



Notice of Race

Ronstan 2024 Australian Championship

INTERNATIONAL FINN CLASS

Davey's Bay Yacht Club (DBYC) as Organizing Authority
on behalf of International Finn Association – Australia,
invites entries for the 2024 International Finn Class Australian Championship
to be held at Davey's Bay, Mount Eliza, Victoria **on 11th - 15th January 2024**

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

The notation [DP] in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than the disqualification. This changes Rule 64.2.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the current Australia Sailing (AS) Prescriptions and Special Regulations Part 2 for off-the-beach boats, except as varied by this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Rule 44.1 and Appendix P2.1 is changed that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One Turn Penalty.
- 1.3 International Finn Class rules shall apply.
- 1.4 RRS Appendix P - Shall Apply.
- 1.5 [NP] Bow numbers will be supplied at Registration, failure to fit bow numbers prior to racing will result in a vessel being non compliant and will receive DNC for all races the bow number is not displayed.
- 1.6 Bow numbers should match your sail number where possible
- 1.7 If there is a clash of sail number with an overseas entrant the first letter of the country will prefix the sail number. e.g. NZ12 = N12

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available on the online noticeboard dbyc.com.au and Sailor App one week prior to Registration.

3 ADVERTISING

- 3.1 Boats will be required to display bow numbers and/or event sponsors' advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority. The forward 25% section of the hull length on each boat's side shall be reserved to affix event advertising and bow numbers. Position of the bow numbers will be described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 3.2 The Organising Authority reserves the right to refuse advertising by a boat or competitor when it is in conflict with an event sponsor or the laws of the Victorian or Australian Governments.

4 COMMUNICATION

- 4.1 The online official notice board is on the Davey's Bay Yacht Club website: www.dbyc.com.au and posted on the Sailor App.
- 4.2 Communications will be via the Sailor App.

5 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 5.1 The regatta is open to boats from the International Finn Class.
- 5.2 Competitors must be current financial members of an affiliated International Finn Association and of a club affiliated with their national MYA.
- 5.3 Parent/Guardians of competitors under the age of 18 years as of 11/1/2024 shall acknowledge the entry declaration form.
- 5.4 Eligible boats may enter via the [Regatta Entry Link](#)

6 FEES

- 6.1 The Early Bird regatta entry fee is AUD\$300 per boat up until 2359 hours on Friday 22nd December 2023. Early Bird entrants will receive one regatta shirt per entry.
- 6.2 The fee for entries received after 22/12/23 shall be AUD\$400 and will be accepted until 2359 hours on Friday 5th January 2024. Supply of a regatta shirt is not guaranteed.
- 6.3 The entry fee includes 1 ticket to the Welcome function and 1 ticket to Presentation. Additional tickets available for purchase.

7 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 7.1. Eight (8) races are scheduled for the Championship.
- 7.2. Two (2) races per day are planned back-to-back. Additional races may be sailed on any day provided that the regatta does not become more than one (1) race ahead of schedule. No more than three (3) races shall be sailed in one day.
- 7.3. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal shall be made after 1600 hrs.

Schedule cont.

Date	Event	Time (Warning Signal)
Wednesday 10 th January 2024	Club access for boat drop off	TBC Check tides
Thursday 11 th January 2024	Club open and boat drop off Registration open	0900 1100-1700
	Welcome function at DBYC	1800-2000
Friday 12 th January 2024	Sailor Information session Racing	1100 1300
Saturday 13 th January 2024	Racing	1300
	DBYC Saturday night dinner & live music	1800-2200
Sunday 14 th January 2024	Racing	1300
Monday 15 th January 2024	Racing	1300
	Presentation at DBYC	ASAP After Racing

8 MEASUREMENT AND REGISTRATION

- 8.1 Competitors may use one (1) mast and two (2) sails during the regatta, each of which must be declared at registration.
- 8.2 Competitors must have a sail number issued by IFAA, which either matches to the number allocated to the hull or the personal number of the skipper.
- 8.3 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules, Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 and the Sailing Instructions. A boat can be instructed by the Race Committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

9 VENUE AND RACING AREAS

Racing will be conducted on the waters in the vicinity of Davey's Bay Yacht Club, Mt Eliza. See Appendix A.

10 THE COURSES

- 10.1 Windward - Leeward courses are to be sailed as described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 10.2 Target time for racing is intended to be 50 minutes

11 SCORING

- 11.1 Eight (8) races are scheduled.
- 11.2 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.3 When four (4) or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- 11.4 When from five (5) to eight (8) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12 Prizes

- 12.1 Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd overall
- 12.2 The Australian Finn Association Perpetual Trophy and the title of Australian Champion will be awarded to the highest placed Australian competitor.
- 12.3 Division prizes shall be awarded based on the ranking of competitors in the overall results.
- 12.4 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

13 CHANGE OF CREW AND EQUIPMENT

- 13.1 No changes to helmsman shall be accepted after close of entries
- 13.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment shall not be allowed unless authorised in writing by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Committee in writing at the first reasonable opportunity and the damaged equipment and its replacement shall be submitted for inspection. This does not affect the masts and sails in NOR 8.1.

14 RADIO COMMUNICATION

[DP] Except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions while racing and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

15 SUPPORT AND COACH BOATS

- 15.1 Support/coach boats shall register during the registration period.
- 15.2 Each coach/support boat is required to have a working VHF radio, capable of communicating on channel 72, tuned to a frequency designated by the Race Committee and be available to act as a rescue boat as directed by the Race Committee if required.
- 15.3 Support/coach boats shall keep to leeward and more than 50 metres clear of any competitor or mark of the course from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment, except when asked to assist by the Race Committee. Failure to comply may result in protest of boats associated with the infringing vessel.
- 15.4 Support/coach boats must be insured with third party insurance to the value of AUD\$10million or more.

16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors shall accept that their participation in this Regatta is at their sole exclusive risk in every respect. Entry to the Regatta shall indemnify DBYC, IFAA their officers, members, servants and agents in respect of all claims and demands of whatever nature which may be made upon them in connection with or who so ever arising from their participation or intended participation in the Regatta.

17 RISK STATEMENT

Competitor's attention is drawn to RRS 3 which states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing 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.**

18 RISK WARNING

It is recommended that competitors should consider wearing helmets as protection against head strikes from the boom.

19 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$5million (recommended \$10million) AUD per incident.

20 RIGHT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

In participating in this event, a competitor automatically grants the Organising Authority and the event sponsors 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 television and other reproductions of him / her during the period of competition for the said event in which the competitor participates and in material related to the said event without compensation.

21 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Access to Davey's Bay:

Vehicle access to DBYC is limited. There is a private lane off Brookwood Ave (which will be signposted). This lane will be open, by arrangement, to allow vehicle access (4 wheel drive only) for boat delivery and on Wednesday and Thursday and pickup only on Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning.

The Club has ramp and launching facilities and plenty of boat parking on club grounds. There is no car parking on the club grounds. Storage for trailers will be advised on arrival and may be off-site.

At all times, other than boat delivery, car parking and walking access will be via Davey's Bay Rd and the signposted cliff top path.

Accommodation:

Search Mt Eliza, Frankston and Mornington on the following suggested sites:

Bookings.com Wotif.com stayz.com.au airbnb etc

Quest Apartments, Frankston – mention regatta name

Brooklands of Mornington Hotel – brooklandsofmornington.com.au

Billeting: contact Andrew Coutts on 0412 126 294

Services:

Chandlery: Sport Phillip Marine, Mornington-Tyabb Rd Mornington. Ph 5975 4715

Sailmakers: Quantum Sails Mornington ph 5975 1119 or 0418 336 820

Further information available from Website: dbyc.com.au For general enquiries contact:

Andrew Coutts on 0412 126 294 or

Susan Thompson 0438 882 004.

Appendix A

