



Organising Authority:  
Davey's Bay Yacht Club (DBYC)  
in conjunction with  
Flying Fifteen International Australia Inc.

**International Flying Fifteen  
61<sup>st</sup> Australian Championship**  
*Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025*

**NOTICE OF RACE**

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## International Flying Fifteen 61st Australian Championship

1-6 January 2025

### 1. RULES

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (**RRS**), which may be modified in accordance with RRS 86.1(b).

1.2. The following additional rules, conditions, by laws and regulations shall apply:

- a. Class Rules of Flying Fifteen International (**FFI**);
- b. Conditions of the Coweslip Trophy of Flying Fifteen International Australia Inc. (**FFIA**);
- c. National Championship By Laws of FFIA; and
- d. Australian Sailing (**AS**) Prescriptions and Special Regulations Part 2.

### 2. ADVERTISING

Advertising shall be in accordance with Class Rule B17. The forward 25% section of the hull length on both sides of each boat shall be reserved to affix event advertising and bow numbers, which shall be displayed as specified by the Organising Authority.

### 3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the International Flying Fifteen Class which hold a valid FFI Measurement Certificate and are entered on the FFIA Register of Boats or are registered with an association established outside Australia affiliated with FFI.

3.2 Both helm and crew shall be financial members of AS, or affiliated to an alternative Member National Authority (**MNA**).

3.3 The boat's owner, helm and crew shall be a full financial member of a recognised State or National Flying Fifteen Association, with affiliation to FFI.

3.4 Persons nominated on the entry to sail may not be substituted without the permission of the Race Committee in writing. Any substitute thus permitted shall not helm the boat.

3.5 All entrants will compete in the Open Division, while entries may be accepted for both Classic and Silver divisions.

(a) The classic Division is open to all boats with sail numbers below 2700 but excluding boats which have had substantial hull shell modifications and in addition, including unmodified boats with sail numbers 2700 and above derived from genuine Classic moulds. A definitive list of boats qualifying for Classic status is published on the FFI website.

(b) The Silver Division is open to all boats with sail numbers from 2700 to 3400 and also includes any boats with sail numbers below 2700 that do not meet the criteria for Classic Division.

(c) Any dispute regarding the eligibility of a boat in either of the above sub-divisions will be resolved by the National Measurer whose decision shall be final.

3.6 Eligible entrants may enter by completing an online entry and paying fees on-line at

[ENTRY LINK HERE](#). Where applicable, the Parent/Guardian/Custodian Consent form accompanying this Notice of Race must be completed and presented at Registration.

Early bird entries close on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024 and all other entries close on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

## FEES

- 4.1 The regatta entry fee to be paid at the time of entry is:
- \$600 if paid prior to close of business 30th November 2024 or
  - \$650 if paid after 30th November 2024 until entries close on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2024.
- 4.2 Entry includes 2 regatta shirts, 2 welcome night tickets and 2 presentation night tickets.

## 5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 The event schedule is shown in the table below.
- 5.2 The regatta includes an invitation race and up to 10 Championship Races, noting that:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> January	Registration	1100-1600
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	Registration	0900-1100
	Information session	1130
	Invitation race followed by Race session	1430
	Welcome function	1830
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	AGM	1000
	Racing session	1400
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Racing session AM	1030
	Racing session PM	1430
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Racing session	1400
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Racing session	1030
	Presentation and dinner	1830

- (a). Subject to the discretion of the Race Committee, the intention is that no more than three (3) races will be sailed on any one day; and
- (b). On the last Racing Session no warning signal will be made after 1400hrs.

## 6. REGISTRATION AND MEASUREMENT

6.1 At registration and measurement all entrants are required to present the boats measurement certificate and proof of current financial membership of a FFI Class Association and helm & crew membership of, or affiliation to, their MNA.

Following registration, boats must be presented for equipment and measurement inspections.

6.2 In the event that a sail or spar has been lost or damaged during the course of the championship and to such extent that it cannot be used, the Race Committee may authorise the use of a replacement sail or spar, in writing.

6.3 As required by the Race Committee or as directed by the protest committee, a boat may be inspected and remeasured at any time during the regatta.

## 7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available online from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024.

## 8. VENUE

Racing will be conducted on the waters of Port Phillip Bay in the vicinity of Davey's Bay, Mount Eliza.

The club has crane launching facilities and a ramp (please advise if this is your only option).

Vehicle access to DBYC is via a private lane off Brookwood Drive. This lane will be open by arrangement to allow 4WD vehicle access for boat transportation only. There is no car parking on the club grounds, but plenty of boat parking.

At all other times car parking and walk in access will be via Davey's Bay Road and the signposted cliff top path.

## 9. THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be described in detail in the Sailing Instructions and will consist of a combination of windward, leeward, and reaching legs.

## 10. SCORING

10.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A of the RRS shall be used and A5.4 will apply.

10.2 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

10.3 A boat's series score is calculated, based on the number of Championship Races:

- 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 seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of the race scores excluding her worst score.
- c. When eight races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of the race scores excluding her worst two scores.

10.4 The regatta handicap results will be determined by back calculation. Points will be awarded for handicap results in accordance with 10.3 above. A boat that finishes in the first three places in either the Open, Silver, or Classic Division will be ineligible to win the handicap trophy.

## 11. SUPPORT BOATS

11.1 All coach, support & spectator boats (**Support Boats**) and / or their driver(s), shall be registered with Organising Authority at Registration and will be required to comply with local legislation and event support boat regulations. The Organising Authority may refuse registrations and accept later registrations at their sole discretion.

11.2 An orange flag will be displayed approximately 5 min before the commencement of the start sequence. On this signal, all non-race committee boats must promptly depart the race exclusion zone for the duration of the race, unless called on to assist by the Race Committee. The race area exclusion zone is as follows;

- (i) At least 100 m clear of all course, start and finish marks.
- (ii) At least 100 m outside the course area including lay lines.

This instruction continues to apply if a general recall or postponement is signalled but not after a race is abandoned

11.3 Coach and support boats shall fly an identifying flag which must be clearly displayed at all times while afloat

## 12. COMMUNICATIONS

12.1 The online official noticeboard is on the Sailor App: "2025 Flying 15 Australian Championships"

12.2 Except in an emergency, a boat whilst racing shall neither make or receive Radio or Electronic Communications. This restriction also applies to mobile phones. (This changes Class Rule B14.5).

## 13. PRIZES

13.1 prizes will be given as follows:

The Uffa Fox Trophy (*1st Invitation Race*)

The Coweslip Trophy (*1st Championship*), Canberra Plate (*2nd Championship*), Tempest Trophy (*3rd Championship*) & Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club Trophy (*4th Championship*)

The Walbourn Trophy (*1st sail number 400 or more below highest sail no. entered*)

The JAT (Tally) Hobbs Trophy (*1st Silver Division*)

The Anniversary Trophy (*1st Classic Division*)

The Allen Brooke Trophy (*1st Handicap*)

The Masters Trophy (*1st Helm aged over 50 years*)

The Bill Shand Trophy (*1st boat with combined crew aged over 110 years*)

The Rising Stars Trophy (*1st boat with combined crew aged under 50 years*)

13.2 Additional presentations may be made at the conclusion of each day's racing

13.3 Other prizes may also be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Committee

## 14. 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, IFFA 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.

## 15. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD10,000,000 per event, or the equivalent. By entering online, helmspersons are deemed to have made a declaration that they have such cover.

## 16. FURTHER INFORMATION

- Competitors and supporters are encouraged to pre-order lunches and any additional function tickets prior to the start of the event.
- A secure yard will be available for container drop off / storage etc. The depot is in Seaford approx. 8.5kms from the club and, although not in walking distance, arrangements could be made to help with boat transport to and from the depot before and after the competition if required
- Vehicle access to DBYC is via a private lane off Brookwood Drive. This lane will be open by arrangement to allow 4WD vehicle access for boat transportation only.
- There is no car parking on the club grounds, but plenty of boat parking.
- Car parking and walk in access will be via Davey's Bay Road and the signposted cliff top path.
- Davey's Bay is the gateway to the Mornington Peninsula with attractions including wineries, beaches, parks and many tourist attractions.
- Accommodation options can be found searching Mount Eliza, Frankston, Mornington and surrounding areas.
- Further information will be available on the event Sailor App noticeboard.

**Attachment A: Parent / Guardian / Custodian Consent**

International Flying Fifteen 61st Australian Championship at Davey's Bay Yacht Club.

If either (or both) the skipper or crew is under 18 years of age at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025, then the following consent form (one for each if this applies to both) must be completed and presented at regatta registration.

I (full name) \_\_\_\_\_

being a parent, legal guardian or custodian of \_\_\_\_\_:

1. Consent to his/her participation in the International Flying Fifteen 61<sup>st</sup> Australian Championship at DBYC under the terms and conditions set out in the Notice of Race
2. Have read and understand all the relevant documents (including those listed below and those referred to each document); and
3. Agree:
  - a. Sole responsibility for the suitability of the boat and equipment lies with the competitor;
  - b. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Fundamental RRS Rule 3, Decision to Race”;
  - c. DBYC, AS, FFI, FFIA (each as defined in the Notice of Race) and the event sponsors and their officers, members, servants and agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in the regatta or howsoever arising in connection with the event;
  - d. The insurance cover requirements stated in the Notice of Race are current and will remain in force during the regatta; and
  - e. To all the acknowledgements and make the declarations and warrants outlined in the Entry Confirmation form (as if I had signed the Entry Confirmation).

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I (full name) \_\_\_\_\_

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