



## **SANDRINGHAM YACHT CLUB**

### **2026 29ER VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIP**

**SATURDAY 7 TO MONDAY 9 MARCH 2026**

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

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.

### **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 International 29er Class (<https://www.29er.org/resources/technical/>) shall apply.
- 1.3. Appendix T (Arbitration) will apply.

### **2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

### **3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located online at <https://syc.com.au/29er-victorian-state-championship-2026/>

### **4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1. Signals will be displayed from the mast outside the OTB clubhouse.
- 4.2. When Code flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in race signal AP.

### **5. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1. The schedule is as per the Notice of Race.

Date	Number of races	Time of First warning Signal
Saturday 7 March 2026	3	1255
Sunday 8 March 2026	3	1055
Monday 9 March 2026	2	1055

- 5.2. Additional races may be sailed each day provided that racing does not become more than one race ahead of schedule.
- 5.3. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500.

### **6. CLASS FLAG**

- 6.1. The class flag will be a class flag displaying the 29er insignia.

## **7. RACING AREA**

The races will be conducted on Port Phillip, in the vicinity of SYC.

## **8. COURSES**

- 8.1. The diagram in Attachment A shows the course, the order in which the marks are to be passed.
- 8.2. All marks are to be rounded to port except for gate marks.
  - 8.2.1. Marks 2s/2p are gate marks and boats are required to pass between them on the downwind leg.
  - 8.2.2. If one of the gate mark is missing, boats shall round the one existing leeward mark to port.
- 8.3. No later than the warning signal, the race committee boat will display the course to be sailed. Courses will be advised by displaying the appropriate numeral pennant (1 or 2).

## **9. MARKS**

- 9.1. Marks 1 and 2s/2p will be orange inflatable buoys.
- 9.2. The start and finish mark will be a yellow inflatable buoy or a race committee vessel displaying an orange flag.
- 9.3. The change of course marks will be the same colour as the original mark but with a black band.

## **10. THE START**

- 10.1. The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end and either the course side of the port end starting mark or an orange flag on a race committee vessel.
- 10.2. A boat that does not start within four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

## **11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

## **12. THE FINISH**

The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end and the port end finishing mark.

## **13. TIME LIMIT**

- 13.1. The Time Limit for all races shall be 75 minutes.
- 13.2. If no boat has passed the first mark within 25 minutes, the race will be abandoned.
- 13.3. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes of the first boat will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

## **14. PROTEST AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS**

- 14.1. Protests shall be made in writing and delivered to the Boating Office, located on the ground floor of the clubhouse.
- 14.2. For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat in that class finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing for today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the noticeboard.
- 14.3. Notices will be posted within 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witness. Hearings will be held in the protest room, accessible via the regatta office, beginning at the time posted.
- 14.4. Breaches of NOR, SI 16, 17, 18 and 20 shall not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This amends rule 60.1. Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification, if the Protest committee so decides. This amends rule 63.5.

## **15. SCORING**

The scoring will be as per the Notice of Race.

## **16. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 16.1. All boats must sign on before leaving the shore and sign off as soon as practicable after returning to the shore and the completion of the sessions' racing.
- 16.2. The sign on period will close at the scheduled warning signal of the first race for that session on that day.
- 16.3. The sign off period will close 60 minutes after the last boat in each class has finished the last race of the session or the race committee signals no more racing for that session, whichever is later.
- 16.4. Sign on/sign off shall be completed via <https://sailingresults.net/sa/notice/?ID=82283>.
- 16.5. Failure to sign on will result in that boat being scored a penalty of 3 points on top their finishing place, but no worse than the score DSQ in their first race of the day without a hearing. The same penalty is to be applied for failing to sign off in their last race of the day, without a hearing. This changes RRS 60.5(b), A4 and A5.
- 16.6. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as reasonably possible and sign off as soon as she returns to shore.

## **17. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

Substitution of Skippers will not be allowed and substitution of Crew or equipment will only be permitted if made in writing to the Race Committee before the scheduled time of the first race affected. Such permission is not valid unless it is given in writing.

## **18. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.

## **19. OFFICIAL VESSELS**

Race management vessels will be identifiable by a blue flag with the letter B.

## **20. SUPPORT BOATS**

- 20.1 Coach/support Boats shall conspicuously display an identification flag, provided by the Organising Authority.
- 20.2 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/>.
- 20.3 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.
- 20.4 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.

## **21. PRIZES**

Will be awarded as per the Notice of Race.

## **22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

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.

## **23. INSURANCE**

All competing boats shall carry, as a minimum, Third Party Liability insurance, with racing risk, to the minimum value of \$10,000,000.

# ATTACHMENT A - RACING COURSE

Course 1: start - 1 - 2s/2p - 1 - finish

Course 2: start - 1 - 2s/2p - 1 - 2s/2p - 1 - finish

