



INTERNATIONAL FINN CLASS



AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2015

Sailing Instructions

**Organising Authority: Black Rock Yacht Club Inc. in conjunction with the
International Finn Class Association of Australia Inc.
18th January 2015 – 23rd January 2015**





SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located within the regatta office at BRYC.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000hrs on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the BRYC flagpole located on the back deck.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes Race Signal AP.
- 4.3. Flag AP/H displayed ashore means "no boat shall go afloat until this signal is lowered". The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after this signal is lowered. This changes Race Signal AP/H.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1. Race Schedule

Date	Event	Time/Warning Signal
Sunday 18 th Jan	Invitation Race	1400
Monday 19 th Jan	Racing	1300
Tuesday 20 th Jan	Racing	1300
Wednesday 21 st Jan	Racing	1300
Thursday 22 nd	Racing	1300
Friday 23 rd Jan	Racing	1030

- 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. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 5.5. No warning signal will be made after 1400 on the last day of racing.



6. Class Flag

Class flag will be the Finn insignia on a light blue background.

7. RACING AREA

Racing will be conducted on Port Phillip Bay in the vicinity of Black Rock Yacht Club.

8. THE COURSE

- 8.1. The diagrams in the Attachment show the course, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 8.3. The course to be sailed will be displayed by the Race Committee at the start boat prior to the Warning Signal.
- 8.4. Courses may be shortened but only if a minimum of three legs have been completed. This changes Rule 32

9. MARKS

- 9.1. Marks 1, 2, and 3 will be large yellow inflatable cylindrical buoys. Marks A and B will be large pink inflatable cylindrical buoys.
- 9.2. Finn alternate marks, as provided in instruction 13, will be pink cylindrical buoys with a black band.
- 9.3. The starting Marks will be a race committee vessel flying an orange flag at the starboard end and a race committee vessel displaying an orange flag or a staff mark displaying an orange flag at the port end.
- 9.4. The finishing marks will be a race committee vessel flying a blue flag at the port end and a small blue mark at the starboard end.

10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

The area directly between the historic wreck of the Cerberus and the yacht club jetty is a reef and should be avoided.

11. SCORING

- 11.1. The Low Point System of Appendix A shall apply.
- 11.2. Three 3 Races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.3. When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores..
- 11.4. When five (5) to Seven (7) races have been completed a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score
- 11.5. When Eight (8) or more races have been completed a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two (2) worst scores.

12. THE START

- 12.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting mark at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 12.2. A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes Rules A4 and A5. When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores..



12.3. If flag U has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boat's hull, crew, or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or re-sailed or postponed or abandoned. This changes Rule 26. When flag U is used as the preparatory signal Rule 29.1 Individual Recall does not apply. The scoring abbreviation for a flag U penalty is UFD (or if this is not available BFD) – this changes Rule A11 Scoring Abbreviations.

13. CHANGE OF NEXT LEG OF A COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

14. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a blue flag on the race committee boat at the port end and the starboard end finishing mark

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

15.1. Rules 44.1, 44.2 and 44.4 shall apply

15.2. A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under rule 31.2 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the regatta office within the protest time limit.

15.3. Any boat that retires from a race, or retires after finishing, shall sign the 'retirements form' located in the regatta office before the end of the protest time limit.

16. TARGET TIMES

16.1. The target time for all races is 60 minutes.

16.2. Time limit for first boat to reach the first mark is 30 minutes.

16.3. Failure to meet the target times will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1 (a)

16.4. The time limit for all races will be 90 minutes.

16.5. If no boat has reached the first mark or has sailed the course and finished within the time limits stated the race shall be abandoned.

16.6. Boats failing to finish within the time limit or within 20 minutes after the first boat finishes (whichever occurs first) will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 & A5.

17. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

17.1. Protest forms are available at the regatta office, located on the back deck. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

17.2. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

17.3. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings may be held in the protest room, located behind the regatta office on the back deck, or off-site at a location which will be posted on the notice board, beginning at the time posted.

17.4. Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

17.5. Breaches of instructions 18, 19, 22, 24, 25, and 28 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes Rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if



the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.

17.6. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered

- a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
- b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes Rule 66.

17.7. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes Rule 62.2.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1. Sign-Out and Sign-In:

Before leaving to race on each scheduled racing day, a crew shall personally sign-out in the required manner located in the regatta office, and, upon returning ashore, shall personally sign-in in the required manner.

18.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

18.3. All competitors shall wear at all times 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, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.

18.4. Race officials and race powerboat crews may retrieve boat crews and return them to their boats for safety reasons. The sail number of a boat which receives outside help will be notified to the Race Committee with details of the incident and a hearing may be held (if required) to determine any penalty. The penalty for such a breach of Rule 41 shall be at the discretion of the Protest Committee. This changes RRS 41.

19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee, except that, if damage occurs on the water, equipment may be substituted before the following race and written permission shall be requested as soon as possible upon returning to shore and in any event before the end of protest time on the same day.

20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

21. OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats may display the burgee of the Black Rock Yacht Club (BRYC)

22. SUPPORT BOATS

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.



23. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. Instructions will be provided at registration.

24. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

25. PRIZES

Allocation of prizes is at the discretion of the International Finn Association of Australia .

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.

26. PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

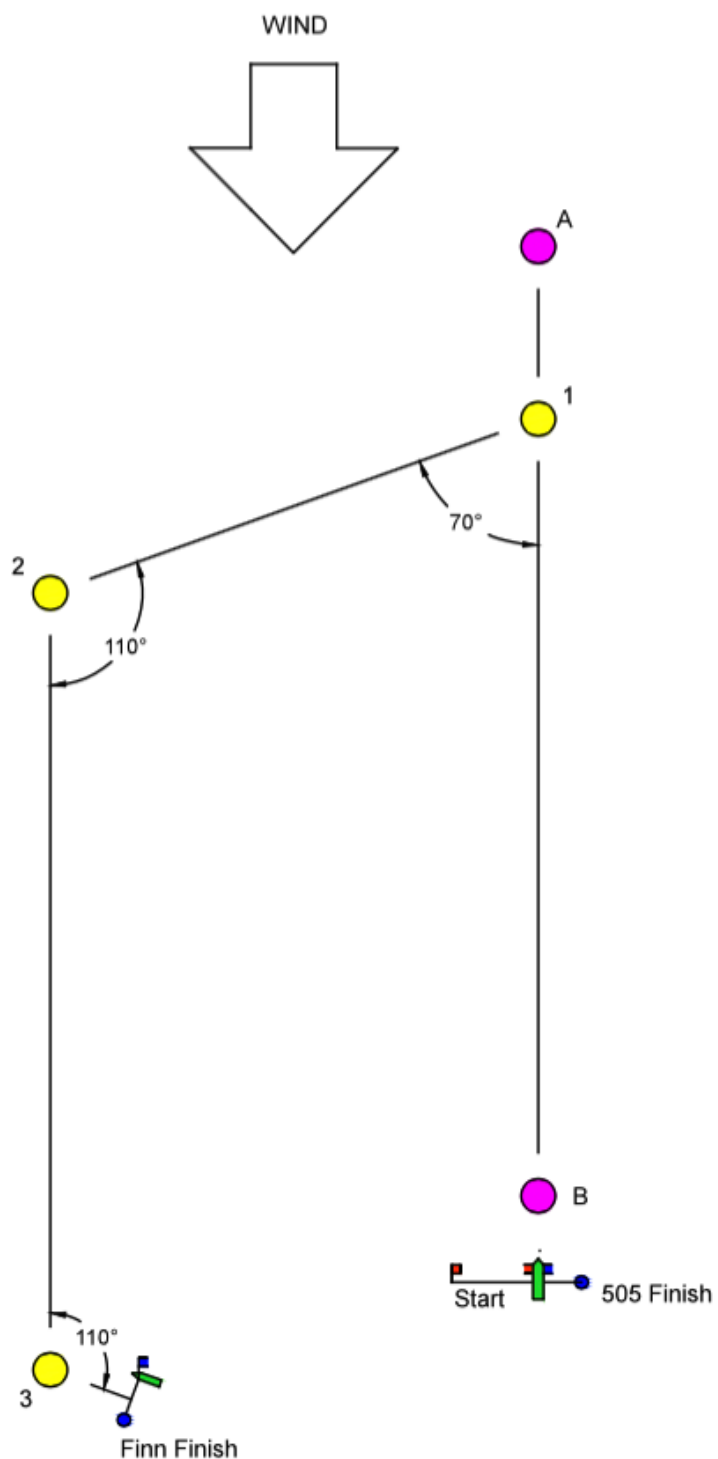
By entering the Championships competitors accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the regatta and/or using the regatta facilities and they consent to the taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication and republication of such images in any media, in conjunction with the competitors' names or not, without compensation and without the competitors' approval of such images or any use thereof.

27. 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.

28. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD5,000,000 or equivalent – AUD10,000,000 recommended. All competitors who either enter online or come to the start line with the intention of starting are deemed to have made a declaration that such cover is held and is current for the duration of the regatta.



All marks to be left to port

505

Course L2: START - A - B - A - 505 Finish

Course L3: START - A - B - A - B - A - 505 Finish

Note: Mark B doubles as 505 port end gate start mark

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Course O2: START - 1 - 2 - 3 - 2 - 3 - Finn Finish

Course O3: START - 1 - 2 - 3 - 2 - 3 - 2 - 3 - Finn Finish