



*Royal Geelong Yacht Club Inc.  
25 Eastern Beach Rd, Geelong, Vic, 3220*

*2024 International Fireball Australian Championship*

*Monday 5<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024*

*2024 International Fireball World Championship*

*Friday 9<sup>th</sup> to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024*

**Notice of Race (NOR)**

The Royal Geelong Yacht Club Inc. (RGYC) in conjunction with the International Fireball Association of Australia (IFAA) as the Organizing Authority (OA) invites owners of eligible boats to apply for entry to the 2024 International Fireball Australian and World Championships to be held on Corio Bay.

[DP] – A rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the jury or protest committee.

**1. RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 RRS Appendix T will apply.
- 1.3 Appendix P will apply.
- 1.4 Subject to the approval of the Race Committee, a boat chartered or loaned for the event(s) may declare at the time of entry or registration a sail number which may be different from the registered number of the hull, provided that the number declared shall not be the sail number of any other boat competing in the regatta. This changes RRS Appendix G3.
- 1.5 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.6 All crew members shall wear, whilst afloat, a personal flotation device (PFD) securely fastened in a manner appropriate to the design of the device. PFD's shall comply with one of the following:
  - a) Australian Standard AS4758-2015 or
  - b) Australian Standard AS1512-1996 for PFD Type 1 or
  - c) Australian Standard AS1499-1996 for PFD Type 2 or
  - d) Australian Standard AS2260-1996 for PFD Type 3 or
  - e) An equivalent or more stringent overseas standard:and shall be branded with the respective standard authorities mark of approval. For more

information about Australian and equivalent overseas standards refer to <https://wearalifejacket.transportsafety.vic.gov.au/lifejacket-laws/lifejacket-standards>.

## 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available after 24:00 hrs on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023 on the event noticeboard.

## 3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board is adjacent to the RGYC slipway.
- 3.2 The online notice board will be accessible via the [event website](#).
- 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.

## 4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats of the International Fireball Class Association whose helm and crew are affiliated or unaffiliated members of an International Fireball Class Association.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form online [HERE](#), together with the required fee, no later than 24:00 hrs 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023.
- 4.3 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.4 Late entries may be accepted under the following conditions: up to 24:00 the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024, at the discretion of the OA and with payment of a Late Entry Fee of \$150.00 AUD in addition to the Entry Fee.

## 5. FEES

- 5.1 Entry fees are as follows:

Event	Fees AUD
Australian Championship (only)	400.00 AUD
World Championship (only)	600.00 AUD
Australian & World Championship Early Bird Fee until 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	900.00 AUD
Australian & World Championship from 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2023	1000.00 AUD

## 6. ADVERTISING

- 6.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

## 7. SCHEDULE

7.1 Racing, registration, measurement, and inspection will take place as follows:

Date	Activity	Time
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2024	Registration and Measurement Australian Championship	10:00 – 18:00
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2024	Australian Championship Racing	13:00
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2024	Australian Championship Racing	TBA
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2024	Australian Championship Racing	TBA
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2024	Registration and Measurement World Championship	10:00 – 18:00
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2024	Registration and Measurement World Championship	10:00 – 18:00
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2024	World Championship Racing	13:00
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2024	World Championship Racing	TBA
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2024	World Championship Racing	TBA
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2024	Reserve Day*	
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2024	World Championship Racing	TBA
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2024	World Championship Racing	TBA

7.2 Number of races:

Series	Number of Races	Race per day maximum
Australian Championship	7	3
World Championship	10	3

7.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race of each event is 13:00 hrs.

7.4 On the last scheduled day of racing for each event, no warning signal will be made after 16:00 hrs.

## 8. EQUIPMENT INSPECTIONS

8.1 Each boat shall produce or verify the existence of a valid measurement certificate.

- 8.2 [DP] Boats shall be available for equipment inspection from the first scheduled race day of each Championship.
- 8.3 Boats may be inspected at any time.
- 8.4 [DP] Boats shall also comply with RRS 78 when presented for inspection.

## **9. VENUE**

- 9.1 The regatta will take place on Corio Bay, Geelong, Australia.
- 9.2 NOR Addendum A shows the location of the racing area.

## **10. COURSES**

- 10.1 The courses to be sailed shall consist of triangles and/or windward returns as described in the Sailing Instructions.

## **11. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 11.1 The intention is to appoint an International Jury as provided in RRS 70.5.
- 11.2 The right of appeal from the International Jury's decision (if appointed) is denied as provided in RRS 70.5 [c].

## **12. SCORING**

- 12.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.2 (a) When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.  
  
(b) 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.  
  
(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.

## **13. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS**

- 13.1 [DP] Support person vessels shall be marked with an official flag provided at registration.
- 13.2 All support vessels shall be registered with the organising authority and shall be required to comply with the event support vessel regulations which will be included in the Sailing Instructions.
- 13.3 All support person vessels are required to carry a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving all international ship-to-ship channels.
- 13.4 All support persons shall wear a personal flotation device which complies with Maritime Safety Victoria requirements at all times when afloat except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.

## **14. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS**

- 14.1 A chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the race committee has approved her sail identification before the first race.

## **15. BERTHING**

- 15.1 [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the boat park.

## **16. RISK STATEMENT**

- 16.1 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.**

## 17. INSURANCE

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

## 18. PRIZES

- 18.1 Prizes will be awarded as follows:

### Australian Championship\*

Australian Championship	Australian Championship Perpetual Trophy
Race 1 First Place	IFASA Perpetual Trophy
Race 2 First Place	Capita Perpetual Trophy
Race 3 First Place	Bruce Keir Perpetual Trophy
Race 4 First Place	Capita Perpetual Trophy
Race 5 First Place	Malboro Perpetual Trophy
Race 6 First Place	Capita Perpetual Trophy
Race 7 First Place	Commonwealth Bank Perpetual Trophy
Race 8 First Place **	Alf James Perpetual Trophy
Race 9 First Place **	IFAV Perpetual Trophy
Race 10 First Place **	Tillett Perpetual Trophy
Best placed helm under 21 years of age	Bombay Bowl Perpetual Trophy
First place on handicap overall	Bryan Inns Perpetual Trophy

\*All Australian Championships Perpetual trophies will be awarded to the highest placed Australian team.

\*\* No race scheduled for races 8-10.

### World Championships

World Champion Helm	Worlds Trophy
World Champion Crew	Humboldt Trophy
Race 1 First Place	Moore Trophy
Race 2 First Place	Rondar Cup
Race 3 First Place	Volvo Trophy

Race 4 First Place	Certina Trophy
Race 5 First Place	Mildara Wines Trophy
Race 6 First Place	Bell Bowl
Race 7 First Place	Sponsor Trophy
Race 8 First Place	RVYC Trophy
Race 9 First Place	Safaricom Kenya Trophy
Race 10 First Place	P & B Trophy
Overall Classic	Classic Boat Trophy
Perseverance	Geest Trophy

18.2 Other prizes may be awarded.

## 19. FURTHER INFORMATION

19.1 For further information please contact

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### Version History

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APPENDIX A  
LOCATION OF THE RACING AREAS

