



SANDRINGHAM YACHT CLUB Inc.

QUEENSLAND YACHT CHARTERS

WOMEN IN SAILING CHALLENGE

NOTICE OF RACE

Summer Series 2008-2009

The Organising Authority for this series is the Sandringham Yacht Club Inc.

Sandringham Yacht Club Inc. (SYC) invites entries for the Queensland Yacht Charter Women in Sailing Challenge 2008-2009 Summer Series to be sailed on Sundays from October to April off Sandringham. This series is staged with co-operation of Royal Brighton Yacht Club.

1. RULES

All races will be governed by the current rules as defined in the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing, (RRS), Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Yachting Australia (YA) Part 1 and current SYC Sailing Instructions.

1.1 Membership Requirements

YA prescriptions to Rule 46 and Rule 55 apply to this Series.

SYC has introduced a complying Day Pass Membership to enable skippers and crew to meet their RRS obligations.

It shall be the responsibility of the person in charge of the boat to ensure that all crew on board for each race comply with these rules.

2. ADVERTISING

RRS Rule 79 - the Series is classified as ISAF Category C.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

Entry is open to all monohull keelboats that comply with the requisite safety category and have lodged an appropriate Safety Compliance Declaration (SCD).

Eligible boats may enter by completing a Series or Casual Entry form and sending it with the prescribed fee to the SYC office. . Boats may enter all handicap systems as part of the entry fee.

Each eligible boat shall not exceed the maximum number of male crew as determined by the table below. There is no prescribed minimum number of male crew. A male crew member shall not occupy a key position of helmsperson, foredeck hand or mainsail trimmer.

Total Crew Number	Maximum Number of Male Crew
3 or less	0
4	1
5 to 7	2
8 or more	3

4. **ENTRY FEES**
 Series Entry: \$75.00
 Casual Entry: \$18.00

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.

5. **RACE FORMAT**
 All races in the Series shall be sailed as fleet races. Races may be '*boat start, laid courses*'; '*boat start, club courses*' or '*tower start, club courses*'

6. **RACE PROGRAM**

Race Day	Date	Format	Course	Start Time
1	12 th October	Boat start (multiple races)	Windward/ Leeward	1030
2	9 th November	Boat start (multiple races) (RBYC)	Windward/ Leeward	1030
3	7 th December	Boat start (multiple races) (RBYC)	Windward/ Leeward	1030
4	8 th February	Boat start (multiple races)	Windward/ Leeward	1030
5	22 nd March	Tower start	Passage Race	1030
6	5 th April	Boat start (multiple races)	Windward/ Leeward	1030

Where there is more than one start on any race day the subsequent start/s will commence as soon as practicable after the completion of the prior race.

The number of race days scheduled is 6 of which 3 race days shall be completed to constitute a series.

7. **HANDICAPS**
 Performance (YV) handicaps for each race will be allocated by the Race Committee

Boats scoring in the AMS and/or IRC divisions shall have a valid rating issued by YV/YA.

8. **DIVISIONS**
 There shall be one starting division for all boats entered.

Code flag W indicates this event.

Backstay flag shall be pink.

9. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**
 SYC Sailing Instructions are available from the SYC Office and will apply on all race days except race days 2 and 3,
 RBYC Sailing Instructions are available from the RBYC Office and will apply on race days 2 and 3.

Supplementary Sailing Instructions (SSI) may be issued on the day of racing. These may include a day sheet with handicap listing, special starting instructions, and will be available at the Ken King Centre before the race. They may also be posted on the SYC web site.

10. **RACING AREA.**
 The races will be conducted on Port Phillip, in the vicinity of Sandringham Yacht Club and Royal Brighton Yacht Club

11. **COURSES**
 Courses will be as described in the Sailing Instructions or in the SSI's.

12. SCORING

Scoring of races will be in accordance with the RRS Appendix A using the Low Point Scoring system.

For a handicap division to be scored in the series there shall be a minimum of 5 entries.

For a handicap division to be scored in a race there must be a minimum of 3 starters in that division.

Where multiple races are held on a day, the performance handicap will be adjusted between races.

Each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score/s for 25% of the completed races to the nearest lower whole number. This changes RRS A2.

13. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the first placed boat in each handicap division on each race day of the series (that is, the boat with the lowest combined score on the day) in the clubhouse after racing.

The series prize will be awarded to first placed boat in the performance division. The series winner will have their inscription added to the perpetual trophy and will be awarded a memento trophy. Trophies will be presented at the end of the series. Perpetual trophies shall remain in the clubhouse for display in the trophy cabinet.

A BBQ will be held at SYC Ken King Centre after the last race on 5th April 2009 for a nominal fee.

14. SAFETY

The safety category applicable to this series is YA Category 6.

Boats shall have submitted a valid Safety Compliance Declaration (SCD). A SCD lodged from 1st October of a given year will remain valid until 30th October the following year.

The SCD will not remain valid unless the boat and safety equipment is maintained in accordance with the requirements of the relevant safety category.

15. INSURANCE

All competing yachts shall have public liability insurance for an amount of not less than Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000).

16. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

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