



55th International Fireball Australian Championship

Friday 4th February - Monday 7th February 2022

SUPPLEMENTARY SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organising Authority

Portland Yacht Club (PYC)

in conjunction with

International Fireball Association of Australia

1. RULES

- 1.1. The championship will be governed by the Rules as defined in [The Racing Rules of Sailing](#) (RRS).
- 1.2. Australian Sailing (AS) Prescriptions and Special Regulations Part 2 for 'Off the Beach Boats' shall apply.
- 1.3. The [International Fireball Association Class Rules](#) shall apply, except any rule changed by the Notice of Race or these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.4. The notation '[DP]' after a Rule in the SIs means that the penalty for a breach of that rule is at the discretion of the protest committee.
- 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 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 shall apply.
- 1.7. Class Rule 25 PROPULSION shall apply.
- 1.8. If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing instructions the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 1.5 hours prior to the warning signal of the first race it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 hours on the day before it will take effect. This changes RRS Appendix S 3.1: Standard Sailing Instructions.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board. The Notice board is located on the south west side of the clubrooms.
- 3.2. Notification to skippers of a change to the schedule of races will be via text message and/or email using the details provided at entry.

- 3.3. [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones or any other electronic communication devices.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with all reasonable requests from race officials.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole in the vicinity of the Portland Yacht Club (PYC) clubhouse.
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes RRS Appendix S 4.2.

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 6.1. Schedule of racing:

Date	Event	Time
4th Feb 2022	First warning signal - Session 1	14:00 hours
5th Feb 2022	First warning signal - Session 2	13:00 hours
6th Feb 2022	First warning signal - Session 3	10:00 hours
7th Feb 2022	First warning signal - Session 4	10:00 hours
	Last warning signal	13:00 hours

- 6.2. The series will comprise a maximum of 10 races.
- 6.3. Races will be sailed back to back following the first race of a session.
- 6.4. There will be a maximum of four races per session.
- 6.5. The Race Committee may adjust the scheduled time of racing if the regatta 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.
- 6.6. No warning signal will be made after 1300 hours on the last scheduled day of racing.

7. CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1. The Class flag will be the International Fireball Class Flag, which is square with a red disc centred on a blue background.

8. RACING AREA

The racing area is the confines of Portland Bay. Attachment A shows the location of the racing area.

9. COURSES

- 9.1. The diagrams in Attachment B show the courses, 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.
- 9.2. The course configuration is a loop - triangle with all marks left to port
- 9.3. The course to be sailed for the session will be displayed on the Official Notice Board and outlined at each daily briefing session.
- 9.4. Courses may be shortened and marks moved in accordance with RRS 32 and 33

10. MARKS

- 10.1. Marks 1, 2 and 3 are yellow inflatables.
- 10.2. Marks 1a and 4 are red teardrops.
- 10.3. The starting and finishing pin end marks are white teardrops.

11. OBSTRUCTIONS

Keep clear of shipping.

12. THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started as per RRS Rule 26 with a 5 minute warning signal.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an Orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the Starboard end of the start line and the pin end starting mark.
- 11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 11.4 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored 'Did Not Start' without a hearing. This changes Rules 35 and A4.

13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1. If 'New Marks' are not available to change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position.
- 13.2. If 'New Marks' are available 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.
- 13.3. Which of these alternatives applies will be described at competitor briefing and on the PYC notice board.

14. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee boat and the finish mark.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.1 and 44.2 shall apply.

16. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 16.1. The Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Race Target Time	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
45 minutes	90 minutes	15 minutes

- 16.2. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 60.1 and 62.
- 16.3. The time limit for the first boat to sail the course shall be 90 minutes.
- 16.4. Boats still racing and failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus 30% of the number of starters rounded to the nearest whole number, but no more points than the number of starters. Such boats will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE). This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A10.

17. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last fireball finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 17.2. Breaches of instructions 21, 22, 25 and 26 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.
- 17.3. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
 - within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.
- 17.4. 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.
- 17.5. Notification to competitors will occur no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and where the hearings will be held.

18. SCORING

- 18.1. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.2. (a) When fewer than six races are completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
(b) 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.
(c) When nine or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 18.3. Rule A5.3 does not apply.
- 18.4. A boat's handicap rating will be calculated based on results in the first three championship races.

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP]

- 19.1. A Sign-on and Sign-off sheet will be located in the clubrooms.
The skipper (or crew) of each boat shall sign-on by signing this sheet prior to leaving the shore, and sign-off by signing this sheet as soon as possible upon returning to shore at the completion of racing, but no later than the protest time limit.
Failure to "Sign On" prior to racing will result in a 5 point penalty for the first race of the day.
Failure to "Sign Off" within the required time will result in a 5 point penalty for the last race of the day.
- 19.2. Discretionary penalties [DP] will apply to RRS 41 "Outside Help".
- 19.3. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. [DP]

20. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT [DP]

- 20.1. Substitution of crew will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee. The nominated Helm shall not be substituted.
- 20.2. Substitution of equipment will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee, unless damaged equipment is replaced on the water, where approval shall be sought before the end of Protest Time Limit for that day.

21. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 21.1. All competing boats and equipment must be presented on day 1 during registration time or day 2 by appointment for equipment approval and stickers to be applied.
- 21.2. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the RRS, class rules and sailing

Instructions.

- 21.3. Measurement may inspect but are not limited to regatta hull weight (racing weight excluding spars, rudder assembly, sails), correctors, rocker measurements, centre board weight and measurement, rudder weight and measurement, black bands, mast tip weight, spinnaker pole length, hull identification, random sail measurement.
- 21.4. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection. [DP]

22. EVENT ADVERTISING

- 22.1. Advertising will be in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.
- 22.2. Boats may be required to display advertising supplied by the organising authority.

23. OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will display a PYC Burgee.

24. SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

- 24.1. Coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 24.2. All support and coach boats shall position themselves at least 100 metres below the start line and beyond the lay-lines of the race course whilst racing is in progress, and shall move in such a fashion as to ensure their wake does not affect the boats racing.
- 24.3. In emergency situations, all support and coach boats may be called upon and come under the direction of the race committee.

25. TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

26. RADIO COMMUNICATION [DP]

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats.

27. PRIZES

- 27.1. Regatta age is the competitor's age on the first day of regatta registration.
- 27.2. Prizes will be awarded as described in the Notice of Race.
- 27.3. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 27.4. Winners of championship trophies are precluded from winning ancient mariner, junior, female and handicap prizes.

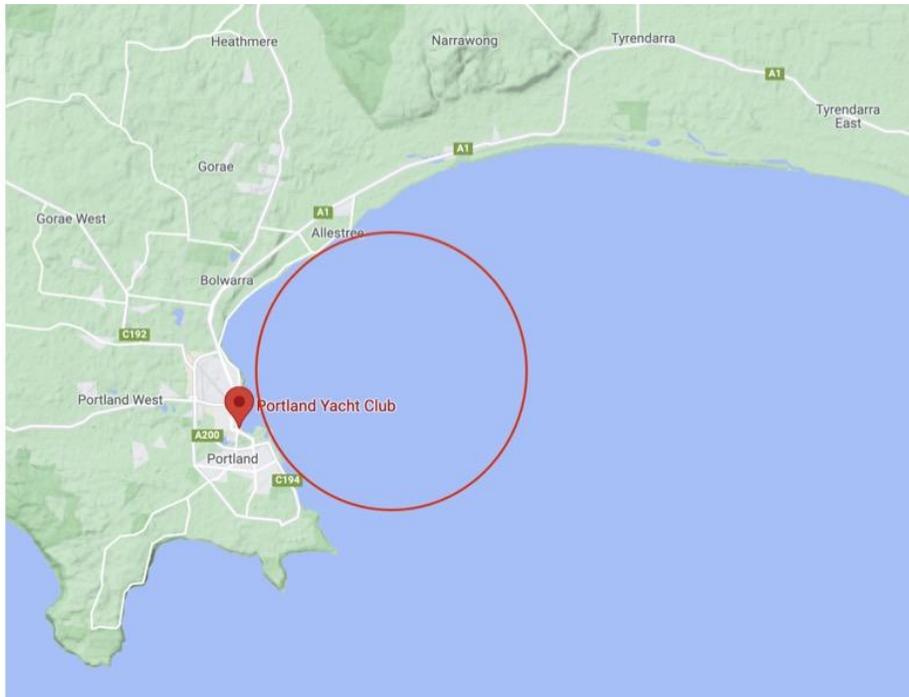
28. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 28.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race.
- 28.2. The organising 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.

29. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD5Million (AUD10Million recommended) or the equivalent. All owners/competitors who enter this event are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover.

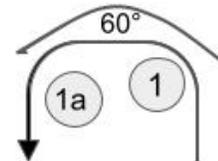
ATTACHMENT A - RACING AREA



ATTACHMENT B - COURSE DIAGRAM

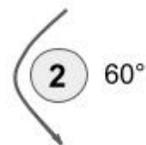
Course 1

Start - 1 - 1a - 3 - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 1a - 4 - Finish



Course 2

Start - 1 - 1a - 3 - 1 - 2 - 4 - Finish



Course angles are approximate.

