



SANDRINGHAM YACHT CLUB Inc.

NOTICE OF RACE

J/70 ONE DESIGN SPRINT SERIES SUMMER 2024-2025

The Organising Authority is Sandringham Yacht Club Inc.

Sandringham Yacht Club Inc. (SYC) invites entries for the Summer J/70 One Design Sprint Series to be sailed from November 2024 until April 2025.

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), relevant Class Association rules 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 membership scheme.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. Entry is open to J/70 keelboats that comply with SR Part 1 category 6 and have lodged their Man Overboard (MOB) compliance declaration and SR Equipment Audit form.
 - 2.1.1. 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 2024), must be lodged with the SYC Boating Office prior to 31 October 2024 or a boat's first race of the season, whichever is later.
 - 2.1.2. 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.

- 2.2. Eligible boats may enter via the web at <https://syc.com.au/on-water/keelboat-racing/online-entry/> Casual entries must be lodged with the SYC office by 1600 on the day preceding the race. Late casual entries may be accepted subject to payment of double the normal entry fee.

3. ENTRY FEES

- 3.1. The entry fee is waived for all SYC members.
- 3.2. The entry fees for non-SYC members are:
 - Block Entry \$65.00
 - Casual (day) 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 are sailed as fleet races.
- 4.2. Races will be 'boat start, laid courses'.

5. RACE PROGRAM

5.1. J/70 Series

Race Day	Date	Race Day	Date
1	23 November	2	21 December
3	15 February 2025	4	15 March
5	12 April		

- 5.1.1. The Warning Signal for the first race of the day will be no earlier than 1355 for race day 3 and 1425 for all other race days, with subsequent races following on as soon as practicable. The target is for 3 to 4 races per day, each approximately 30 minutes in duration.
- 5.1.2. The time limit for each race is the earlier of 60 minutes, or the elapsed time of the first boat plus 25%, rounded up to the next whole minute. Expiry of the time limit for the race may be announced on VHF Ch 77.
- 5.1.3. No warning signal will be made after 1630.
- 5.1.4. There will be no resails on subsequent days.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

SYC Sailing Instructions are available from the SYC Boating Office. The first copy for each boat is issued free but a fee will be charged for additional copies.

7. RACING AREA

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

8. COURSES

- 8.1. Courses will be as described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 8.2. Courses will be of short windward-leeward configuration.

9. SCORING

- 9.1. RRS A5.3 applies.
- 9.2. Each boat's Series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score/s for 20% of completed races to the nearest lower whole number. This changes RRS A2.
- 9.3. Five (5) completed races are required to constitute a Series.
- 9.4. 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 the series entry fee.

10. PRIZES

- 10.1. Prizes will be awarded to the boat of the day based on the overall score of all races sailed on that day without exclusion.
- 10.2. Series winners will be awarded a memento trophy.

11. DISCLAIMER

- 11.1. 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 its equipment.
- 11.2. 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.**
- 11.3. 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.

12. 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.

13. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information may be obtained from the SYC Office as follows:

Telephone: (03) 9599 0999 Email: boating@syc.com.au Webiste: www.syc.com.au