Somerton Yacht Club
Notice of Race
2026-2027

RULES
The organising authority of the regatta is the Somerton Yacht Club.
The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
The class rules of measurement shall apply to boats sailing in races at Somerton Yacht Club.

ADVERTISING
Advertising will be as defined by ISAF regulation 20 (refer to ISAF website).
Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.
The organising authority reserves the right to refuse advertising by a boat or competitor when it conflicts with an event sponsor or the laws of the South Australian or Australian Governments.

ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY
The regatta is open to any boats.
Entry is available to all sailors who are current sailing members of Somerton Yacht Club.
Eligible boats may enter by completing submitting a Safety Nomination form and paying the race nomination fee or mark the form "BULK NOM" if the boat has paid the annual bulk nomination fee.

NOMINATION FEES
Required fees are in AUD as follows:

	Fee
SYC Senior Skipper	$10
SYC Youth Skipper	$5
Non Member Senior Skipper	$20
Non Member Youth Skipper	$10

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
The sailing instructions are published separately and are available on the club's website (***somertonyc.com.au****)* or from the Rear Commodore Sailing.

VENUE
Racing will be conducted on the Gulf of St Vincent in the vicinity of the Somerton Yacht Club.

THE COURSES
The courses to be sailed will be posted on the course notice board at least 60 minutes prior to the warning signal for the first start.
The course diagram will be drawn as port hand to show the layout of the course and the order in which marks shall be passed.
No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display a red or green flag to indicate the direction of racing.

PENALTY SYSTEM
Rules 44.1 and 44.2 will apply, however any requirement to take a Two-Turns Penalty will be replaced with the requirement to take a One-Turn Penalty.

SCORING
The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.
Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

SAFETY
All competitors shall wear a personal flotation device which is in good condition and is in accordance with the Australian Standard required by the Government of South Australia.
Attention is drawn to Rule 1.2 and to Rule 4, which states: The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.
The penalty for Rule 41, Outside Help shall be at the discretion of the Protest Committee.
Actions of the Race Committee in retrieving crews from the water and returning them to their boats may not be penalised.
The sail number of a boat which receives outside help may be notified to the Race Committee with details of the incident and a hearing may be held (if required) to determine any penalty.

SUPPORT BOATS
Approved Support Boats shall keep at least 100m clear of the course area during racing, except when asked to assist by the race committee.

RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS
In participating in an event, a competitor automatically grants to the organising authority and the sponsors of the event, 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 film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition for the said event in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the said event without compensation.

RADIO COMMUNICATION
While on the water, a boat shall not carry equipment capable of making radio transmissions or receiving radio transmissions except for equipment provided by the organising authority. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

PRIZES
Prizes will be given as follows for classes that have a qualifying series:

Club Champion (each class)
Club Sailor of the Season (each class)

Other prizes may be awarded by the Organising Authority.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race.
The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of $5M AUS or the equivalent. All owners/competitors who sign the Entry Form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover.

AMENDMENTS

Any amendment to this Notice of Race will be posted on the club's website (***somertonyc.com.au****)*

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

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