



**2026 Epigen J/24 World Championship**  
**The Organising Authority is Sandringham Yacht Club, in conjunction with the**  
**International J/24 Class Association and the Australian J/24 Class Association**  
**4 – 11 November 2026**  
**Sandringham, Victoria, Australia**  
<https://syc.com.au/j24-worlds/>

**Notice of Race**

*Preamble: The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for a breach of this rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).*

**1. RULES**

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The Regatta Regulations of the IJCA (IJCA RR), available at <http://www.j24class.org/rules-regulations/regatta-regulations>, shall apply.
- 1.3 The prescriptions of Australian Sailing Special Regulations Category 6 will apply. The applicable prescriptions appear in Addendum A.
- 1.4 RRS 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: (2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or
- 1.5 RRS 41 shall apply from the time a boat leaves her mooring for the first race of each day and until she returns to her mooring after her last race of the day, except in an emergency. This changes the preamble to Part 4 rules.
- 1.6 [NP][DP] Bow numbers may be assigned to each boat and used as identification for the boat during the event. If supplied, bow numbers shall be applied in accordance with the instructions supplied and shall remain affixed until after a boat hauls out at the end of the event.
- 1.7 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.8 RRS 60.2(a)(1) will be changed so that the red flag displayed by a protesting boat shall have a hoist of not less than 150mm and a fly of not less than 200mm.
- 1.9 RRS Appendix T will apply.
- 1.10 Class rule changes as permitted by the IJCA Class Rules (CR), Section H:
  - (a) Class rule C.2.1(b) is changed to Class rule H.4.2 regarding crew. A crew nominated or listed for this event shall remain the same throughout the event. Emergency changes may be made only with written permission of the Technical Committee Chair.
  - (b) Class rule C.10.2 is replaced by class rule H.2 that allows a spare spinnaker with restrictions.



- 1.11 The Vakaros RaceSense system will be utilised by the race committee. This changes RRS 26, 29.1, 30, 41(c) and Race Signals. At all times while afloat, only one (1) Vakaros unit is permitted on board. Each boat shall either provide a working Vakaros Atlas 2 or Edge with a valid RaceSense pass at check-in for RaceSense configuration. Information on obtaining a RaceSense Pass is available here: <https://www.vakaros.com/pages/passes>. Any boat that does not have a Vakaros unit available may reserve one from the Organising Authority for a fee with information available on the event website: <https://syc.com.au/j24-worlds/>. Additional Vakaros / RaceSense information will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:**
- The sailing instructions will be available prior to 1700 on *30 October 2026* at the online event site at <https://syc.com.au/j24-worlds/>.
- 3. COMMUNICATION:**
- 3.1 The online official notice board is accessible from the event website: <https://syc.com.au/j24-worlds/>
- 3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on international VHF channels.
- 3.3 The race committee may choose to make VHF radio communications to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be announced in the sailing instructions.
- 3.4 [DP] From the time a boat leaves her mooring for the first race of the day until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that are not available to all boats.
- 3.5 [NP][DP] Two (2) representatives of each boat shall have a mobile telephone capable of transmitting and receiving telephone calls and text messages while at the venue. In addition, the OA, race committee, jury and technical committee may use email or WhatsApp to communicate with competitors.
- 4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**
- 4.1 The J/24 World Championship is open to J/24 Class boats as defined by the IJCA class rules, and that qualify as prescribed in the IJCA Regatta Regulations, and whose entries are accepted by the OA.
- 4.2 Championship drivers must be either nationals or residents and members of the National J/24 Class Association of the country that they represent.
- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the registration form and submitting the requested information at <https://syc.com.au/j24-worlds/> and paying the required fee by 2359 hours on *31 July 2026*.
- 4.4 **Entry is not complete until all requirements of Eligibility, Fees, Registration and Inspection have been satisfactorily completed**
- 4.5 Late entries will be accepted under the following conditions: Entries received after *31 July 2026* will be accepted with a *\$500 AUD* additional late fee, making the total entry fee *\$2,400 AUD* providing the restrictions in NoR 4.6 have not been reached.



4.6 The following restrictions on the number of entries shall apply: A total of fifty (50) boats will be allowed to enter.

4.7 A Corinthian Division will be offered. To be considered an entry in the Corinthian Division, each member of the crew shall provide a current, valid World Sailing SailorID with a boat’s online registration indicating World Sailing Group 1 status. Registration in the Corinthian Division shall be closed thirty (30) days before the event start date.

NOTE: DO NOT LEAVE THIS TO THE LAST MINUTE. START EARLY AS YOU MIGHT ENCOUNTER PROBLEMS WITH WORLD SAILING.

**5. FEES:**

5.1 The required entry fee is \$1,900 AUD which must be paid by *31 July 2026*. Boats entering after this date will be required to pay the late fee described in NoR 4.5.

5.2 Fee includes inspection, launching, hauling, storage/mooring while at the event, racing, Opening and Closing ceremonies for all crew, and prizes.

5.3 Additional individual social function tickets or passes may be purchased prior to registration for an additional fee.

5.4 All fees shall be payable through the online entry system.

5.5 An administration fee of \$300 AUD will be charged for cancellation. There will be no refunds after 31 August 2026.

**6. ADVERTISING**

6.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

6.2 A boat’s advertising shall comply with WS Regulations and Codes.

**7. SCHEDULE:**

Day	Date	Time	Event/Activity
Friday	23 October	2359	Deadline to electronically submit documents specified in NoR 8.1.
Wednesday	4 November	0900 – 1800	Registration / Equipment Inspection / Crew Weigh-in
Thursday	5 November	0900 – 1800	Registration / Equipment Inspection / Crew Weigh-in
Friday	6 November	0900 – 1700	Registration / Crew Weigh-in
		0900 – 1200	Equipment Inspection
		1200	Skippers’ Briefing
		1400	Practice Race
		1800	Opening Ceremony
		1800	All Boats afloat



Day	Date	Time	Event/Activity
Saturday	7 November	0830 – 0900 0900 1100 After racing	Crew Weigh-in* Daily information session Warning for the First Race of the day Daily debrief
Sunday	8 November	0830 – 0900 0900 1100 After racing	Crew Weigh-in* Daily information session Warning for the First Race of the day Daily debrief
Monday	9 November	0830 – 0900 0900 1100 After racing	Crew Weigh-in* Daily information session Warning for the First Race of the day Daily debrief
Tuesday	10 November	0830 – 0900 0900 1100 After racing	Crew Weigh-in* Daily information session Warning for the First Race of the day Daily debrief
Wednesday	11 November	0830 – 0900 0900 1100 1500 1900	Crew Weigh-in* Daily information session Warning for the First Race of the day No warning signal after this time <b>Closing Ceremony and Prize Giving</b>

\*These crew weigh-ins are as required by the technical committee for substitute crew.

- 7.1 Ten (10) races are scheduled over five consecutive days.
- 7.2 Two (2) races are scheduled per day, up to a maximum of three (3) races on any racing day to comply with the schedule.
- 8. REGISTRATION AND INSPECTION:**
- 8.1 Each boat shall submit the following documents via online registration:
- (a) A valid, IJCA issued Measurement Certificate, Including Part C: Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment.
  - (b) Proof of current marine liability insurance coverage, see NoR 21.
  - (c) Proof of J/24 Class Association membership in the country they represent for the boat owner and the driver.
  - (d) All crew to provide proof of current World Sailing SailorID indicating Group 1 status for Corinthian Division entries as specified in NoR 4.7



8.2 With written permission of the technical chair, changes to documents or forms required by NoR 8.1 may be accepted at check-in.

8.3 Only equipment inspection will be done at the event. Measurement for certification must be successfully completed prior to the event. RRS 78.2 shall not apply.

8.5 Equipment inspection will be carried out on all boats in accordance with the class rules.

8.6 Boats will be subject to inspection at any time for any class rules during the event.

## 9. CREW

9.1 All competitors will be weighed during registration. Competitors must have a passport or other government photo identification at weigh-in.

9.2 All competitors will be required to sign a Competitor Liability Waiver form at weigh-in.

## 10. VENUE:

10.1 Attachment 1 shows the venue and key areas.

10.2 Attachment 2 shows the location of the racing areas.

## 11. THE COURSES:

11.1 The courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward with 4 or 5 legs.

11.2 The target time for each race is approximately 75-90 minutes.

## 12. PENALTY SYSTEM:

12.1 Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.3(a).

12.2 The first two sentences of RRS 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while *racing*. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the *zone* around a *mark* other than a starting *mark*, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty."

12.3 Except if the course is shortened to finish at the windward mark, penalties while in the zone of the windward mark or on the offset leg may be delayed and taken as soon as possible on the downwind leg. This changes RRS 44.2.

12.4 The International Jury may impose penalties less than disqualification (DPI), for violations of the class rules and racing rules other than those of Part 1 and Part 2. A DPI penalty shall be a minimum of 10% as calculated in RRS 44.3.

12.5 RRS Appendix P applies, as further detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

## 13. SCORING:

13.1 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.



- 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 scores, excluding her worst score.
- 13.4 The Corinthian Division shall be scored as a subdivision of the whole fleet using the competitor's actual scores, and in accordance with Regatta Regulations 28 and 33.3.

**14. SUPPORT VESSELS:**

- 14.1 Support vessels shall register online at <https://syc.com.au/j24-worlds/>, declaring to which boat or boats they are attached. They may be required to display an identification flag supplied by the OA, provide proof of third-party marine liability insurance in the amount specified in NoR 21, and follow the instructions of the OA. Accredited support vessels and operators will be subject to the technical and disciplinary directives of the RC and of the Jury that, in case of infringement, may act according to RRS 62.3 and 62.4.
- 14.2 Registered support vessels will be provided an assigned mooring at the venue. A mooring fee will be charged per vessel and can be arranged with the Sandringham Yacht Club Boating Office ([boating@syc.com.au](mailto:boating@syc.com.au)). Vessel operators will be required to purchase social function ticket/pass stated in NoR 5.3.

**15. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS**

In accordance with RRS G3, a boat chartered or loaned for this event may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of the class rules.

**16. BERTHING:**

[DP][NP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned berths, as directed by the OA.

**17. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS:**

[DP][NP] Boats shall be afloat by 1800 on *Friday 6 November 2026* and shall not be hauled out during the event except in accordance with the prior written permission and terms of the Technical Committee Chair. This restriction also applies to rudders.

**18. DIVING EQUIPMENT, PLASTIC POOLS AND OTHER PROHIBITED ACTIONS:**

- 18.1 [DP] Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used between the time the boat is afloat and the end of the event. The hull may be cleaned at any time by swimming or keelhauling using ropes, cloth or other equipment designed for that use.
- 18.2 [DP] Careening by any means for the purpose of cleaning or inspecting the hull is prohibited during the event.
- 18.3 [DP] The use of dehumidifiers or electric fans are prohibited at all times while boats are afloat.

**19. PRIZES:**



- 19.1 Prizes will be awarded to the drivers and crew of the top five (5) boats.
- 19.2 Prizes will be awarded to at least the top 15% of boats entered.
- 19.3 Perpetual trophies will be awarded to the winning team.
- 19.4 The Dr. Turner Trophy will be awarded to the top youth entry comprised of crew in which none are over the age of 25 years on the first day of the event.
- 19.5 The Jaeger Trophy will be awarded for the top women's entry in which the entire crew is comprised of women.
- 19.6 A Corinthian Division Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the top Corinthian entry.
- 19.7 The Corinthian Division shall be awarded prizes for the top five teams or top 15% of division entries, whichever is greater.
- 20. RISK STATEMENT:**
  - 20.1 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. See RRS 3.**
  - 20.2 Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. The organising authority (including but not limited to Sandringham Yacht Club, the Australian J/24 Class Association and volunteers) will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the event.
- 21. INSURANCE:**

Proof of valid, third-party marine liability insurance with a minimum coverage of **\$10,000,000 AUD** per incident or the equivalent (property and injury).
- 22. MEDIA RIGHTS:**

Competitors give absolute right and permission to the IJCA, the Australian J/24 Class Association, *Sandringham Yacht Club* and the event sponsors to use, publish, broadcast or otherwise distribute for promotional, advertising or any other purpose, any images and sound recorded during the event of persons and boats free of any charge.
- 23. COMPETITOR DRONES:**
  - 23.1 [DP] Teams or their representatives shall not fly drones over the shore base or over the race area during training or racing days without complying with local legislation and without prior written approval of the OA.
  - 23.2 The approval grant at the sole discretion of the OA may impose limitations on where and when drones may fly and will appear on the official notice board.



**23.3** At any time, the risk and responsibility for flying any drone is with the person flying the drone and images made inside the race area shall be shared with the OA, race committee, competitors or jury upon reasonable request.

**24. DATA PROTECTION**

By entering this event, you agree to provide personal data to the OA. The OA will process your personal data for the purpose of administering the event.

**23. FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT THE FOLLOWING:**

Email: [J24@syc.com.au](mailto:J24@syc.com.au)

Event Website: <https://syc.com.au/j24-worlds/>

Charter Boats: <https://syc.com.au/j24-worlds/charter-boats/>



## ADDENDUM A – AUSTRALIAN SAILING SPECIAL REGULATIONS

Australian Sailing Special Regulations: <https://www.sailingresources.org.au/safety/specialregs/>

The prescriptions of Australian Sailing Special Regulations Category 6 will apply as follows:

Reg	Structural Fixed Deck Items
2.03.2	Ballast secured
4.01.1	Sail numbers as per RRS 77 and Appendix G
Reg	Structural/Fixed Items Below
3.12.6	(a)(i) Lifelines uncoated stainless steel wire, (d) Gap secured by lanyard < 100 mm; Lanyard replaced annually (e) Lifeline size minimum: 3 mm;
Reg	Portable Equipment
3.20.9	2 x 8 litre buckets, stout construction with lanyard
4.04.2	If motor or stove fitted: 1 x fire extinguishers 1A:10BE dry powder min or equiv.
4.05.1	(a) Anchors & ground tackle as per Table 1 (b) Anchors and warps shall be sized according to Table 2 or Table 3 using the lesser as a minimum. Anchors of equivalent holding power shall be acceptable
4.07.4 4.07.9	First aid kit, waterproof container; contents as listed at end of this form (alternative brands permitted)
4.10.3	Current AS “Racing Rules of Sailing” and “Special Regulations Part 1”; electronic or hard copy
4.15.3	Sharp knife sheathed, restrained in or near cockpit
4.16.1	Name on all buoyant equipment & items
4.16.2	Personal lifejacket marked to identify owner
4.17	Retroreflective tape on lifebuoys, lifeslings, liferafts
5.01.1	i) Lifejacket ≥ 50N in service to AS4758:1 (or international equivalent) Number (1 per crew)
4.07.9	First Aid Kit Contents List – within expiry date
	Soluble Aspirin (e.g. Disprin) x 20
	Disposable gloves x 10
	Crepe bandages 75 mm x 1.5 m x 2
	Low absorbency non-adherent dressing/plain gauze (e.g. Melolin) x 5
	Band-aids or equivalent roll of bandaid x 20
	Normal saline 30 ml x 2
	Sunscreen 30+ 250 ml x 1
	Scissors, stainless steel x 1
	CPR mask or 6 face shields



Attachment 1 shows the venue and key locations



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| 1. Main Entrance                       | 6. Boating and Marina Office     | 11. Marina Entrance                          |
| 2. Car Park                            | 7. Members' Bar (Level 1)        | 12. Hardstand Cranes                         |
| 3. Chandlery                           | 8. Regatta Office (Ground Floor) | 13. Launch Ramp                              |
| 4. Yard Entrance Gate                  | 9. Ken King Centre Kiosk         | 14. Off the Beach Clubhouse and Change Rooms |
| 5. Main Clubhouse Entrance - Reception | 10. Ken King Change Rooms        |  |



Attachment 2 Racing area

