



Twofold Bay Yacht Club Inc

49th Annual Regatta and Fireball Nationals

Thursday – Sunday 13th-16th February 2025

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules:

- 1.1 The Twofold Bay Yacht Club Regatta and International Fireball Championship will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *Racing Rules of Sailing (2025 -2028)*, except as altered by these sailing instructions.

2. Eligibility and Entries:

- 2.1 Eligible yachts shall register before racing at the Clubhouse.
There will be individual class results for fleets of 6 yachts or more racing within a Division in the TBYC Regatta.
- 2.2 At least 30 minutes prior to the starting time of each race session, the yacht details and skipper's name must be entered onto the appropriate Division **Sign On** sheets at the clubhouse. Within 45 minutes of finishing or retiring, skippers shall **Sign Off** to indicate that races sailed in the session were completed in accordance with the rules. Failure to sign on and off may result in disqualification without a hearing.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the clubhouse of the Twofold Bay Yacht Club.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 20 minutes'.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Notes:

Fireballs: each session on Thursday and Friday will have a maximum of 4 races each day to provide for a minimum of 10 races over the 4 days.

After race day one an additional session may be held in the morning of a subsequent day if the event is behind schedule, or the weather forecast may restrict achieving a full series. Changes of schedule will be posted by 1800 hours on the day preceding the day on which it will take effect.

TBYC and Fireballs: - Races in all sessions will be sailed back to back. Display of Code Flag AP at the Finish indicates another race will be conducted as soon as possible after the completion of the current race.

Thursday 13th February	1200	Fireball Welcome and Briefing
Fireball Session 1	1400	Warning Signal Fireball Race 1
Friday 14th February		
Fireball Session 2	1300	Warning Signal Fireball 1st race Session 2
Saturday 15th February	1100	TBYC Regatta Welcome and Briefing
TBYC Session 1 & Fireball Session 3	1300	Warning Signal TBYC Race 1 and Fireball 1st Race Session 3
Sunday 16th February		
TBYC Session 2 & Fireball Session 4	1000	Warning Signal TBYC Race 3 or 4 and Fireball 1st Race Session 4
Presentations ASAP	after Sailing	

6. DIVISIONS:- There will be 4 starts with Div 1 starting first -Warning Signal Code Flag 1; Division 2– Code Flag 2; Div 3– Code Flag 3; Div 4 – Code Flag 4

Division 1	Fireballs	Code Flag 1
Division 2	Trailer Sailors	Code Flag 2
Division 3	Multihulls	Code Flag 3
Division 4	Monohulls	Code Flag 4

7. RACING AREAS

Racing will be conducted within Twofold Bay, Eden.

8. COURSES

8.1 The attachment “Courses to be Sailed” shows the courses for the various Divisions, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9. MARKS

9.1 Rounding marks will be orange cone buoys.

9.2 The starting and finishing marks will be a round red buoy.

9.3 The Race Committee may substitute any mark of the course, if required.

10. THE START

10.1 Races will be started by using Rule 26.

10.2 The starting line will be between the flag mast on the Committee Boat and a round red buoy set on the port side of the boat.

10.3 Yachts whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

10.4 A yacht starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored “Did Not Start”. This changes rule A4.

11. THE FINISH

- 11.1 The finishing line will be between the flag mast on the Committee Boat and the finishing mark. A blue flag will be flown on the Committee Boat signalling it is ready to record finishers. Except in the case of a shortened course, once the Committee Boat has indicated that it is ready to record finishers, competitors not engaged in finishing will be disqualified if they pass through the established finish-line. A clearance buoy may also be set from the stern of the Committee Boat.
- 11.2 After finishing, all yachts should clear the finish line and not return across it.
- 11.3 In the event that the Committee Boat is flying AP whilst on-station at the finish line, it is the intention of the Committee to conduct back-to-back racing shortly after the last boat finishes the preceding race or the allotted time limit expires. Competitors should remain in the course area, but not impede boats still racing.

12. SHORTENING COURSE

Rule 32.2 (a) applies.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

Rule 44.2 applies such that Multihulls must take a One Turns Penalty. All other vessels must take a Two Turns Penalty.

14. TIME LIMITS

- 14.1 The time limit for each race will be 1 hour and 30 minutes. Provided one yacht in a Division finishes within 1 hour and 30 minutes, the time limit for all remaining yachts in that Division will be 2 hours.
- 14.2 Yachts failing to finish within the time limit will be scored "Did Not Finish". This changes rules 35 and A4.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protest forms are available at the clubhouse. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last yacht has finished the race. In the case of back-to-back races, the prescribed limit will apply after the conclusion of the final race for the day for the protesting yacht's Division.
- 15.2 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

16. SCORING

The Low Point scoring system, Appendix A-4, will apply modified so that each yacht's series score will be the total of her race scores, with her worst score discarded if four races have been completed.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

A yacht that retires from a race shall notify the race Committee as soon as possible.

18. RADIO COMMUNICATION

A yacht shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all yachts. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. The organising authority and all parties involved in the event's organisation accept no liability for any loss, damage, death or injury which may occur to property or persons, both ashore and afloat, as a consequence of participation in this event. See Rule 3, Decision to Race. The establishment of the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions in no way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited

responsibility of a competitor being solely and entirely responsible for the management of a yacht that they are sailing.

20. **INSURANCE**

Each participating yacht shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$5,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

Attachment to Sailing Instructions – TBYC Regatta and Fireball Nationals

Courses to be Sailed

Course Direction: No later than the Warning Signal, the Race Committee will indicate the direction the course is to be sailed by the display of a flag as follows:

RED Flag will indicate that yachts will pass all buoys leaving them to port.

GREEN Flag will indicate that yachts will pass all buoys leaving them to starboard.

Mark Location: The Race Committee will endeavour to locate mark C1 approximately 150 metres upwind of mark D1.

Courses: The course and the order marks are to be passed is:

(Fireball	Mark C1 .	
	Mark D1 .	
	.W	
	Mark C3 .	
	Start - Finish	
	Division	Order
	1 Fireballs	Start-C1-W-C3-C1-C3-C1-Finish
	2 Trailer Sailors	Start-D1-W-C3-D1-C3-D1-Finish
	3 Multihulls	Start-C1-C3-C1-C3-C1-C3-C1-Finish
	4 Monohulls excl. Finns and FDs	Start-D1-W-C3-D1-C3-D1-Finish
	Finns	Start-C1-C3-C1-Finish
	FDs	Start-C1-W-C3-C1-C3-C1 Finish

Division 1 (Fireballs will use marks C1, W and C3
Division 2 (Trailer Sailors) will use marks D1, W and C3,
Division 3 (Multihulls) will use marks C1 and C3.
Division 4 (Monohulls excl. Finns and FDs) will use marks D1, W and C3
Finns will use marks C1 and C3
FDs will use C1, W and C3