



2024 SYC J70 MATCH RACING REGATTA

**SATURDAY 17 & SUNDAY 18
AUGUST 2024**

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority is the Sandringham Yacht Club Inc. Sandringham Yacht Club (SYC) invites entries for the 2024 SYC J70 Match Racing Regatta, to be conducted on Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 August 2024.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Rules of Sailing* including Appendix C.
- 1.2. The rules for the handling of boats will apply. Class rules will not apply.
- 1.3. 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. EVENT GRADING

This event will be an un-graded event.

3. 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-match-racing-regatta/>.

4. COMMUNICATION

- 4.1. The Official Noticeboard will be located online at: <https://syc.com.au/syc-j70-match-racing-regatta/>
- 4.2. 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.

5. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 5.1. Entry is open to SYC members only. Competitors must be current annual members of SYC to be eligible to compete.
- 5.2. Skippers must be aged 18 years or 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. A decision will be made based on sailor experience and this decision will be final.
- 5.3. There are no age restrictions on crew.
- 5.4. Members may enter a team of four to five sailors by completing the entry form at <https://syc.com.au/syc-j70-match-racing-regatta/>, which will be available from 1700 on Sunday 14 July 2024. Teams will be required to enter their skipper and crew details including name and SYC member number.
- 5.5. 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.
- 5.6. There will be a maximum of eight entries accepted for this event and these will be accepted in order of receipt.

6. FEES

There are no entry fees.

7. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 7.1. Teams must consist of four to five sailors.
- 7.2. There will be no change of skipper permitted.
- 7.3. 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.

8. EVENT FORMAT

- 8.1. Each race is sailed using the provided one-design J70 boats.
- 8.2. The event will consist of the following stages:
 - 8.2.1. Stage 1 – Full Round Robin
 - 8.2.2. Stage 2 – Semi-Finals
 - 8.2.3. Stage 3 – Final
- 8.3. The RC may change the format, terminate any stage of the event when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of matches under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled. Early stages may be terminated in favour of later stages.
- 8.4. 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.

9. SCHEDULE

- 9.1. There will be a competitor briefing at 0830 on both days.
- 9.2. The first warning signal will be no earlier than 1000 on both days.
- 9.3. The last warning signal will be no later than 1700 on Sunday 18 August 2024.
- 9.4. Prize giving will take place as soon possible after racing has concluded.

10. VENUE

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

11. COURSES

Courses will be as described in the Sailing Instructions.

12. BERTHING

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

13. RISK STATEMENT

- 13.1. 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.
- 13.2. 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.

14. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the top three placed teams.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the SYC Boating Office:

Email: Boating@syc.com.au

Phone: 9599 0999