



2024 SYC J70 FLEET RACING REGATTA

**SATURDAY 20 & SUNDAY 21
JULY 2024**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Noticeboard 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. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Ken King Centre flag pole.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. There will be a competitor briefing at 0830 on both days.
- 5.2. The first warning signal will be no earlier than 1000 on both days.
- 5.3. The racing will be conducted in a Qualifying and Finals series.
- 5.4. The regatta will consist of a Qualifying Series followed by a Final Series. At the end of the Qualifying Series up to four teams qualify for the Final Series. The winner of the Final Series is the winner of the regatta.
- 5.5. Qualifying Series:
 - 5.5.1. The Qualifying Series will consist of teams racing in two Groups (A & B) with the top four teams at the conclusion of the Qualifying Series progressing to the Final Series.
 - 5.5.2. Teams may be regrouped at the discretion of the OA at the conclusion any race or at the end of each qualifying round.
 - 5.5.3. Teams will be allocated to Groups and to a boat prior to racing.
 - 5.5.4. The Race Committee may change the format, terminate or eliminate any race, when conditions or the remaining time scheduled do not permit the completion of the intended format.
 - 5.5.5. The Qualifying Series may be ended after any race.
- 5.6. Final Series:
 - 5.6.1. The Final Series will consist of the top four teams from the Qualifying Series.
 - 5.6.2. Teams will be allocated a boat for the Final Series. There will be no rotation.
 - 5.6.3. The top ranked Team from the Qualifying Series is granted one win at the start of the Final Series.
 - 5.6.4. Teams will race until one Team has two wins, which concludes the event.
 - 5.6.5. If the Final Series is not completed, results will be determined based on the Qualifying Series.
 - 5.6.6. The Race Committee may change the format, terminate or eliminate any race, when conditions or the remaining time scheduled do not permit the completion of the intended format.
- 5.7. The last warning signal will be no later than 1700 on Sunday 21 July 2024.

6. CLASS FLAGS

The class flag will be a yellow flag.

7. RACING AREA

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

8. COURSES

- 8.1. The diagram in Addendum A shows the course.
- 8.2. All marks shall be rounded to port.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. Marks 1 & 2 will be yellow inflatable marks.
- 9.2. The Start/Finish mark will be an orange inflatable mark.
- 9.3. The change of course mark will be a yellow mark with a black band.

10. THE START

- 10.1. RRS 26 is changed so that races shall be started as follows:

Signal	Flag	Sound	Minutes before starting signal
Warning	Class flag displayed	1 sound	3
Preparatory	P flag displayed	1 sound	2
One-minute	P flag removed	1 long sound	1
Starting	Class flag removed	1 sound	0

- 10.2. The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel and the start pin mark.
- 10.3. A boat that does not start within 3 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.

12. THE FINISH

The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the committee vessel and the finish pin mark.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1. 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.
- 13.2. 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.
- 13.3. A boat penalised by an umpire shall complete a Two-Turn penalty in accordance with RRS 44.
- 13.4. 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.
- 13.5. 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.
- 13.6. If there is not a valid protest for an incident between boats, the umpires are less likely to initiate a penalty.

14. TIME LIMITS

- 14.1. The target time for each race is approximately 10 - 15 minutes.
- 14.2. A team that does not finish within 5 minutes after the first boat has finished will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35 and A5.

15. SCORING

- 15.1. The format of the Qualifying Series is set out below:
 - 15.1.1. The Qualifying Series will consist of teams racing in two Groups (A & B) with the top four teams at the conclusion of the Qualifying Series progressing to the Final Series.
 - 15.1.2. Teams may be regrouped at the discretion of the OA at the conclusion of each round.
 - 15.1.3. RRS Appendix A Low point system will be used for all races of the Qualifying Series. DNC, DNS, OCS, DNF, DNE, RET, DSQ all score points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats scheduled in that race. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
 - 15.1.4. Three races are required to be completed by all competitors in order to constitute a valid Qualifying Series.
 - 15.1.5. Each team's score will be the total of all their race scores. In the event that a Group or Groups have competed in less races than other Group(s) at the conclusion of a Round, the teams in the Group with lesser races shall be awarded average points for the missing races. Such that at the conclusion of each Round and the conclusion of Qualifying, all teams shall have their score based on the same number of races.
 - 15.1.6. The top four (based on lowest score) will proceed to the Final Series.
- 15.2. The format for the Final Series is set out as below;
 - 15.2.1. The Final Series will consist of a minimum of one race & a maximum of four races. The Final Series will be complete when a boat has scored two first places.
 - 15.2.2. The winner of the Final Series is the first Team to win two races.
 - 15.2.3. The top ranked Team from the Qualifying Series is granted one win at the start of the Final Series.
 - 15.2.4. RRS Appendix A Low point system will be used for all races of the Final Series. DNC, DNS, OCS, DNF, DNE, RET, DSQ all score points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats scheduled in that race. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
 - 15.2.5. Each team's score will be the total of their race scores. This changes RRS A2.1.
 - 15.2.6. If at the end of the Final Series there is a tie between two or more Teams, the tie will be broken by ranking the Teams in order of their scores in the Qualifying Series. If a tie still remains, the tie will be broken using the scores of the last race of the Final Series. If a tie still remains, it will stand as the result of the Final Series. This changes RRS A8.
- 15.3. If a team is unable to start a race because the OA cannot supply a boat for them, the team will have an average score for this race, according to RRS A9 (b). This changes RRS A4 & A5.
- 15.4. The overall placings for the event will be:
 - 15.4.1. Places 1st through 4th: the placings from the Final Series; and,
 - 15.4.2. Places 5th & thereafter: the placings from the Qualifying Series

16. SUPPLIED BOATS

Boats will be supplied by the organising authority. See SI Addendum B for rules.

17. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the top three placed teams.

18. RISK STATEMENT

- 18.1. 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.
- 18.2. 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.

SI ADDENDUM A



Start - 1 - 2 - 1 - Finish

SI ADDENDUM B

BOATS SUPPLIED BY THE ORGANISING AUTHORITY

B1 BOATS

- B1.1 Boats will be supplied for all competitors, who shall not modify them or cause them to be modified in any way except that
- a) a compass may be tied or taped to the hull or spars;
 - b) wind indicators, including yarn or thread, may be tied or taped anywhere on the boat;
 - c) adhesive tape may be used anywhere above the water line; and
 - d) all fittings or equipment designed to be adjusted may be adjusted, provided that the class rules are complied with. This does not include rig adjustments which will be pre-set and shall not be adjusted.
- B1.2 All equipment supplied with the boat for sailing purposes shall be in the boat while afloat.
- B1.3 The penalty for not complying with one of the above instructions is disqualification from all races sailed in which the instruction was broken.
- B1.4 Competitors shall report any damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the organising authority's representative immediately after securing the boat ashore. The penalty for breaking this instruction, unless the protest committee is satisfied that the competitor made a determined effort to comply, is disqualification from the race most recently sailed.
- B1.5 Class rules requiring competitors to be members of the class association do not apply.