



SANDRINGHAM YACHT CLUB Inc.

BRIDGE CONSULTING AND WORLDWIDE TICKETING

WOMEN IN SAILING CHALLENGE

NOTICE OF RACE

Summer Series 2011-2012

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

Sandringham Yacht Club Inc. (SYC) invites entries for the Bridge Consulting and Worldwide Ticketing Women in Sailing Challenge 2011-2012 to be sailed on Sundays from October to April off Sandringham and Brighton. This series is staged with the 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) and SYC Sailing Instructions, unless noted otherwise.

1.1 Membership Requirements

YA prescriptions to Rule 46 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.

1.2 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.

1.3 RRS 50.4

RRS Rule 50.4 shall 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.

1.4 RRS52 MANUAL POWER

RRS52 shall not apply.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

Entry is open to all monohull keelboats that comply with the requisite safety category, have completed their safety compliance declaration and have lodged their Man Overboard compliance form.

Safety declaration shall be lodged by either marking the applicable box on the on-line entry, or by signing the form available from the boating department. A separate Man Overboard compliance declaration must be lodged with the SYC Boating Office and is available on the SYC web site under Keel Boat Racing.

Eligible boats may enter via the web at www.syc.com.au/keelboat-racing/online-entries/,

Boats may enter for all handicap and rating systems as part of the entry fee.

Casual entries will be accepted up to 2400hrs on the Friday preceding the race. Late casual entries maybe accepted in the Boating Department up to 0900hrs on the race day subject to payment of double the normal entry fee. Telephone or radio entries will not be accepted.

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 to 6	1
7 or more	2
Beneteau 7.5	0

Substitution of boats shall not be allowed.

3. ENTRY FEES

Series Entry: \$100.00

Casual Entry: \$25.00

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.

The entry fee covers all handicaps and ratings.

4. RACE FORMAT

All races in the Series shall be sailed as fleet races. Races may be 'boat start, laid mark courses' or 'boat start, fixed mark courses'

5. RACE PROGRAM

Race Day	Date	Host Club	Format	Course	First Warning Signal
1	9 Oct 2011	SYC	Boat start, SYC Tower finish (Single race)	SYC fixed marks	1025
2	13 Nov 2011	RBYC	Boat start and finish (multiple races)	Laid marks, Windward/ Leeward	1025
3	4 Dec 2011	SYC	Boat start and finish (Single Race)	SYC and/or RBYC fixed marks	1025
4	5 Feb 2012	SYC	Boat start and finish (Multiple races)	Laid marks, Windward/ Leeward	1025
5	4 Mar 2012	RBYC	Boat start, RBYC Tower finish (Single race)	RBYC fixed marks	1025
6	1 Apr 2012	SYC	Boat start and finish (Single race)	Laid marks, Windward/ Leeward	1025

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.

There will be no resails on subsequent days.

No warning signal will be made after 1300hrs

6. **HANDICAPS**

Event performance handicaps (EHC) will be allocated by the Race Committee for each race.

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

IRC ratings will be those issued by the Rule Authority (YA) and current at 1200hrs on the Friday before the race. The crew number requirements of IRC Rule 22.4.3 shall not apply.

No alteration to the boat's rating will be permitted after this date and the completion of the race, except as a result of a rating protest, or to correct rating office errors.

A boat without a valid rating will be scored DNS for that race in that division

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

7. **DIVISIONS**

The boats shall race in 2 divisions (Keelboat and Beneteau 7.5's). Depending on entries received, the Organising Authority reserves the right to assign the Keelboat fleet into two divisions – Division 1 and Division 2 – which shall be communicated by way of a Notice to Competitors. If implemented, the allocation of entrants to Divisions 1 and 2 will be at the discretion of the Race Committee, based on starting EHC handicaps.

Beneteau 7.5's will race as One Design, with no handicaps.

Code flags shall be:

Keelboats	Code Flag V
Beneteau 7.5	Code Flag W

If the Keelboat division is split into two divisions, the applicable code flags shall be:

Division 1	Code Flag V
Division 2	Code Flag E

Division identification flags to be flown on the backstays shall be:

Keelboats	Blue Flag
Beneteau 7.5	Pink Flag

If the Keelboat division is split into two divisions, the applicable backstay flags shall be:

Division 1	Blue Flag
Division 2	Orange Flag

This amends SYC SI's CI 11 and 12

8. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

SYC Sailing Instructions are available from the SYC Office and will apply on all race days except race days 2 and 5. The first copy for each boat is issued free but a fee will be charged for additional copies.

RBYC Sailing Instructions are available from the RBYC Office and will apply on race days 2 and 5.

Notice to Competitors may be issued prior to racing and will be available no later than 1600hrs on the day prior to racing. A day sheet with handicap listing will be available at the Ken King Centre and RBYC before the race. These documents may also be posted on the SYC web site.

9. RACING AREA.

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

10. COURSES

Courses will be as described in the Sailing Instructions or in the Notice to Competitors.

11. SCORING

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

For a handicap/rating division to be scored in the series there shall be a minimum of 3 entries.
For a handicap/rating 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 may 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.

12. PRIZES

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

The series winners will have their inscription added to the Doris Little Women in Sailing perpetual trophy and will be awarded a memento trophy.

AMS divisional winner(s) will also have their inscription added to the Worldwide Ticketing perpetual trophy.

IRC divisional winner(s) will also have their inscription added to the Bridge Consulting perpetual trophy

The Beneteau 7.5 series winner will also receive a voucher for the SYC Harbour View restaurant.

Trophies will be presented at the end of the series. Perpetual trophies shall remain in the SYC clubhouse for display in the trophy cabinet.

The series winners will also be entered into a draw for the Worldwide Ticketing series prize, which will be drawn at the series presentation event on Sunday 1st April 2012 at SYC.

13. SAFETY

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

A declaration of compliance with safety requirements and Man Overboard form lodged from 1st October of a given year will remain valid until 31st of October the following year.

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.

14. INSURANCE

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

15. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A presentation lunch will be held at the club house after the last race on 1st April 2012

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

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