



SANDRINGHAM YACHT CLUB

2026 29ER VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

SATURDAY 7 TO MONDAY 9 MARCH 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

The Sandringham Yacht Club (SYC) as the Organising Authority (OA) invites owners of eligible boats to apply for entry to the Championship Regatta to be held on Port Phillip.

'[DP]' – A rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the jury or protest committee.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 2 for Off The Beach Boats.
- 1.2. The class rules of the 29er Class (<https://www.29er.org/resources/technical/>) shall apply.
- 1.3. Appendix T (Arbitration) will apply.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at <https://syc.com.au/29er-victorian-state-championship-2026/> prior to the event.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The Official Notice Board (ONB) is located online at <https://syc.com.au/29er-victorian-state-championship-2026/>.
- 3.2. [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The Event is open to all boats of the 29er class whose crew are financial members of their class association.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter online on the SYC website at <https://syc.com.au/29er-victorian-state-championship-2026/>.

5. FEES

Entry Fee per boat is:

Int. 29er Class	\$190 Early Entry Fee until 2400 Monday 2 March 2026 \$240 Fee for entry from Tuesday 3 March 2026
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6. CREW LIMITATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

All competitors shall hold AS membership and be financial members of a club recognised by AS. Proof of affiliated club membership may be requested prior to and during the Championship.

7. ADVERTISING AND SPONSORS

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

8. SCHEDULE

8.1 The Event schedule will be as follows;

Date	Activity	Location	Time
Saturday 7 March 2026	Registration	Regatta Office	1000 – 1100
	Competitor Information Session	SYC OTB Area	1100
	Racing	Port Phillip	Earliest warning 1255
Sunday 8 March 2026	Competitor Information Session	SYC OTB Area	0900
	Racing	Port Phillip	Earliest warning 1055
Monday 9 March 2026	Competitor Information Session	SYC OTB Area	0900
	Racing	Port Phillip	Earliest warning 1055
	Prize giving	The Foredeck	Post racing

8.2 Number of races per day – All classes:

Saturday 7 March 2026	Sunday 8 March 2026	Monday 9 March 2026
3	3	2

8.3 Extra races may be sailed on any day provided that racing does not become more than one race ahead of schedule.

8.4 On the final scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500.

9. MEASUREMENT

Boats may be inspected at any time during the event.

10. VENUE

All racing will be conducted on the waters of Port Phillip, adjacent to Sandringham Yacht Club.

11. COURSES

All racing courses will be described in full in the SI's.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn penalty.

13. SCORING

13.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

13.2 When fewer than five races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores.

13.3 When five or more races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

14. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

14.1 Coach/support Boats shall conspicuously display an identification flag, provided by the Organising Authority.

14.2 The Organising Authority will provide berths for visiting coach/support boats under 6m on request by completion of the online registration available at <https://syc.com.au/29er-victorian-state-championship-2026/>.

14.3 Unless directed by the Race Management Team or Jury, or to render immediate assistance in the interests of safety, team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall not enter the course area where boats are racing, as defined in the Sailing Instructions, and shall stay more than 50 metres clear of any mark of the course from the time of the preparatory signal for the first division to start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

14.4 Any interference by a coach or support boat with the racing or event organisation may result in a penalty applied at the discretion of the Jury to the appropriate skipper or team.

15. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

16. INSURANCE

16.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000, including racing endorsement, per incident or the equivalent.

16.2 Proof of insurance may be requested by the OA.

17. PRIZES

17.1 Prizes for the 29er class will be awarded as follows:

17.1.1. Overall Championship 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

17.1.2. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the 29er class.

18. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

In participating, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authorities, the Coordinating Authorities and the sponsors, 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 filmed 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 said Event without compensation.

19. FURTHER INQUIRIES

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