon possible after racing has concluded.

## **9. VENUE**

Racing will be conducted in Port Phillip, off the SYC Clubhouse.

## **10. COURSES**

Courses will be of windward/leeward nature as described in the Sailing Instructions.

## **11. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 11.1. Where a boat takes a voluntary penalty under RRS 44 as a result of a valid protest from another boat for a breach of one or more rules of Part 2, or rule 31 or 42 in an incident while racing, the Two Turn penalty is changed to a One-Turn Penalty.
- 11.2. An umpire may penalise a boat for a breach of sportsmanship, a rule of Part 2 or Rules 31, 42 or 69 by signalling the boat with a whistle and red flag.
- 11.3. A boat penalised by an umpire shall complete a Two-Turn penalty in accordance with RRS 44.
- 11.4. A boat that fails to take a penalty signalled by an umpire will be scored DSQ without a hearing. This changes rules 35, 63.1, A5.1 and A5.2.
- 11.5. Umpires may signal with a green and white flag where they saw an incident and no rule was broken, where they did not see the entire incident or for any other reason where it is not possible to impose a penalty.
- 11.6. If there is not a valid protest for an incident between boats, the umpires are less likely to initiate a penalty.

## **12. SCORING**

Scoring will be specified in the Sailing Instructions.

## **13. BERTHING**

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the marina.

## **14. RISK STATEMENT**

- 14.1. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks.
- 14.2. By way of entry in the Regatta, competitors shall indemnify the Organising Authority, their officers, members, servants and agents in respect to all claims and demands of whatever nature (such as loss of life or personal injury and all other possible claims) which may be made upon them in connection with or howsoever arising from their participation or intended participation in the Regatta.

## **15. PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded to the top three placed teams.

## **16. FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact the SYC Boating Office:

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