



NOTICE OF RACE

SYC AUSTRALIA DAY WEEKEND "ROUND THE STIX" RACE

Sandringham Yacht Club (SYC), as Organising Authority (OA), invites owners and charterers of eligible boats to apply for entry to this race, to be conducted by Sandringham Yacht Club Inc, on the waters of Port Phillip off Sandringham on Saturday 28th January 2012

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The Prescription and Special Regulations of YA Part 1 Category 6, the IRC rules, the AMS rules, this Notice of Race (except as any of these are changed by the Sailing Instructions) and the Sailing Instructions will apply.
- 1.3 Membership Requirements - YA prescriptions to Rule 46 and Rule 55 apply to this regatta. SYC has introduced a complying day pass membership to enable skippers and crew to meet their RRS obligations. It will be the responsibility of the person in charge of the boat to ensure that all crew on board for each race comply with these requirements.
- 1.4 RRS 50.3 - for the purposes of this rule an asymmetrical spinnaker tack line is not a sheet. Asymmetric Spinnakers may be flown from fixed or movable bowsprits or from spinnaker poles.
- 1.5 RRS Rule 50.4 will not apply. A spinnaker is defined as a sail set forward of the foremost mast with half width (measured as a spinnaker) greater than 75% of the foot. Any other sail tacked down forward of the foremast is a headsail.
- 1.6 RRS Rule 52 Manual Power will not apply.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The event is open to all single hulled boats that comply with the required safety category.
- 2.2 SYC registered boats with a Series entry in the 2011/12 Summer Saturday Series, Wednesday Wonders, Twilight Racing, One Design Sprint Series, S38 Ullman Series or

Sunday Sailors shall register their entry via the web at www.syc.com.au/keelboat-racing/online-entries/ before 1200 on Wednesday 25th January. These entries are free of charge.

2.3 Eligible boats from other clubs or not entered via 3.2 above may enter via the web at www.syc.com.au/keelboat-racing/online-entries/ before 1200 on Wednesday 25th January.

2.4 Boats may enter all rating and handicaps for the one entry fee of \$20.00. There will be no refund of entry fees for any reason.

2.5 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee up to 1200 on Saturday 28th of January on payment of additional late fee of \$20.00

2.6 Entry fee does not include berthage.

3 RACE FORMAT

3.1 The race will be sailed as a fleet race with a separate mass start for each division. Starts will be a tower start. Courses will be around fixed SYC marks with a tower finish.

4 HANDICAPS AND RATINGS

4.1 AMS ratings will be those issued by the Rating Authority (YV) and current at 1200hrs on the Friday before the race.

4.2 IRC ratings will be those issued by the Rule Authority (YA) and current at 1200hrs on the Friday before the race.

4.3 Performance event handicaps (EHC) will be allocated by the Race Committee for the race.

4.4 The Race Committee may make corrections to handicaps and ratings at any time. This changes RRS 78.

5 DIVISIONS

5.1 Boats shall race in divisions according to their allocated EHC handicap with an indicative split as follows:

- Division A – EHC above 0.850, class flag A
- Division B – EHC of 0.850 and below, Class flag B
- Bluebirds – Class flag D
- Beneteau 25's – Class Flag W

5.2 The break points and divisions are INDICATIVE only. The organising authority may alter, amalgamate or divide any division. The organising authority may cancel any division if fewer than four (4) entries have been received by the closing date. In this event, boats that have entered will have the option of transferring to another division (if eligible) or having their entry fee refunded.

5.3 List of entrants and divisional break points will be posted on the notice board at SYC and on the SYC Web site no later than 15:00pm Friday January 27th 2012.

5.4 Boats wishing to race on AMS or IRC rating only shall start with the YV handicap division appropriate to their EHC handicap

6 PROGRAM

6.1 First warning signal will be at 1225 on Saturday 28th January 2012

6.2 No warning signal will be made after 1500 on Saturday 28th January 2012

6.3 There will be no resails on subsequent days

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 The current SYC Sailing Instructions 2009-2012 will apply to this event.

7.2 Amendments to these sailing instructions for the purpose of this regatta will be posted on the SYC website on or before Saturday 28th January 2012.

8 RACING AREA

8.1 Races will be conducted on Port Phillip off SYC

9 COURSES

9.1 Courses will be SYC Tower start/finish, as described in the SYC sailing instructions

10 SCORING

10.1 Scoring System will be in accordance with the RRS Appendix A, using the Low Points Scoring System (Para A.4). This amends RRS A1.

10.2 For a handicap or rating division to be scored there must be a minimum of 4 entries in that division, and a minimum of 3 starters.

11 RADIO COMMUNICATION

11.1 Except in an emergency, a boat will neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

12 PRIZES

12.1 Prizes will be awarded for first place in each division/rating and will be presented in the Clubhouse after each race:

13 SAFETY

13.1 The safety category applicable to this regatta is YA Category 6.

13.2 Each boat shall have submitted to their own club a declaration of safety compliance, valid for the period of the race, and has met the club's safety requirements . The safety declaration will not remain valid unless the boat, together with its safety equipment, is maintained in accordance with the requirements of the relevant safety category

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15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

15.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

16 INSURANCE

16.1 Each participating boat will be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD5Million per event.

17 FURTHER INFORMATION

17.1 Further information may be obtained from the SYC Office:

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