



2026 SHARPIE VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

SATURDAY 21 TO SUNDAY 22 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.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) with the following modification:
 - 1.1.1 RRS 42.3(c) is changed in accordance with the Class Association By-Laws, Part B, Clause 20(1) to allow "On a free leg of the course when surfing (rapidly accelerating down the leeward side of a wave) or planning is possible, the Yacht's crew may, in order to initiate surfing or planning, pump the sheet, boom or guy, controlling any sail a maximum of three (3) times for each wave or gust of wind."
- 1.2. The prescriptions of Australian Sailing will apply.
- 1.3. The Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 – for off the beach boats will apply.
- 1.4. Devices which indicate remotely or transmit or correlate data about wind direction, wind speed, boat speed or location shall be prohibited in accordance with the Class Association By-Laws, Part B, Clause 20(2).
- 1.5. RRS Appendix T Arbitration will apply.
- 1.6. RRS Appendix T – T1(b) is changed to read: "A post-race penalty is a 20% Scoring penalty as stated in Rule 44.3(c). However, Rule 44.1(a) applies.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at <https://syc.com.au/sharpie-states/> prior to the event.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The Official Notice Board (ONB) is located online at <https://syc.com.au/sharpie-states/>.
- 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 Sharpie 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/sharpie-states/>.

5. FEES

The entry fee per boat is \$120.

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 OF EVENTS

8.1. The Event schedule will be as follows;

Date	Activity	Location	Time
Saturday 21 March 2026	Registration	Regatta Office	0900 – 1100
	Competitor Information Session	SYC OTB Area	1100
	Racing	Port Phillip	Earliest warning 1255
Sunday 22 March 2026	Competitor Information Session	SYC OTB Area	0930
	Racing	Port Phillip	Earliest warning 1255
	Prize giving	The Foredeck	Post racing

8.2. There will be a maximum of six races sailed.

8.3. There will be no warning signal made after 1530 on Sunday 22 March 2026.

9. MEASUREMENT AND EQUIPMENT

- 9.1. Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate. Sails, spars, foils and hull measurement may be checked at registration.
- 9.2. Spot measurement checks may be carried out at any time during the regatta.

10. VENUE

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

11. COURSES

The courses will be a combination of triangles and windward/leeward courses as described in the Sailing Instructions.

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. A minimum of two races will be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 13.2. When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 13.3. When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race

14. COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS

- 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/sharpie-states/>.
- 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 \$5,000,000, including racing endorsement, per incident or the equivalent.
- 16.2. Proof of insurance may be requested by the OA.

17. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

- 17.1. Overall Championship 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.
- 17.2. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organising committee.

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 INQUIRES

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