



Hodges Sandringham J24 Victorian Championship 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority is the Sandringham Yacht Club Inc.

Sandringham Yacht Club Inc. (SYC) invites entries for the 2026 J24 Victorian Championship, to be sailed on Port Phillip off Sandringham, Victoria from 14 – 15 March 2026.

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 SI's or this Notice of Race (NOR)).
- 1.3. The Organising Authority (OA) will include the Vakaros Atlas 2 & Atlas Edge RaceSense as required equipment for this event. Each boat shall either provide a working Vakaros device at registration for configuration with RaceSense, or a Vakaros device can be loaned from Harken Australia for a fee.
 - 1.3.1. A set of instructions about the use of the electronic device can be found on the event web page here: www.syc.com.au/j24-states/ and will also be posted on the Official Notice Board.
 - 1.3.2. Those needing to rent a Vakaros device for the event can find further details here: www.syc.com.au/j24-states/

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 a boats aggregate crew weight does not change more than 5% between nominated days and all crew changes are declared at registration. The number of declared crew shall remain the same throughout the regatta. Crew changes not declared at registration and / or changes that are not within the 5% threshold 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. The use of Spinnakers is subject to Class Rule J.2.

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 Victorian State Championship is open to boats of the International J24 Class that comply with class rules and that fulfil the following requirements.

- 4.1. All competitors shall be members of a Club affiliated with their Member National Authority and their national J24 State Association. For clarity, those who are SOLELY members of the Australian SailPass program shall be ineligible to enter the regatta.
- 4.2. 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.
- 4.3. Eligible boats must submit entries online at: www.syc.com.au/j24-states/
- 4.4. Entries after 1700 on Thursday 12 March 2026 shall be subject to a late entry fee.
- 4.5. No entries will be accepted after 1900 on Friday 13 March 2026.

5. ENTRY FEES

- 5.1. Normal entry fee: \$280.00
- 5.2. Late Entry: \$350.00

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 Friday 13 March 2026 from 1600 to 1830. Crew weigh in (only) will also be available on Saturday 14 March 2026 from 0800 to 0830.

- 6.1. The Organising Authority or J24 National Association representative may conduct measurement and inventory checks on competing yachts at any time, before, during or after racing.
- 6.2. Unmeasured sails shall be presented for measurement to the Measurer prior to 1600 on Friday 13 March 2026. Arrangements should be made prior to this time by contacting the class measurer directly.
- 6.3. Boats may be checked for race weight before entry into the water. All up minimum racing weight is 1330kg.
- 6.4. Boats may be requested by the Organising Authority to provide:
 - 6.4.1. A valid measurer's certificate issued and validated by the State Measurer. Registration for the regatta shall be contingent upon this submission. Further information will be provided with guidance for those who are not in possession of the measurement certificate for their boat.
 - 6.4.2. An Australian Sailing Category 6 Audit Declaration that has been completed and signed by an accredited Australian Sailing Equipment Auditor.
 - 6.4.3. A current Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment for the International J24 Class
 - 6.4.4. A certificate of currency for insurance as per clause 16.

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 1900 on Friday 13 March 2026. Any exception must be approved in writing by the Organising Authority.
- 7.3. Mooring overnight in the SYC marina is available at no charge from 13-15 March 2026.

8. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and in accordance with the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available online on the Regatta website at www.syc.com.au/j24-states/ by 1900 on Friday 13 March 2026.

10. RACING AREA

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

11. COURSES

Courses will be as described in the Sailing Instructions.

12. RACE PROGRAM

- 12.1. A crew briefing will be held at 0830 on Saturday 14 March in the Ken King Centre.
- 12.2. The number of races scheduled is eight (8) of which three (3) shall be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 12.3. No more than five races will be sailed on one day.
- 12.4. Any change of schedule will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

Day	Date	First Warning Signal
Day 1	Saturday 14 March	No earlier than 0955
Day 2	Sunday 15 March	No earlier than 0955

- 12.5. No warning signal will be made after 1500 on Sunday 15 March 2026.
- 12.6. There will be no resails after Sunday 15 March 2026.

13. SCORING

- 13.1. The Low Point scoring system, Appendix A of the RRS will apply.
- 13.2. Up to eight (8) races will be raced of which three (3) shall be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 13.3. If five (5) or fewer races are completed, each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 13.4. If six (6) to eight (8) races are competed, each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 13.5. 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 request for redress. This changes RRS 61.1 (a).

14. PRIZES

- 14.1. Results and prizes will be announced at presentation at the conclusion of racing on Sunday 15 March at a time advised by the organising authority.
- 14.2. Prizes will be awarded for boats placed first to third overall and first to third on Performance Handicap (PHS).
- 14.3. Boats who place in the top three places overall are not eligible for PHS prizes.

15. SAFETY

- 15.1. Boats shall comply with the Safe Transport Victoria requirements, the Australian Sailing Special Regulations Equipment for Category 6 and the J24 Class Rules.
- 15.2. All portable equipment is to be carried on board and noted on the boats Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment.
- 15.3. A Safety declaration shall be lodged by marking the applicable box on the online entry.
- 15.4. 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.
- 15.5. All boats shall carry a working waterproof VHF radio capable of operating at least on channels 16, 67, 71, 73 and 77.

16. 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).

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 17.1. All those taking part in races conducted by SYC do so at their own risk and responsibility. SYC, the Victorian J24 Class Association and volunteers are not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.
- 17.2. The Victorian J24 Class Association, 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.
- 17.3. Competitor attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rules 3 and 4.

18. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 18.1. Additional social events may be advised by the organising authority.
- 18.2. Additional information will be published periodically at:
 - J24 State Championship Regatta page www.syc.com.au/j24-states
- 18.3. Key contact details are as follows:

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