

IFAA REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

29th October 2025

Headlines from FI:

- FI Fees to remain at 2025 levels
- International regatta schedule
- Rule change updates agreed at FI AGM in Garda

FI Fees to remain at 2025 levels

- Given the healthy state of FI financials, fees due to FI from NCAs for 2026 will remain the same as 2025.

International Regatta Schedule

- Hopefully a number of the participants from Australia that went to Lake Garda will be enthused by the experience to compete in future international fireball events. Certainly some good friendships were made. It is likely we will have some overseas visitors coming to our next Australian National Championships to have their opportunity to experience some further international sailing with us.
- International events include continental and world championships
- Here is the list of planned overseas events as far as is agreed at this stage:
 - 2026 Pre-worlds and Worlds Torbay
 - 2026 no Europeans
 - 2027 Europeans in France: most likely St Raphael, South of France
 - 2028 Worlds Kenya
 - 2028 Europeans Belgium?
 - 2029 Worlds Europe – North of France
 - 2030 Worlds Europe – Garda?
 - 2031 Worlds Japan? / Canada?

Rule Updates

- Decision: Reduce centreboard weight tolerance, then include a specific regatta weight measurement
- Decision: Change rules concerning GoPros. Aim is to better support marketing and publicity content production.

- Decision: Keep looking into start control systems for consideration of future rule changes if we were to incorporate something to reduce general recalls. The balance of this issue is to keep boats as affordable as possible and not create competitive advantage to those with more money to spend vs. make the sailing as enjoyable for all as possible.

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