



# J/70 Australian National Championship 2025

13-18 January 2025

The Organising Authority is Sandringham Yacht Club (SYC) in conjunction with the J/70 Australia Class Association (J70ACA).

## NOTICE OF RACE

The notation [DP] in a rule in the NOR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking this rule.

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by:
  - the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and Prescriptions of Australian Sailing
  - the rules and regulations of the J/70 One Design class
  - the Australian Sailing Special Regulations.
- 1.2 Boats must comply with the Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1 Category 7 requirements and carry all Safety Equipment specified by the J/70 Class and local State legislation.
- 1.3 World Sailing's Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) [DP]
- 1.4 The current International J/70 Class Association (IJ70CA) Class Rules (J70CR) including Part III, Sections I.3 (Outside Assistance), and I.4 (Corinthian Division). [DP]
- 1.5 Bow numbers pursuant to IJ70CA J/70 Equipment Regulations (J70ER) Appendix A are required to be fitted for this regatta
- 1.6 The Organizing Authority (OA) will include the Vakaros Atlas 2 RaceSense as required equipment for this event. Each boat shall either provide a working Atlas 2 at registration for configuration with RaceSense, or an Atlas 2 will be provided by the OA for a fee.
  - A set of instructions about the use of the electronic device can be found on the event web page here: <https://syc.com.au/j70-nationals/> and will also be posted on the Official Notice Board.
  - Those needing to rent an Atlas 2 for the event can do so here: <https://syc.com.au/j70-nationals/>
- 1.7 If there is a conflict between rules or regulations, other than the RRS, then the Sailing Instructions will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.8 A National Jury, may be appointed in accordance with the Australian Sailing prescriptions to RRS 70.5(b). Its decisions will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

### 2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising shall only be displayed in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA from the close of registration through the end of the event.

### 3 ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 3.1 The event is open to all boats of the J/70 Class holding a valid Manufacturer's Declaration.
- 3.2 All boats shall have a valid AS Special Regulations Category 7 Equipment Audit form.
- 3.3 All skippers and crew shall be financial members of the J/70 Australia Class Association.
- 3.4 All boats competing shall be registered with the J/70 Australia Class Association for the 2024-25 season.
- 3.5 Entries, payment of the applicable fees and lodging entry documentation shall be made online at <https://syc.com.au/j70-nationals/>
- 3.6 The J/70 Australia Class Association have produced a Pre-Regatta Checklist, skippers are required to complete the checklist, including declaring the J/70 International Class Association royalty number for all sails to be used for the series, and submit as part of final registration.
- 3.7 Entries close at 1700 Monday 13 January 2025.

#### 4 CATEGORISATION

- 4.1 In accordance with RRS 79 Categorization, the World Sailing Sailor Categorization Code will apply (see J70CR C.3.1(b) and J70CR C.3.2).
- 4.2 Each crew member of a competing boat shall obtain a World Sailing sailor classification code. Inability to provide a WS classification code for all members of the crew at registration will automatically categorise that boat as a non-Corinthian competitor.

#### 5 FEES

- 5.1 The regatta entry fee is \$800.00.
- 5.2 The Fee for hire of Race Sense Atlas 2 is \$30 AUD per day.
- 5.3 The entry fee includes berthing for competing J/70s at SYC from 13-19 January 2025.

#### 6 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 6.1 A maximum of eleven (11) races are scheduled with up to four (4) races sailed each day.

#### 7 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 7.1 No Warning Signal will be made after 1500 on 18 January 2025.

Schedule of Events:

Dates	Event	Timing
Sunday 12 January	Measurement	On appointment with Boating Office
Monday 13 January	Hardstand open, berthing available	0900
Monday 13 January	Registration & Measurement	0900 – 1700
Tuesday 14 January	Registration	0800 – 1000
Tuesday 14 January	Competitor briefing	1200
Tuesday 14 January	Practice race	1400
Wednesday 15 January	First Warning	1200
Thursday 16 January	First Warning	1200
Friday 17 January	First Warning	1200
Saturday 18 January	First Warning	1000

#### 8 REGISTRATION & MEASUREMENT

- 8.1 All boats shall produce:
- a valid J/70 Class Manufacturer's Declaration,
  - a completed measurement and sails declaration form (or IJ70CA Class Rules Certification Form), which will be provided by the OA shortly before and at the event site.
- 8.2 No later than the close of registration (see NOR 7), all skippers and crew shall:
- be listed on the event's online entry list;
  - be members of the J/70 Australia Class Association
- 8.3 No later than the close of registration (see NOR 7), each boat shall:
- provide a copy of a valid and current J/70 Class Manufacturer's Declaration-see J70CR A.10 and J70CR C.5.2(a)(10);
  - provide valid and current written evidence of insurance as required by NOR 23;
  - provide a copy of current and valid AS Special Regulations Category 7 Equipment Audit Form.
  - provide completed and signed J/70 Regatta Check-in Form. This form is available on the event website.
  - complete all required equipment inspection items as directed by the OA and J70ACA pursuant to the J70ER.

#### 9 INSPECTION [DP]

- 9.1 Boats, sails and equipment may be inspected at any time during the event.
- 9.2 Prior to the event, all boats must obtain (and have with the boat at all times) a valid and current Manufacturer's Declaration. Owners should contact the IJ70CA Class Office well prior to the event with any questions and/or to arrange for a Manufacturer's Declaration.
- 9.3 It is the intention of the IJ70CA to check the Manufacturer's Declaration compliance, weight and template boats, conditions permitting.

- 9.4 All sails to be used in the event may be inspected for compliance with the J70CR, the J70ER, and the ERS. IJ70CA issued sail royalty numbers to be recorded on the J/70 Regatta Check-in Form.
- 9.5 Bow numbers and any sponsor stickers will be assigned and supplied by the OA and shall be affixed to each boat prior to the first warning signal; these shall be retained on both sides of the hull throughout the event. This rule shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. See J70ER 6. This change is added to RRS 60.1(a). [NP]
- 9.6 RRS 78.1 is in effect from the close of registration until the end of the event. Sails and required equipment shall not be removed from a boat without the prior written consent of the event Race Committee.

## **10 REPLACEMENT OF CREW, SAILS OR EQUIPMENT**

- 10.1 Substitution of crew or the replacement or repair of sails or required equipment will require the prior written consent of the event Race Committee pursuant to J70ER 10.

## **11 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 11.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available from 1200 on Monday 6 January 2025 from the regatta webpage.

## **12 VENUE**

- 12.1 Races shall be conducted on Port Phillip off Sandringham Yacht Club as per Appendix 1.

## **13 COURSES**

- 13.1 The courses shall be windward/leeward as described in the Sailing Instructions.

## **14 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 14.1 The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 shall be a One Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe in the same direction) except that for infringements within the Zone, as defined in the RRS, the penalty shall be a Two Turns Penalty (two tacks and two gybes in the same direction). This changes RRS 44.1.

## **15 ARBITRATION**

- 15.1 RRS Appendix T shall apply.

## **16 SCORING**

- 16.1 The Low Point System, RRS Appendix A, will be used.
- 16.2 In addition to penalties at the time of the incident in accordance with rules 44.1 and 44.2, boats may also take a 30% Post Race Penalty in accordance with RRS Appendix T by notifying the OA.
- 16.3 Three (3) races are required to constitute a series.
- 16.4 When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 16.5 When six (6) races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **17 SUPPORT BOATS [DP]**

- 17.1 Visiting coach or support vessels may be berthed at SYC for the duration of the regatta by prior application with the Boating Office and subject to availability. Additional fees may apply. All boats must register here: <https://syc.com.au/j70-nationals/>.
- 17.2 Coaches and support boats must remain well away from the start area, the course area and racing areas (at a minimum of 100m) from the time of the first warning signal each day until racing has concluded for the day.
- 17.3 Competitors shall have no communication with boats and boats shall not be tied to coach or support boats from the first warning signal each race day until racing has been concluded for the day.
- 17.4 Support boats shall make themselves available at all times while afloat to assist the Race Committee in the case of an emergency or rescue, as directed in person by the relevant race officer, or via VHF Radio or as signalled by the flying of code flag V on the start boat. Refer to RRS 37.
- 17.5 Support vessels shall be identified whilst on the water by means to be specified in the SI's.

## **18 BERTHING**

- 18.1 Competing boats shall be berthed at SYC from the close of registration (NOR 7) until the conclusion of the event.
- 18.2 Any visiting boat/s wishing to berth outside of the above-mentioned times must apply in writing to [boating@syc.com.au](mailto:boating@syc.com.au) and receive written approval. Additional fees may apply.
- 18.3 No boat trailers of any description are allowed in any SYC car parking facility, or the hardstand area without prior written approval. Trey Bit reserve will be available for car parking and trailer storage.
- 18.4 Competing boats shall be kept in their assigned places as directed by the OA when either afloat or ashore.
- 18.5 Underwater breathing apparatus, closed plastic pools or their equivalent, the use of dehumidifiers or electric fans of any type shall not be used around boats while they are afloat.



## **19 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

- 19.1 All competing boats shall be afloat by the close of registration (see NOR 7).
- 19.2 Competing boats shall not be hauled out and shall not remove their rudders or lift their keels from the time they are launched following their inspection until the end of the event except with, and according to, the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

## **20 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 20.1 All boats shall carry a marine band VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting Marine VHF channels. The radio shall be switched on at all times and tuned to the correct race committee frequency. The race committee intends to monitor VHF channel 77 and communicate race information to competitors. [DP]
- 20.2 Boats are required to use the VHF radio to report retirement from racing and may use the radio to request assistance in an emergency. No other transmissions are permitted by competing boats during each racing day from their warning signal until the completion of their race. The only exception to this rule is digital transmissions to and from Race Sense transponders.

## **21 PRIZES**

- 21.1 A prizegiving ceremony will be held as soon as possible after completion of racing on Saturday 18 January.
- 21.2 The J/70 National Championship perpetual trophy will be awarded to the overall winner.
- 21.3 Trophies will be awarded in the Open, Corinthian and Youth Divisions depending on entry numbers.
- 21.4 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the J/70 Australia Class Association.

## **22 DISCLAIMER**

- 22.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race, which states "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." 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.
- 22.2 All those taking part in races conducted by SYC do so at their own risk and responsibility. SYC, the Australian J/70 Class Association and the Victorian J/70 Class Association are not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.

## **23 INSURANCE**

- 23.1 All boats competing shall be covered by current Third-Party Property Liability Insurance and Third Party Personal Liability Insurance of not less than \$10,000,000 (ten million) for each incident. All insurance cover shall be maintained for the period of racing.

## **24 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS**

- 24.1 In participating in this event, a competitor automatically grants to the OA the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the event without compensation.

## **25 FURTHER INFORMATION**

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APPENDIX 1 – APPROXIMATE RACING AREA

