



**2012 Australian
Women's Match
Racing Championship**

Thursday 27th – Sunday 30th September 2012

NOTICE OF RACE

Organising Authority:
Sandringham Yacht Club



in conjunction with Yachting Australia

1) **ORGANISING AUTHORITY**



Australian Government
Australian Sports Commission

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Sandringham Yacht Club (SYC), in conjunction with Yachting Australia (YA)

2) VENUE

The venue will be the Sandringham Yacht Club Jetty Road, Sandringham, Victoria
Racing will be conducted on the waters of Port Phillip

3) EVENT GRADING

The event is an ISAF Grade 3 event. This grading is subject to review by ISAF Match Race Rankings Sub-committee. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

4) PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

Wednesday 26 th September	1300 – 1600 hrs	Practice Session
	1730 hrs	Welcome Function
Thursday 27 th September	0830 hrs – 1000hrs	Registration
	0830 hrs – 1000hrs	Weigh-In
	1000 hrs	Briefing and Boat Draw
	1200 hrs	Racing – first warning signal
	30 mins after docking	Umpires Debriefing
Friday 28 th September	0800 hrs	Briefing and Boat draw
	Following briefing	Umpires Briefing
	0930 hrs	Racing – first warning signal
	30 mins after docking	Umpires Debriefing
Saturday 29 th September	0800 hrs	Briefing and Boat draw
	Following briefing	Umpires Briefing
	0930 hrs	Racing – first warning signal
	30 mins after docking	Umpires Debriefing
Sunday 30 th September	0800 hrs	Briefing and Boat draw
	Following briefing	Umpires Briefing
	0930 hrs	Racing – first warning signal
	1600 hrs	Racing – last possible warning signal
	30 mins after docking	Umpires Debriefing
	1700 hrs	Prize giving

5) ELIGIBILITY

5.1 The Championship is a women's event and all skippers and crew shall be female.

5.2 A maximum of twelve (12) teams will be invited to attend. Only teams nominated by their Member Yachting Association (MYA) will be eligible to enter the event. Subject to places being available a Member National Authority (MNA) may nominate teams.

5.3 International competitors are eligible to compete, however, they will not be eligible for the Australian Championship title or perpetual trophies.

5.4 Selection of Eligible Crews

Competitors wishing to enter should apply to their MYA/MNA by submitting an Application for Invitation form along with a deposit of AUD\$250 payable to the SYC (which will be part of the Entry Fee) by Friday 3rd August 2012. MYA's/MNA's should rank all applications and forward to the OA by Friday 10th August 2012. The selection process is as follows:

a) The first crew nominated by each MYA shall be given an entry.

- b) If sufficient places still remain, the second additional crew nominated by each MYA shall be given an entry.
- c) This process will continue until there are less places available than the number of MYA's with nominations. The remaining positions will be allocated to each MYA based on the current ISAF Match Racing Ranking of their next ranked skipper. The MYA with the highest ISAF ranked skipper will receive the next entry, and so on until all remaining entry positions are filled.
- d) Any remaining places will be offered to MNA nominations.

- 5.5 To remain eligible a team shall confirm acceptance of invitation in writing (fax or email is acceptable) to be received by the date specified on the Entry.
- 5.6 All Australian competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of RRS 55 and RRS 46 (AUS edition) and show proof of such membership at Registration. International competitors are required to be a current financial member of a yacht club in their country affiliated with its MNA and show proof of such membership at Registration.
- 5.7 All competitors shall be entered only on completion of registration, crew weigh-in, completed signed 'Athletes Code of Conduct' and the payment of all fees and damage deposits.
- 5.8 If an invited skipper is unable to begin the regatta, the OA may, at its sole discretion, permit the substitution of an alternative skipper or make any other substitution or adjustment it deems appropriate.
- 5.9 The designated skipper shall helm the yacht at all times while racing, except in an emergency.
- 5.10 All skippers shall obtain an ISAF Sailor ID by registering online at www.sailing.org/isafsailor

6) ENTRIES

- 6.1 Entry Fee. A non-refundable entry fee of AUD\$800 consisting of \$250 deposit and \$550 upon confirmation per team shall be paid to the SYC by 1700hrs Friday 3rd August 2012. Entries will not be accepted until full payment has been received.
- 6.2 Invited teams may enter by completing the Entry Form, which will be forwarded with confirmation of acceptance and submitting the remaining balance of Entry Fee payment of AUD\$550.
- 6.3 **Damage Deposit**
 - a) An initial damage deposit of AUD\$500 shall be paid prior to registration, unless extended by the OA. This deposit is the maximum payable by the team as a result of any one incident.
 - b) Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded within 30 days after the event.
 - c) In the circumstances that a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the OA it may require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the team will be permitted to continue in the event.

7) RULES

- 7.1 The following rules shall govern the event:
 - a) The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS) of the International Sailing Federation including Appendix C.
 - b) The Notice of Race, including amendments
 - c) The Sailing Instructions (available at registration) and any amendments.
 - d) The rules for the handling of boats (as detailed in the Sailing Instructions) will apply and will also apply to any practice sailing.
 - e) Class rules will not apply.

8) BOATS AND SAILS

- a) The event will be sailed in Beneteau 7.5m yachts
- b) 6 boats will be provided.
- c) One mainsail, jib and spinnaker will be provided with each boat.
- d) Boats will be allocated to teams daily by random draw

9) CREW

- a) The maximum number of crew (including the skipper) shall be five (5) or six (6).
- b) All registered crew shall sail all races.
- c) The maximum total crew weight, determined prior to racing shall be 340kg, wearing shorts and shirts.
- d) When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorise an original crew member to substitute.
- e) When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment that will allow the total crew weight to remain within the limits as per 9 (c) above.

10) EVENT FORMAT

- a) The event will consist of two round robins where each team will race each other team twice, semi-finals and finals. A sail off between placings 5 and 6, 7 and 8, 9 and 10 will be raced to determine final placings if time permits.
- b) The OA may change the format, terminate or eliminate any round, or add finals, when the conditions do not permit completion of the intended format.

11) COURSE

- a) The course intended to be sailed will be a windward / leeward with starboard roundings finishing downwind.

12) ADVERTISING

- a) As boats and equipment will be supplied by the OA, ISAF Regulation 20.4.1.3 applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.
- b) The OA reserves the absolute right to require any competitor to remove any advertising displayed by competitors on clothing, equipment (while racing or attending official functions), on boats to anywhere within the boundary of the regatta venue which may be in contravention of moral decency or government regulation.
- c) Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for infringements of any rules regarding advertising (amends RRS 60.1)

13) PRIZES

- a) A perpetual trophy will be presented to first place and other trophies to first, second and third placed teams at the prize giving after the conclusion of the event.
- b) Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

14) REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

- a) The results of this championship may also be used by YA as the basis for selection of a Women's Team for a future event.

15) MEDIA, IMAGES AND SOUND

The conditions of entry include that competitors acknowledge that the OA owns all media rights to the event and may exercise those rights as it sees fit and that the OA has the unconditional perpetual right to publish and broadcast, for any purpose and in any media, photographs and video and audio recordings taken of boats and competitors during the event.

16) ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

The OA will provide lunches to all competitors on the days that they are racing.

17) COACH BOATS

- a) Coach Boats shall conspicuously display identification of the team being coached.
- b) The OA will provide berths for visiting coach boats under 6m where possible upon formal written request.

- c) Unless directed by the Race Committee Management Team and or Umpires, 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 flight to start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- c) Any interference by a coach or coach boat with the racing or event organization may result in a penalty applied at the discretion of the event umpires to the appropriate skipper or team.
- d) Only coaches, who hold, as a minimum, current NCAS Level 1 Sailing Coach Accreditation or an equivalent International qualification and have signed the required Coaches Code of Conduct, are authorised to go afloat in a coach boat within the defined course area.

18. DISCLAIMER

- 18.1. It is the competitor's decision to enter an Event or to start and continue in any race. Competitors shall accept that their participation in an Event is at their exclusive risk in every respect. See Racing Rule 4, *Decision to Race*.
- 18.2. The Organising Authority and Yachting Australia, their officers, members, servants and agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in this event or howsoever arising in connection with the event.

Further Information:

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2012 AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S MATCH RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS
Sandringham Yacht Club
Thursday 17th to Sunday 30th September 2012

APPLICATION for INVITATION

Name of Club: _____ **MYA:** _____

Team Contact: _____ **Mobile Phone:** _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____

Skipper: _____ **MYA No:** _____

Skippers present ISAF MR Ranking: _____ **ISAF No:** _____

The Skipper must complete the following information.

The most recent principle Match Racing regattas in which I have participated:	Position Class # of Finishing	Date Event in boat Entries position

DECLARATION:

By my signature I agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and by all other rules that govern this event, and also accept to pay, with confirmation of entry, a fee of \$800 per team and separate Damage Deposit of \$500. An initial deposit of \$250 must be submitted to the OA along with this Application for Invitation. This deposit shall be part of the total Entry Fee.

Signed: _____ (Helmsman) Date: _____

MYA ENDORSMENT

Name of Endorsing Officer: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Ranking of above applicant: _____

This form must be submitted to your MYA by Friday 3rd August, and must be endorsed and ranked then forwarded along with an Entry Fee deposit of \$250 by Friday 10th August to SYC.

REMITTANCE ADVICE: Please forward your payment to: Sandringham Yacht Club, Jetty Road, Sandringham, VIC 3191

ENTRY FEE DEPOSIT: **\$250.00**
 (Remaining \$550 Entry Fee will be required by Friday 17th August 2012)

Payment by **Cash** (do not post cash) **Cheque** (enclosed) **Credit Card** (provide details below) **Direct Debit to syc Account** BSB:

CREDIT CARD DETAILS:

VISA **MASTERCARD** **DINERS** **AMERICAN EXPRESS**

Name: _____ (please print) Credit Card Expires: _____ / _____

Signature: _____