



J24 Australian Championships 2022

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority is the Sandringham Yacht Club Inc.

Sandringham Yacht Club Inc. (SYC) invites entries for the J24 Australian Championships, to be sailed on Port Phillip off Sandringham, Victoria from 5 - 9 January 2022.

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. AS prescriptions to Rule 46 apply to this regatta.
- 1.4. The regatta will be held within the Victorian Government's state wide restrictions that are in place at the time and dates of the regatta. This will/may include restricted crew numbers which will be communicated to competitors via a Notice to Competitors. **It is the intention to hold the regatta if a minimum of four or more crew is permitted by the Victorian COVID restrictions.**
- 1.5. All competitors shall comply with the SYC Keelboat racing COVIDSafe Plan, available online at <https://syc.com.au/coronavirus/>. Non-compliance with the requirements of the plan is subject to a protest from the Race Committee. The penalty for non-compliance will be disqualification from the race, and potential cancellation of entry for the remainder of the regatta.
- 1.6. **In the event the Victorian COVID restrictions are not eased in the coming months, the Organising Committee will make a final decision on holding the regatta by 9 December 2021, four weeks prior to the first race.**

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
- 2.4. Class rule C.5.2(B)(1 and 2) are changed as follows: The Organising Authority may arrange for the publishing of races on-line via a GPS tracking system. Boats wishing to be included in this program will be allowed to either:

- 2.4.1. Carry a designated GPS Tracking device which may be hired from the Victorian J24 Class Association
 - 2.4.2. Operate the designated Tracking software on a compatible mobile phone which can transmit GPS data to the system in real time.
 - 2.4.3. No other use of GPS enabled devices will be permitted
- 2.5. Should the maximum number of crew be restricted to four persons, the maximum crew weight shall be altered to 340kg

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. Entry is open to all the J24 yachts skippered and entered by a member of a Club affiliated with Australian Sailing.
- 4.2. All competitors shall be members of a Club affiliated with Australian Sailing and an Australian J24 State Association.
- 4.3. 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.
- 4.4. Eligible boats must submit entries online at: www.syc.com.au/j24-nationals/
- 4.5. Entries after 1700 on Friday 17 December 2021 will be subject to a late entry fee.

5. ENTRY FEES

- 5.1. Normal entry fee: \$495.00
- 5.2. Late Entry: \$595.00 for entries received after 1700 Friday 17 December 2021
- 5.3. **Should the regatta be cancelled due to Victorian COVID restrictions, all entry fees received will be refunded.**

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 Wednesday 5 January 2022 from 0900 – 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. Please contact Warren Campbell on 0418 530 670 for bookings. **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 1600 Wednesday 5 January 2022.
- 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 hold and lodge at registration with the Organising Authority, a current Measurement Certificate issued and validated by the State Measurer, a current Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment for the International J24 Class and a certificate of currency for insurance as per clause 15.

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 Wednesday 5 January 2022. Any exception must be approved in writing by the Organising Authority.
- 7.3. Mooring overnight in the SYC marina is available at no cost from 5 - 8 January 2022.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available online on the Regatta website at <https://syc.com.au/j24-nationals/> by 1700 on Monday 3 January 2022.

9. RACING AREA

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

10. COURSES

Courses will be as described in the Sailing Instructions.

11. RACE PROGRAM

- 11.1. A crew briefing will be held at the Ken King Centre at 0830 on Thursday 6 January 2022.
- 11.2. No more than five races will may be sailed on one day.
- 11.3. Any change of schedule will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 11.4.

Day	Date	Warning Signal
Day 1	Thursday 6 January	No earlier than 1030
Day 2	Friday 7 January	No earlier than 1030
Day 3	Saturday 8 January	No earlier than 1130
Day 4	Sunday 9 January	No earlier than 1030

- 11.5. No warning signal will be made after 1530 on Sunday 9 January 2022.
- 11.6. There will be no resails after Sunday 9 January 2022.

12. SCORING

- 12.1. The Low Point scoring system, Appendix A of the RRS will apply.
- 12.2. Twelve (12) races are scheduled of which six (6) completed races are required to constitute the regatta.
- 12.3. If five (5) or fewer races are completed, each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 12.4. 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.
- 12.5. If eleven (11) or more races are competed, each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 12.6. 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 redress. This changes RRS 62.1 (a).

13. PRIZES

- 13.1. Results and prizes will be announced on 9 January 2022.
- 13.2. Prizes will be awarded for boats placed first to third overall and first to third on PHS.

14. SAFETY

- 14.1. Boats shall comply with the Marine Safety 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.
- 14.2. All portable equipment is to be carried on board and noted on the boats Inventory of required and Optional Equipment
- 14.3. A Safety declaration shall be lodged by marking the applicable box on the online entry.
- 14.4. 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.
- 14.5. All boats shall carry a working waterproof VHF radio capable of operating at least on channels 16, 67, 69, 71, 73 and 77.

15. 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).

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 16.1. 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.
- 16.2. 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.
- 16.3. Competitor attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rules 3 and 4.

17. World Title Qualification

Qualifications for World Titles will be announced by the J24 Australia National Committee prior to the event.

18. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 18.1. Organised social events will advised.
- 18.2. Additional information will be published periodically at:

J24 Nationals Regatta page

www.syc.com.au/j24-nationals

National J24 Class Association website

www.j24.com.au

- 18.3. The Annual General Meeting of the J24 Association of Australia will be held on Saturday 8 January 2022 at 0830 in the SYC Auditorium.

- 18.4. Key contact details are as follows:

Name	Role	Phone	Email
SYC	SYC Boating Office	03 9599 0922	Boating@syc.com.au
Warren Campbell	Vic J24 Association President	0418 530 670	warren@watertite.melbourne
John Neville	Vic J24 Vice President	0407 858 335	John_neville@dataagility.com
Hugo Ottoway	Vic J24 Measurer	0448 155 000	insailawnings@hotmail.com
Andrew Aucamp	Social coordinator	0450 368 341	andrewaucamp@icloud.com
Steve Wright	Incoming National President	0438 327 012	Tintoj24racing@bigpond.com

18.5. Trailer and car parking

18.5.1. 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.

18.5.2. 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.

18.5.3. 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.