



# 55th International Fireball Australian Championship

## Sponsored by Gunners Office Equipment

Friday 4th to Monday 7th February 2022

### NOTICE OF RACE (NOR)

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#### DATE, VENUE & ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Portland Yacht Club (PYC), Portland, Victoria, as the organising authority in conjunction with International Fireball Association of Australia Inc. (IFAA), invite entries for the 55th International Fireball Australian Championship to be conducted from Friday 4th to Monday 7th February 2022

#### 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, found at [2021-2024 RRS 'Blue Book' with Australian Sailing Prescriptions](#) applies.
- 1.3. Appendix T Arbitration, found in the [2022-2024 RRS with Australian Sailing Prescriptions](#), applies.
- 1.4. The International Fireball Class Rules available at <http://www.fireball-international.com/the-boat/rules> applies.
- 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.

- 2.2. All crew members shall hold a current Australian Sailing number.
- 2.3. Eligible boats may enter online at [the Entry link](#) with the required fee to be paid to the IFAV Bank Account: BSB: 083004 Account: 515091095

### 3. FEES

Early-Bird Entry	\$250	Entries received by 6:00 hours 20th Dec 2021 will receive free long sleeved polo regatta shirts for helm and crew.
Late Entry Fee	\$250	

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

### 4. SCHEDULE

Date	Event	Time
19th Dec 2021	Early Bird Entry payment closes	24:00 hours
4th Feb 2022	Registration	11:30-12:30 hours
	Competitor Briefing	11:30 hours
	First warning signal - Session 1	14:00 hours
5th Feb 2022	Competitor Briefing for YVWR & Fireballs	12:00 hours
	First warning signal - Session 2	13:00 hours
6th Feb 2022	Competitor Briefing	09:00 hours
	First warning signal - Session 3	10:00 hours
7th Feb 2022	Competitor Briefing	08:30 hours
	First warning signal - Session 4	10:00 hours
	Approx. last warning signal	13:00 hours
	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 of a session
- 4.3. There will be a maximum of 4 races per session.
- 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**

Sailing instructions will be available on-line at the fireball international event website prior to the regatta.

## **7. VENUE and RACING AREA**

Racing will be conducted in the confines of Portland Bay.

## **8. THE COURSES**

Courses will be described in the sailing instructions and on the Official Notice Board at PYC at the Information Sessions. Courses will cater for shipping movements of the Port of Portland.

## **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 five or less races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
  - 9.3.2. When from six 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 score

## **10. SUPPORT PERSONS**

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

## **11. SUPPORT BOATS**

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**

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 regards to electronic devices. Compasses or devices that do not comply with this rule are not permitted to be used.
- 13.3. Go Pros or similar are allowed to be used but are not permitted to be affixed in such a way that they protrude from the boat. This changes class rule eight.

### 14. RISK STATEMENT

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

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	Australian Champion
Australian Championship 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 21 years of age
Ancient Mariner	Best placed helm over 50 years of age
Bryan Inns Perpetual Trophy	First place on handicap overall

- 16.2.** Championship age is the competitor's age on the first day of championship registration.
- 16.3.** Additional trophies will be awarded at the discretion of the organizer and/or class association.
- 16.4.** Winners of championship trophies are precluded from winning handicap prizes.

## 17. FURTHER INFORMATION

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## 18. AMENDMENTS

Any amendment to this Notice of Race will be posted on the same website [here](#).