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**2007 Australian Womens  
Match Racing Championship**

# **NOTICE OF RACE**

21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> September 2007

Organising Authority:  
Sandringham Yacht Club in conjunction with Yachting Victoria

### 1) ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Sandringham Yacht Club Inc (SYC). 28 226 654 426, under the authority of Yachting Australia Inc (YA).

### 2) VENUE

The event will be held at SYC, Jetty Road Sandringham Victoria 3191.  
Racing will be conducted on the waters of Port Phillip Bay off Sandringham Yacht Club.

### 3) EVENT GRADING

The event is an ISAF Grade 3 event. This grading is subject to review by the ISAF Match Racing Advisory Board. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

### 4) PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Sept</b>	0900 -1300	Registration and weigh-in
	1300 – 1600	Practice
	1800 - 1900	Welcome
<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept</b>	0830	Breakfast on SYC KKC deck
	0845	Briefing and Boat draw
	1015	First Attention Signal
	30min after docking	Umpire debrief & Bar-b-que
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept</b>	0830	Breakfast on SYC KKC deck
	0845	Briefing and Boat draw
	1015	First Attention Signal
	30min after docking	Umpire debrief & Bar-b-que
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	0830	Breakfast on SYC KKC deck
	0845	Briefing and Boat draw
	1015	First Attention Signal
	30min after docking	Umpire debrief & Bar-b-que
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	0830	Breakfast on SYC KKC deck
	0845	Briefing and Boat draw
	1015	First Attention Signal
	30min after docking	Umpire debrief
	1800-2100	Presentation and light food

4.1 Unless excused by the OA attendance at the following is mandatory:

- a) Welcome for skippers and crews
- b) Daily briefing for skippers
- c) Daily Umpires debriefing for skippers and crews
- d) Presentation for skippers and crews

## 5) ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1 All skippers and crew shall be female.
- 5.2 A max 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.
- 5.3 Selection of Eligible Crews  
Competitors wishing to be invited should apply to their MYA by submitting an Application for Invitation form along with a deposit of AUD\$250 (which will be part of the Entry Fee) by Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2007. MYA's should rank all applications and forward to the OA by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2007. 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.
- 5.4 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.
- 5.5 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of RRS 55 (AUS edition) and show proof of such membership at Registration.
- 5.6 All competitors shall be entered only on completion of registration, crew weigh-in, completed signed 'Athletes Code of Conduct', SYC General Disclaimer and the payment of all fees and damage deposits.
- 5.7 If an invited helmsperson is unable to begin the regatta, the OA may, at its sole discretion, permit the substitution of an alternative helmsperson or make any other substitution or adjustment it deems appropriate.
- 5.8 The designated skipper shall helm the yacht at all times while racing, except in an emergency.
- 5.9 All skippers shall obtain an ISAF Sailor ID by registering online at [www.sailing.org/isafsailor](http://www.sailing.org/isafsailor)

## 6) ENTRIES

- 6.1 Entry Fee. A non-refundable entry fee of AUD\$1000 per team shall be paid by 1700hrs Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2007. 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\$750.
- 6.3 Damage Deposit
  - a) An initial damage deposit of AUD\$1000 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 by 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 2005-2008 (RRS) of the International Sailing Federation including Appendix C.
  - b) The prescriptions and special regulations of Yachting Australia;
  - c) The Notice of Race.
  - d) The Sailing Instructions (available at registration) and any amendments.
  - e) The rules for the handling of boats will apply and will also apply to any practice sailing (available at registration). Class rules will not apply.

## 8) BOATS AND SAILS

- a) The event will be sailed in SYC's Boating Academy Beneteau 7.5 class keel boats.
- b) Six boats will be provided.
- c) One mainsail, jib and spinnaker will be provided with each boat.
- d) Boats will be allocated to teams daily or for each round as decided by the race committee.

## 9) CREW

- a) The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be between 4 (minimum) and 6 (maximum). The optimum number of crew for effective boat handling is 5.
- b) All registered crew shall sail all races.
- c) The maximum total crew weight, determined prior to racing shall be 300kg, wearing shorts and shirts.
- d) When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorise an original crewmember 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 also be raced for 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 to be sailed will be a windward / leeward with starboard roundings finishing downwind.
- b) The intended course area is in the vicinity of Sandringham Yacht Club.

#### **12) ADVERTISING**

- a) As boats and equipment will be supplied by the OA, ISAF Regulation 20.3.2 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.

#### **14) DRESS CODE**

Skippers and crew are encouraged to wear a crew uniform whilst in the marina and whilst racing. Should competitors wish to avail themselves of the SYC club house, club dress regulations apply. Copy of the SYC Dress Code and other relevant Club rules from the SYC By-Laws are attached – *Attachment B*.

#### **15) ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS**

The OA will provide lunches and dinners to all competitors on the days that they are racing. Breakfast will be available at a nominal fee – of which any profits will go towards supporting the SYC Off the Beach Sailing Centre.

The Sandringham Yacht Club, through the generosity of members, will endeavour to provide accommodation through billeting within the local area, if requested by interstate competitors.

#### **16) CLUB FACILITIES**

The OA will issue all competitors and officials of the Australian Match Racing Championship 2007 temporary membership of the SYC for the duration of the regatta.

Temporary membership will be issued on the basis that competitors and officials respect the rules and regulations of temporary membership and can have this privilege revoked should such request be ignored.

Competitors and officials are to present themselves to the Boating Department on arrival to be issued with their temporary membership pass.

#### **17) 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.

#### **18) 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 on request by completion of the form within this NOR.
- c) Unless directed by the Race 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.
- e) All coach boats must comply with the SYC Special Notice of Requirements for Coach Boats and complete the coach boat Agreement form – *Attachment A*.

**19) DISCLAIMER**

Risk Warning - The OA advises owners, skippers and anyone who participates in yachting events conducted by the OA that participation in the sport of yachting, whether racing or otherwise, can be dangerous and can result in harm, personal injury and property damage. The OA is not responsible for any harm or injury suffered by any person in any yachting event conducted by the OA of whatever nature. All participants acknowledge that competing in yachting events may be dangerous and may result in harm or personal injury and participate in such events aware of such dangers and voluntarily accept any risk of harm.

**19.1 Competitors Declaration:**

All competitors who sign the entry form in doing so have made a declaration to the OA that the nominated boat will at all times while racing comply with the requirements of Yachting Australia and the Sailing Instructions, including:

- a) RRS 46 and the responsibility of the person in charge of the boat to ensure that the crew complies with RRS 55;
- b) the person who signs and lodges the entry form with the OA warranting to the OA that he or she will draw the attention of any person who competes on the yacht the subject of the entry form in any event conducted by the OA to the risk warning above;
- c) the person who signs and lodges this entry form with the OA acknowledging receipt of the risk warning above and releasing the OA from any claim or liability whatsoever for any harm or personal injury suffered by him, or by any person claiming through him, in any event conducted by the OA

**19.2 Responsibilities**

- a) All those taking part in these races do so at their own risk and responsibility. Specific attention is drawn to RRS 4 which states; "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone". The RSYS, sponsors, any Class Association, the Race Committee and other race officials are not responsible for any damage or injury either afloat or ashore.
- b) All those taking part in these races are reminded of their obligations as set out in the Yachting Australia Special Regulations clause 1.02 Owner's Responsibility.

**Further Information:**

**Victoria Robinson - Sandringham Yacht Club, Jetty Road, SANDRINGHAM VIC 3191**

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2007 AUSTRALIAN WOMENS MATCH RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sandringham Yacht Club
21st - 25th September 2007

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.

Table with 3 columns: 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 \$1000 per team and separate Damage Deposit of \$1000.

Signed: (Helmsman) Date:

MYA ENDORSEMENT

Name of Endorsing Officer: Date:

Signature: Ranking of above applicant:

This form must be submitted to your MYA by Wed 8th Aug 2007, and must be endorsed and ranked then forwarded along with an Entry Fee deposit of \$250 by Fri 10th August 2007 to SYC - Fax: (03) 9598 7444

REMITTANCE ADVICE: Please forward your payment to: SANDRINGHAM YACHT CLUB INC PO Box 66, Sandringham Vic 3191

ENTRY FEE DEPOSIT: \$250.00 (Remaining \$750 Entry Fee will be required by 24th August 2007)

Payment by Cash Cheque Credit Card Direct Debit to SYC Account

CREDIT CARD DETAILS:

By selecting to pay by credit card, I am aware that the following surcharges (Visa/Mastercard = 1.54%, American Express = 3.03%, Diners Club = 3.44%) apply to the payment amount

VISA MASTERCARD DINERS AMERICAN EXPRESS

Name: Credit Card Expires:

Signature:



**ATTACHMENT A:**

## **SPECIAL NOTICE OF REQUIREMENTS FOR COACH BOATS**

Coach / support boats which wish to enter and use the Sandringham marina during the Championship must comply with the following:

1. Complete the attached form in full and return it to the Boating Department before arriving at Sandringham – boats will not be allowed into the yard or marina until this has been completed, checked and verified;
2. Unless directed by the Race 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.;
3. When requested by the Race Management Team and or Umpires render immediate assistance as and when directed;
4. All coach boats are required to have a VHF radio, and maintain a listening watch on the channels specified by the Race Management Team and Umpires;
5. All team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall identify themselves by flying a flag of not less than 300mm x 300mm displaying the State / Zone symbol for the State / Zone they represent;
6. All support boats are required to hold Third Party Liability Insurance of not less than \$5,000,000 and written evidence of this must be delivered to the Boating Department, Sandringham Yacht Club. Written confirmation should be obtained from your insurer that your private pleasure craft policy will cover your boat whilst being used in this capacity. Failing to comply with the insurance requirement may render the boat unable to participate or assist any boat nominated for the Championship, and will therefore be denied access to the yard or marina;
7. The penalty for failing to comply with the above requirements may, after protest, be the disqualification of all boats associated with the infringing support personnel.

**Chris Myers**  
**Boating Manager**  
**Sandringham Yacht Club**  
**Jetty Road, PO Box 66, Victoria 3191**  
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# SANDRINGHAM YACHT CLUB

## Coach Boat Agreement

Entry to the SYC Yard, Marina and involvement in the Australian Match Racing Championship is conditional on providing the following details and agreeing to conditions outlined below.

Team:		Contact Name:	
Vessel Name:		Call Sign:	
Phone: (Mobile)			
Purpose of Use:			
Date from:		Date to:	
		No. of Crew?	
Name of Skipper:			
Designated drivers 'Boating Licence' Number:			
Other Qualifications:			

### BOAT DETAILS

Type of vessel:	RIB <input type="checkbox"/>	Hard Hull <input type="checkbox"/>	Make:	
Boat Rego:			Boat Length:	
			Engine type & capacity:	
Insurance:	Name of Insurer:		Policy No.	
Trailer Rego:			Exp Date:	

### TERMS & CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. The craft shall only be moored in the location as directed by SYC staff or representative. Specifically vessels are not to be moored at the crane or launching ramp pontoons **at any time**.
2. Unleaded and diesel fuel is available at the Fuel jetty, however a prepaid card must be purchased from SYC office reception prior to tying up. Coach Boats are requested to only refuel before racing each day.  
\* Race Management and Umpire vessels will have priority refuelling access after each day's racing.
3. Vehicles and trailers must be removed from the yard and parked outside SYC premises, immediately after launching.
4. All boats must have a VHF radio, and maintain a listening watch on the channels specified by the Race Management and Umpire Team. All skippers must attend a briefing with Race Management and umpire Team at *a time to be advertised* for other instructions.
5. Coach / support boats must have documented evidence showing current public liability insurance to the value of \$5,000,000.
6. Coach / support boats will assist in the event of an emergency if directed to do so by the Race Management and or Umpire Team.
7. Coach / support boats may not enter the race area, unless directed to do so by the Race Management and or Umpire Team.

I agree to abide by the conditions set out above.

Signed : \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_



ATTACHMENT B:

## **SYC DRESS CODE**

### **Sandringham Yacht Club By-Laws Extracts:**

#### **3. House**

3.4 No member or guest shall appear in the Clubhouse or its environs improperly dressed. Members and guests must wear at least the equivalent of a shirt, shorts and shoes or sandals.

Persons wearing head coverings (unless for medical or religious reasons) shall not be permitted to remain within the SYC member's bar.

Wet weather gear, overalls, singlet-type tops, brief shorts, bathers or working clothing are not allowed.

Footwear must be worn at all times within the Clubhouse, but rubber thongs are not permitted.

3.13 The use of mobile phones in the Members Bar is not permitted.