



J24 Australian Championship 2025

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority is the Sandringham Yacht Club Inc.

Sandringham Yacht Club Inc. (SYC) invites entries for the 2025 J24 Australian Championship, to be sailed on Port Phillip off Sandringham, Victoria from 7 – 11 January 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 of Australian Sailing (AS), and the Sailing Instructions (SI).
- 1.2. J24 Class Rules will apply (except as altered by the Sailing Instructions or this Notice of Race).
- 1.3. A National Jury may be appointed for under RRS 70.5.

2. ALTERATION OF CLASS RULES

The rules of the International J24 Class are changed as follows:

- 2.1. Where a boat deviates from the rules of measurement on hull and rigging, such deviation may be considered legal when a class measurer is satisfied that the item in question is "as supplied by the licensed builder at the time of manufacture". The measurement certificate shall be endorsed appropriately by the class measurer.
- 2.2. Class rule C.2.1(b) is changed as follows: A boat may sail with different crew on different days provided the crew changes are declared at registration. The number of declared crew shall remain the same throughout the regatta. Crew changes not declared at registration require advance written approval of the Race Committee and will only be approved in exceptional circumstances.
- 2.3. Class rule C.10.2 is changed as follows: A boat may carry one Mainsail, one Genoa, one Jib and two (2) Spinnakers on-board while racing. The use of Spinnakers is subject to Class Rule J.2.

3. ADVERTISING

All competitors may be required to display the regatta sponsor's name/logo. The Class Association will supply these items and they shall be affixed and/or worn as prescribed in the Sailing Instructions.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

The Australian Championship is open to boats of the International J24 Class that comply with class rules and that fulfil the following requirements.

- 4.1. All competitors shall be members of a Club affiliated with Australian Sailing and an Australian J24 State Association. For clarity, those who are SOLELY members of the Australian SailPass program shall be ineligible to enter the regatta.

- 4.2. The helmspersons nominated on the 'Entry Form' will be deemed to be the person in charge of the boat and no change of helmsperson shall be made without written consent of the Race Committee.
- 4.3. Eligible boats must submit entries online at: www.syc.com.au/j24-nationals/

5. ENTRY FEES

- 5.1. Normal entry fee: \$550.00
- 5.2. Late Entry: \$650.00 for entries received after 1700 on Friday 13 December 2024

6. REGISTRATION & MEASUREMENT

Registration and crew weigh in will be conducted in the Regatta Office located on the ground floor of the northern area of the main clubhouse on Tuesday 7 January 2025 from 1000 to 1600.

- 6.1. The Organising Authority or J24 National Association representative may conduct measurement and inventory checks of competing yachts at any time, before, during and after racing. All Victorian boats must have their boats weighed prior to the regatta during the weighing days to be announced at SYC. **All interstate boats should expect to be subject to similar checks on arrival at SYC.**
- 6.2. Alternate arrangements may be considered at the Measurers sole discretion.
- 6.3. Unmeasured sails shall be presented for measurement at SYC prior to 1200 on Tuesday 7 January 2025. All Victorian boats shall arrange for their sails to be measured prior to this date. Measurement days will be announced prior to the regatta.
- 6.4. Boats may be checked for race weight before entry into the water. All up minimum racing weight is 1330kg.
- 6.5. Each boat shall lodge with the Organising Authority a valid measurer's certificate issued and validated by the State Measurer **by Friday 13 December 2024 for standard entry**. Registration for the regatta shall be contingent upon this submission. Further information will be provided with guidance for those who are not in possession of the measurement certificate for their boat.
- 6.6. Each boat shall hold and lodge **at registration (or beforehand via TopYacht)** with the Organising Authority a current Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment for the International J24 Class and a certificate of currency for insurance as per clause 16.

7. RACE FORMAT

- 7.1. The format will be boat start, laid course fleet races.
- 7.2. The Regatta will be a wet Regatta, and all boats must be in the water before 1800 on Tuesday 7 January 2025. Any exception must be approved in writing by the Organising Authority.
- 7.3. Mooring overnight in the SYC marina is available at no charge from 7 – 11 January 2025.

8. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and in accordance with the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available online on the Regatta website at <https://syc.com.au/j24-nationals/> by 1700 on Friday 3 January 2025.

10. RACING AREA

Racing will be conducted on Port Phillip off Sandringham Yacht Club.

11. COURSES

Courses will be as described in the Sailing Instructions.

12. RACE PROGRAM

12.1. A crew briefing will be held at the Ken King Centre at 0830 on Wednesday 8 January 2025.

12.2. No more than four races will be sailed on one day.

12.3. Any change of schedule will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

Day	Date	First Warning Signal
Day 1	Wednesday 8 January	No earlier than 1030
Day 2	Thursday 9 January	No earlier than 1030
Day 3	Friday 10 January	No earlier than 1130 (note AGM planned for 0830)
Day 4	Saturday 11 January	No earlier than 1030

12.4. No warning signal will be made after 1530 on Saturday 11 January 2025.

12.5. There will be no resails after Saturday 11 January 2025.

13. SCORING

13.1. The Low Point scoring system, Appendix A of the RRS will apply.

13.2. Ten (10) races are scheduled of which four (4) completed races are required to constitute the regatta.

13.3. If five (5) or fewer races are completed, each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

13.4. If six (6) to ten (10) races are competed, each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

13.5. Performance Handicap System (PHS) results will be decided by application of the Time Correction Factor (TCF). The PHS TCF will be allocated by the Race Committee and may be recalculated between races and will not be subject to request for redress. This changes RRS 61.1 (a).

14. PRIZES

14.1. Results and prizes will be announced after racing on Saturday 11 January.

14.2. Prizes will be awarded for boats placed first to third overall and first to third on Performance Handicap (PHS).

15. SAFETY

15.1. Boats shall comply with the Safe Transport Victoria requirements, the Australian Sailing Special Regulations Equipment for Category 6 and the J24 Class Rules. A Notice to Competitors will be issued detailing the portable equipment boats are required to carry.

15.2. All portable equipment is to be carried on board and noted on the boats Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment.

15.3. A Safety declaration shall be lodged by marking the applicable box on the online entry.

15.4. The safety declaration will not remain valid unless the boat, together with its safety equipment, is maintained in accordance with the requirements of this safety category.

15.5. All boats shall carry a working waterproof VHF radio capable of operating at least on channels 16, 67, 71, 73 and 77.

16. INSURANCE

All competing yachts shall have public liability insurance with racing endorsement for an amount of not less than Ten Million Dollars (AUD 10,000,000).

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 17.1. All those taking part in races conducted by SYC do so at their own risk and responsibility. SYC, the Australian J24 Class Association and the Victorian J24 Class Association are not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.
- 17.2. 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.
- 17.3. Competitor attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rules 3 and 4.

18. WORLD TITLE QUALIFICATION

Qualifications for World Titles is subject to Appendix A of this document and is at the discretion of the Australian National J24 Class Association.

19. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 19.1. Organised social events will be advised.
- 19.2. Additional information will be published periodically at:
 - J24 Nationals Regatta page www.syc.com.au/j24-nationals
 - J24 Australian page j24.com.au
- 19.3. The Annual General Meeting of the J24 Association of Australia will be held on Friday 10 January 2025 at 0830 in the SYC Auditorium.
- 19.4. Trailer and car parking
 - 19.4.1. Road trailers used to transport interstate boats to and from the regatta may be stored at the Sandringham Yacht Club for the duration of the event.
 - 19.4.2. Each interstate boat will be provided with parking for one vehicle in the SYC member's carpark during the event. An access "key" will be required, subject to the payment of a refundable bond.
 - 19.4.3. Car parking for Victorian members (boat owners and crew) will be subject to the normal rule of access at SYC. Paid car parking is available in the Council carparks in Jetty Road or in nearby streets for those without SYC carpark access.
- 19.5. Key contact details are as follows:

Name	Role	Phone	Email
SYC	SYC Boating Office	03 9599 0922	Boating@syc.com.au
Megan Aulich	J24 Victoria President	0401 369 667	megaulich@gmail.com
Adam Keyes-Tilley	J24 Victoria Past President	0419 554 649	adam@cdc.net.au
Hugo Ottaway	J24 Australia Measurer	0448 155 000	insailawnings@hotmail.com
Steve Wright	J24 Australia President	0438 327 012	sjwright01@bigpond.com

APPENDIX A

Australian National J24 Class Association

2025 World Championship Qualification

It is understood there is considerable interest from J24 members to participate in the 2025 World Championships in Plymouth. In accordance with the IJCA rules and requirements, the Australian National J24 Class Association (NJCA), wishes to clarify the process for allowing nominations for selection to this event.

The NJCA will use the 2025 Australian Championships to determine the eligibility for selection to the 2025 J24 World Championship. The NJCA has gained approval from the IJCA Executive Committee to hold this qualifying event in the same calendar year as the World Championships.

The NJCA has determined Australia is entitled up to 8 places at the World Championship in accordance with IJCA Regatta Regulations for World Championships. Helmspersons must be nominated by their NJCA and be registered members of the NJCA of the country they represent.

Under rule 18.6d, an invitation to participate in the World Championships will also be provided to the current National Champion as an automatic qualifier. This invitation cannot be passed to another helmsperson and is not counted in the 8 above.

Additional spaces are also available for one all-female crew and one for an under 25 years crew. (All youth crew members shall be under 25 years of age on the first day of World Championship racing.) The National Committee will use its discretion for entry, should an all-female and/or under 25-years crew wish to be nominated for selection.

The qualifying helmsperson is the person who starts, finishes, and steers in all races in the qualifying event. Invitations to participate in the World Championships, can be provided to the helmspersons of the first 8 scratch placings in the 2024 Australian Championships. If the nominated helmsperson is unable to attend the World Championships, the qualification place will be passed to the next helmsperson until all 8 nominations are filled. These nominations will be at the NJCA committee's discretion.

To be fair to all members, all nominated helmspersons are required to provide a deposit of \$1000 to be placed in trust within 6 weeks of the completion of the Australian Championships. This deposit is to be refunded to the helmsperson only on their entry to the 2025 World Championships. In the event that the helmsperson decides they will be unable to attend the World Championship by 30 March 2025, a formal written notification is to be provided to the J24 National Committee. It will be at the discretion of that Committee to determine if the deposit is to be refunded.

In the event that the nominated helmsperson decides not to go after the 31 March 2025, this deposit will be forfeited and go to the next available skipper wanting to go, (who will be starting with a time and financial disadvantage for accommodation, boat charter etc.) Should there not be another helmsperson wanting to go by April 30, 2025, the deposit will be returned to the original helmsperson. Unallocated returned deposits will be shared between nominated helmspersons deciding not to go.