

AUSTRALIAN FINN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2015

NOTICE OF RACE

**Organsing authority Black Rock Yacht Club Inc. in conjunction with the
International Finn Association of Australia Inc.**



Black Rock Yacht Club Inc. (BRYC) and the International Finn Association of Australian Inc. invite entries in the 2015 Australian Finn National Championships to be sailed on Port Phillip in January 2015—

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Championship will be governed by The Rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
1.2 YA Special regulations, Addendum "A" Part 2 (off the beach boats) will apply.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display event sponsor's name(s)/logo(s) and bow numbers. If required, the Organising Authority will supply these items and they shall be affixed and/or worn as detailed in the sailing instructions.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 All competitor shall be financial members of the IFAA or other IFA affiliated organization.
3.2 Sailors must hold a current Yachting Australia membership. or be members of a National Authority recognized by ISAF.
3.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form available on the BRYC website at http://www.bryc.com.au/assoc_page.cgi?c=0-9932-0-0-0&slD=304132
3.4 Entries close at 2359 hours on 7th January 2014.
3.5 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the organising authority.

4. FEES

- 4.1 The entry fee is \$200 if paid up to the 20th December 2014.
4.2 If paid later than 20 December 2014 the entry fee will be \$250.
4.3 The last date for entries is Friday the 7th January 2014.
4.4 Cancellation of an individual entry to the event before 15th December 2014 shall be entitled to a full refund less an administration fee of \$50. Cancellations after this date or failure to attend will not be entitled to any refund.
4.5 An invitation dinner will be held on the 18th January (cost of \$25 per person refer online entry form). A limited number of tickets may be available at the registration desk during the regatta.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

5.1 Regatta Schedule

Date	Event	Time/Warning Signal
Sunday 18 th Jan	Registration and Measurement	0900 to 1300
Sunday 18 th Jan	Briefing Sessions	1300
Sunday 18 th Jan	Invitation Races	1400
Sunday 18th Jan	Welcome Dinner	After Racing
Monday 19th Jan	Registration and Measurement	0900 to 1100
Monday 19th Jan	Racing	1300
Tuesday 20th Jan	Racing	1300
Wednesday 21st Jan	Racing	1300

Thursday 22nd	Racing	1300
Thursday 22 nd Jan	National AGM	After Racing
Friday 23rd Jan	Racing	1030
Friday 23rd Jan	Presentation	After Racing

5.2 The maximum number of races shall be nine (9).

5.3 Two races per day on the earlier days and one on the final day are currently intended.

Additional races may be scheduled up to a maximum of three per day.

5.4 No warning signal will be made after 1400 on the last day of racing.

6. MEASUREMENT

6.1 All Devoti & HITEC Finns shall produce a current measurement certificate. Other Finns may be eligible to compete without a valid measurements certificate at the discretion of the IFAA officers.

6.2 Equipment inspection will take place at Black Rock Yacht Club.

6.3 Boats may be subjected to equipment inspection at any time during the regatta.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 Sailing Instructions will be available on the Black Rock Yacht Club website prior to the regatta and at registration.

8. VENUE

8.1 Black Rock Yacht Club Inc. is located in Half Moon Bay, Black Rock, Victoria.

8.2 Racing will be conducted on the waters of Port Philip, adjacent to Black Rock Yacht Club.

9. COURSES

9.1 Courses will be as detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

10. SCORING

10.1 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

10.2 When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

10.3 When from five to seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

10.4 When eight or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

11. BUOYANCY

11.1 All competitors shall wear, while afloat, an approved personal flotation device which is in good condition and is in accordance with the specifications issued or approved by the competitor's national authority affiliated to the International Sailing Federation, or a standards organisation, or certification authority, recognised for the purpose by its respective government.

11.2 Attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 1.2

12. SUPPORT BOATS

- 12.1 All support boats shall register with the Organising Authority before the first race of the regatta, stating the name of all persons aboard and the sail number of all boats they are supporting.
- 12.2 Support boats, such as coach boats etc, must be registered with the Organising Authority and shall be identified as required by the Organising Authority.
- 12.3 A Support Boat Registration Form will be provided by contacting Black Rock Yacht Club Inc. at http://www.bryc.com.au/assoc_page.cgi?c=0-9932-0-0-0&SID=304132 . Support boats must carry a VHF radio capable of operating on channels 71, 72, 73 and 77.
- 12.4 No overnight mooring facilities will be available at Black Rock Yacht Club or within Half Moon Bay
- 12.5 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay at least 50 meters outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 12.6 Support boats shall be marked by displaying flag W of a minimum size of 400 by 500mm, conspicuously at all times.
- 12.7 The crews of all support boats shall attend the Championship Safety Briefings.
- 12.8 Support boats are required to monitor the safety radio frequency at all times and shall be required to undertake safety duties at the direction of the Race Officer.

13. BERTHING

- 13.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned place in the Black Rock storage yard. Note boat storage is provided at owner's own risk.

14. RIGHT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 14.1 By participating in these Championships a competitor automatically grants the Organising Authority, the International Finn Association of Australia Inc. and its sponsors the right in perpetuity to make use and show, from time to time at their discretion any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him or her during the period of competition without compensation.

15. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 15.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmission while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. The restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

16. PRIZES

- 16.1 Allocation of prizes is at the discretion of the International Finn Association of Australia and will be detailed in the sailing instructions.
- 16.2 Eligibility for any age based prize divisions within the regatta shall be governed by the competitor's age as at the start of the regatta.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 17.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race.
- 17.2 The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material or property damage or

personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

18. INSURANCE

- 18.1** Each boat is required to hold adequate third-party insurance, and it is the owner or owner's representative's sole and inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in place and is adequate.
- 18.2** All boats competing in the Championships shall have third party insurance cover of not less than AUD \$5,000,000 (recommended AUD \$10,000,000) or equivalent thereof in any other currency for any accident.
- 18.3** All owners/competitors who enter online are deemed to have made a declaration that such cover is held and current for the duration of the event.

19. NOTICE OF AGM

- 19.1** The IFAA AGM will take place on the evening of Thursday the 22nd of January. Timing will be announced at the conclusion of racing and any protests on that day.

20. AMENDMENTS

- 20.1** Any amendments to this Notice of Race will be posted on the event website at http://www.bryc.com.au/assoc_page.cgi?c=0-9932-0-0-0&slD=304132

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