

58th International Fireball Australian Championship

Thursday 13th to Sunday 16th February 2025

NOTICE OF RACE (NOR)

The Twofold Bay Yacht Club (TBYC), Eden, New South Wales, as the organising authority in conjunction with International Fireball Association of Australia Inc. (IFAA), invite entries for the 58th International Fireball Australian Championship to be conducted from Thursday 13th to Sunday 16th February 2023.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the [Racing Rules of Sailing](#) (RRS).
- 1.2. [Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 for Off the Beach boats](#) applies.
- 1.3. Appendix T Arbitration, found in the [2025-2028 RRS with Australian Sailing Prescriptions](#), applies.
- 1.4. The International Fireball Class Rules available at <http://www.fireball-international.com/the-boat/rules> apply.
- 1.5. Class Rule 8 PROHIBITIONS is changed that competing boats and competitors may carry personal cameras to capture stills or film footage for the purpose of sport, class and/or personal promotion. Such cameras must be affixed in a way that they cannot become dislodged while racing and must not be mounted in a position that may create a danger to other boats, competitors or race committee.
- 1.6. Class Rule 23 LIMITATIONS OF EQUIPMENT wording shall be adopted to apply to this event.
- 1.7. Class Rule 25 PROPULSION shall apply.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. The event is open to all boats of the International Fireball class.
- 2.3. Eligible boats may enter online on the [International Fireball Association of Australia website](#)

3. FEE

Entry Fee	\$350	
Late Entry Fee after 5 Feb 2025.	\$400	Entries received after 23:59 5 Feb 2025

NB: If the event does not proceed for any reason beyond the control of the organising authority, a full refund (less TBYC costs incurred) will be paid for all registrations.

4. SCHEDULE

Date	Event	Time
12th February 2025	Entry closes	2300
13th February 2025	Registration	1000-1100
	Competitor Briefing	1200
	Racing. First warning signal	1400
14th February	Racing. First warning signal	1300
15th February	Racing. First warning signal	1300
16th February	Racing. First Signal	1000
	Time limit for last warning signal	1200
	Presentations	ASAP after sailing

4.1. The series will comprise a maximum of 10 races.

4.2. Races will be sailed back to back following the first race.

4.3. There will be a maximum of 4 races per day.

4.4. After race day one an additional session may be held in the morning if the event is behind schedule or the weather forecast may be restrictive to achieving a full series. Any change of schedule will be posted before 1800 hours on the day preceding the day on which it will take effect.

5. MEASUREMENT

5.1 Equipment may be inspected or measured at any time.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 Sailing instructions will be available online on the [Fireball International event website](#) prior to the Regatta.

7. VENUE AND RACING AREA

7.1 Racing will be conducted in the waters of Twofold Bay.

8. THE COURSES

8.1 Courses will be described in the sailing instruction.

9. SCORING

9.1. The low point scoring system, RRS Appendix A4.1 will apply.

9.2. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

9.3. Discards:

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

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

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

10. SUPPORT PERSONS

10.1 Support persons who are not TBYC members will be granted honorary membership on regatta days and are required to abide by the Rules and Codes of TBYC and Australian Sailing.

11. SUPPORT BOATS

11.1 Team Managers, Coaches, and other support Personnel shall keep more than 50 metres clear of any competitor or mark of the course between the preparatory signal and the finish of the last boat in a race, except in boats provided by the organising authority or when asked to assist by the Race Committee.

12. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

12.1 In participating in the championship, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority and the sponsors of the championship 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 or television or other reproductions of him/her during the period of competition for the said championship in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the said championship without compensation.

13. RADIO COMMUNICATION

13.1. While racing a competing boat shall not carry equipment capable of making or receiving radio transmissions. This restriction applies to mobile telephones and any other electronic communication devices.

13.2. Attention is drawn to class rule eight that limits the functionality allowed in regard to electronic devices. Compasses or devices that do not comply with this rule are not permitted to be used.

14. RISK STATEMENT

14.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

15. INSURANCE

15.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$5,000,000 (recommended \$10,000,000) per incident or the equivalent.

16. PRIZES

16.1. Perpetual trophies will be awarded as follows:

Australian Championship Perpetual Trophy: John Castle Trophy	Australian Champion
South Australian Perpetual Trophy	First place in race 1
Capita Perpetual Trophy	First place in race 2
Bruce Keir Perpetual Trophy	First place in race 3
Capita Perpetual Trophy	First place in race 4
Marlboro Perpetual Trophy	First place in race 5
Capita Perpetual Trophy	First place in race 6
Commonwealth Bank Perpetual Trophy	First place in race 7
Alf James Perpetual Trophy	First place in race 8

IFAV Perpetual Trophy	First place in race 9
Tillett Perpetual Trophy	First place in race 10
Bombay Bowl Perpetual Trophy	Best placed helm under 25 years of age
Ancient Mariner	Best placed helm over 50 years of age
Bryan Inns Perpetual Trophy	First place on handicap overall

16.2 Australian Championships Perpetual trophies will be awarded to the highest placed Australian team.

16.3 Championship age is the competitor's age on the first day of championship registration.

16.4 Additional trophies will be awarded at the discretion of the organiser and/or class association.

16.5 Winners of championship trophies are precluded from winning handicap prizes.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

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18. AMENDMENTS

18.1 Any amendment to this Notice of Race will be posted on the International Fireball website

Appendix 1: Location of course area

