



Notice of Race

49th INTERNATIONAL FIREBALL AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

27th December 2014 to 3rd January 2015

to be conducted by the

**Gosford Sailing Club Ltd.
Gosford
NSW**

On behalf of the International Fireball Association of Australia



The Organising Authority is the Gosford Sailing Club Ltd.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Championship will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2013 – 2016 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) as modified by the sailing instructions.
- 1.2 The rules of the International Fireball Association will apply, including FCR 25, propulsion.
- 1.3 The Special Regulations of Yachting Australia Part 2 shall apply.
- 1.4 The Prescriptions of Yachting Australia shall apply

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 The Organising Authority may require all participating boats to display the event sponsor's advertising in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.4.1

3 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to boats of the International Fireball Class and which comply with the rules of the class association.
- 3.2 Each helmsperson and crew shall be a member of a Club affiliated with their respective State or National Yachting Association.

4 ENTRIES

- 4.1 Eligible boats may enter by completing the attached entry form and sending it, together with the required fee, to:
 - 49th International Fireball Australian Championships
Robert Hughes
8 Hilltop Rd
Wamberal
NSW, 2260
Payment may be made by cheque or money order or by bank transfer to International Fireball Association of NSW
BSB: 112 879 Account Number: 109087058
Please reference your sail number and surname in bank transfer and email a notification of payment to rxhughes@hotmail.com. Failure to do this may result in no entry to the regatta
- 4.2 Entries shall be accompanied by entry Fee of \$370
- 4.3 Entries close at 1800 hrs 30th November 2014
- 4.5 Late entries will accepted upon payment of the late entry fee of \$450 and the provision of all documentation required under the terms of the event.

5 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

5.1 The Australian Championships will consist of Ten (10) races scheduled over five (5) days of racing

5.2 The events are scheduled for:

| Date | Day | Time | Event |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| 27 th December 2014 | Saturday | 0900 – 1100 | Registration |
| | | 1000 - 1230 | Measurement & Inspection |
| 28 th December 2014 | Sunday | 1230 | Practice race Briefing |
| | | 1355 | Practice race warning signal |
| | | ASAP after racing | Welcome BBQ |
| 29 th December 2014 | Monday | 1230 | Competitors meeting |
| | | 1355 | Race 1 warning Signal |
| | | | Race 2 ASAP after race 1 |
| 30 th December 2014 | Tuesday | 1325 | Race 3 warning Signal |
| | | | Race 4 ASAP after race 3 |
| 31 th December 2014 | Wednesday | 1355 | Race 5 warning Signal |
| | | | Race 6 ASAP after race 5 |
| | | | NYE Party @ GSC |
| 1st January | New Years Day | | LAY DAY |
| 2 nd January | Friday | 1355 | Race 7 warning Signal |
| | | | Race 8 ASAP after race 7 |
| 3 rd January | Saturday | 1155 | Race 9 warning Signal |
| | | | Race 10 ASAP after race 9 |
| | | 1615 | Last Warning Signal |
| | | ASAP After Racing | Presentation dinner |

5.3 The Race Committee may alter the schedule and number of races sailed at any time but will only advance the Championship by not more than one (1) race per day

5.4 No warning signal will be made after 1615hrs on Saturday ^{3rd} January.

6 REGISTRATION AND MEASUREMENT

6.1 Eligible boats shall register with the Organising Authority at the GSC.

6.2 Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate. In addition selected measurements may be taken at the discretion of the organising authority.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 The sailing instructions will be available after 0900 on 27 December 2014 at The Gosford Sailing Club.

8 RACING AREA

8.1 The races will be conducted on Brisbane Waters off Gosford Sailing Club. Competitors are advised that the water north of the cardinal mark at Point Frederick is extremely shallow see map in appendix A.

9 COURSES

- 9.1 The courses to be sailed will be triangular courses with windward and return legs. The courses to be sailed will be described in the sailing instructions.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1 The penalty for breaking a rule of part 2 shall be a One Turn Penalty except that for infringements within the Zone, as defined in the RRS, shall be a Two Turns Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1.

11 SCORING

- 11.1 The Low points score system as described in appendix A, A4.1 RRS 2013 -2016
- 11.2 Ten (10) races are scheduled of which Four (4) completed races are required to constitute the Championship.
- 11.3 If Five (5) races or less are sailed and completed, then a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 11.4 When Six (6), Seven (7), or Eight (8) races are sailed and completed then a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This amends RRS Appendix A2.
- 11.5 When Nine (9) or more races are sailed and completed then a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two (2) worst scores. This amends RRS Appendix A2.

12 PROTEST COMMITTEE

- 12.1 The Championship shall have a Protest committee which will be appointed by the Organising Authority

13 SUPPORT BOATS

- 13.1. Team leaders, coaches, other support personnel and support boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the first warning signal of the day until racing has been concluded for the day. Specific coach and support boat instructions will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.
- 13.2. Support boats must be registered with the Organising Authority and shall be marked with identifying numeral flags issued by the Organising Authority.
- 13.3 Competitors shall have no communication with, and boats shall not be tied to, coach or support boats from the first Warning Signal (or any other time the Organising Authority considers appropriate) of the day until racing has been concluded for the day. Between races, coach and support boats shall not approach, communicate with or transfer provisions or equipment to or from their supported boats unless in a medical emergency threatening the health of the crew or an emergency threatening the flotation of the boat.

14 OFFICIAL BOATS

- 14.1 Official Boats shall display the Gosford Sailing Burgee.

15 ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

15.1 The use by competitors of mobile/cell phones or any device capable of sending and/or receiving external electronic communication and/or connecting to the internet is prohibited after the first Warning Signal (or any other time considered appropriate by the Organising Authority) on each race day until the boat has completed its days racing, except as provided in clause 15.1 or in an emergency threatening the safety of any member of the crew or the flotation of the boat.

16 ENTRY DISCLAIMER AND RISK WARNING

16.1 It is the competitor's decision to enter the Event or to start and continue in any race. Competitors shall accept that their participation in the Event is at their exclusive risk in every respect. By way of entry in the Event competitors must indemnify the Organising Authority their officers, members, staff and agents in respect to all claims and demands of whatever nature which may be made upon them in connection with or howsoever arising from their participation or intended participation in the Event.

16.2 This RISK WARNING is issued jointly by Gosford Sailing Club and NSW Maritime, pursuant to the Civil Liability Act 2002 to all persons wishing to participate in the sailing activities conducted by Gosford Sailing Club.

Participants are warned that, regardless of the precautions, which might be taken by reasonable and experienced persons, sailing can be a dangerous pursuit and participants are exposed to significant risk of property damage, physical harm and possibly death.

As an indication, these risks may include, but are not limited to:

- The extremes of weather and sea conditions.
- The potential that control of vessels may be lost, resulting in collision with objects and other vessels.
- The sudden movement of the vessel at any time and the possibility that participants may fall or be thrown overboard, resulting in drowning.
- The possibility that participants may be injured by equipment on the vessel.
- The absence of immediate medical care and the likelihood that significant delays may occur before medical care is available.
- Exposure to the elements for extended periods.

Gosford Sailing Club and NSW Maritime also warn participants that regardless of their best intentions, they may be unable to render assistance to participants who are in distress. Participants are warned to consider the above risks and all other risks before deciding to participate in any sailing event with Gosford Sailing Club.

Participants are also advised that although Gosford Sailing Club is covered by third party liability insurance, this cover DOES NOT extend to participants. Any participant who considers they have a need for insurance must make their own private arrangements with an insurer. Membership of a sailing club affiliated with Yachting NSW entitles you to personal accident insurance cover.

17 INSURANCE

17.1. All yachts competing in the Regatta are required to carry current Third Party Personal and Property Liability Insurance cover of a minimum recommended Aud \$5,000,000 or equivalent thereof in any other currency for any one accident.

17.2. All owners/competitors who sign the Entry Form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover. Competitors must produce evidence of such insurance at registration.

17.3. Each Skipper and/or co-skipper is liable for any third party property and personal injury claims.

18 PRIZES

18.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

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| Australian Championship Perpetual Trophy | First Place Overall |
| South Australian Perpetual Trophy | First Place Heat 1 |
| Capita Perpetual Trophy | First Place Heat 2 |
| Bruce Kier Perpetual Trophy | First Place Heat 3 |
| Capita Perpetual Trophy | First Place Heat 4 |
| Marlboro Perpetual Trophy | First Place Heat 5 |
| Capita Perpetual Trophy | First Place Heat 6 |
| Commonwealth Bank Perpetual Trophy | First Place Heat 7 |
| Alf James Perpetual Trophy | First Place Heat 8 |
| IFAV Perpetual Trophy | First Place Heat 9 |
| Tillett Perpetual Trophy | First Place Heat 10 |
| Bombay Bowl Perpetual Trophy | Best Placed Helm under 21 at 28 December 2014 |
| Ancient Mariner | Best Placed Helm over 50 at 28 January 2014 |
| Brian Inns Perpetual Trophy | First Place on Handicap |

The minimum age for the Ancient Mariner prize may be lowered as necessary until at least 5 competing helmspersons are eligible or until the age limit reaches 40 years.

19 MARINA BERTHS AND TRAILER PARKING

19.1 The Gosford Sailing Club will provide berths without charge to all competitors and support boats.

19.2 For Marina berthing outside the Regatta dates please contact the GSC Marina Manager Peter Walsh for bookings

19.4 Trailers maybe stored at the Southern end of the Park at the GSC

20 MEDIA

20.1 By lodging an entry, all competitors, including owners, gives absolute right and permission for any photographs and/or video footage of their boat and crew to be published in any media stream for any editorial, publicity or advertising purposes.

21 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact:
GSC Sailing Manager Peter Walsh on 0448 257 216
GSC Robert Hughes Regatta Chairman on 0409498491

Appendix A

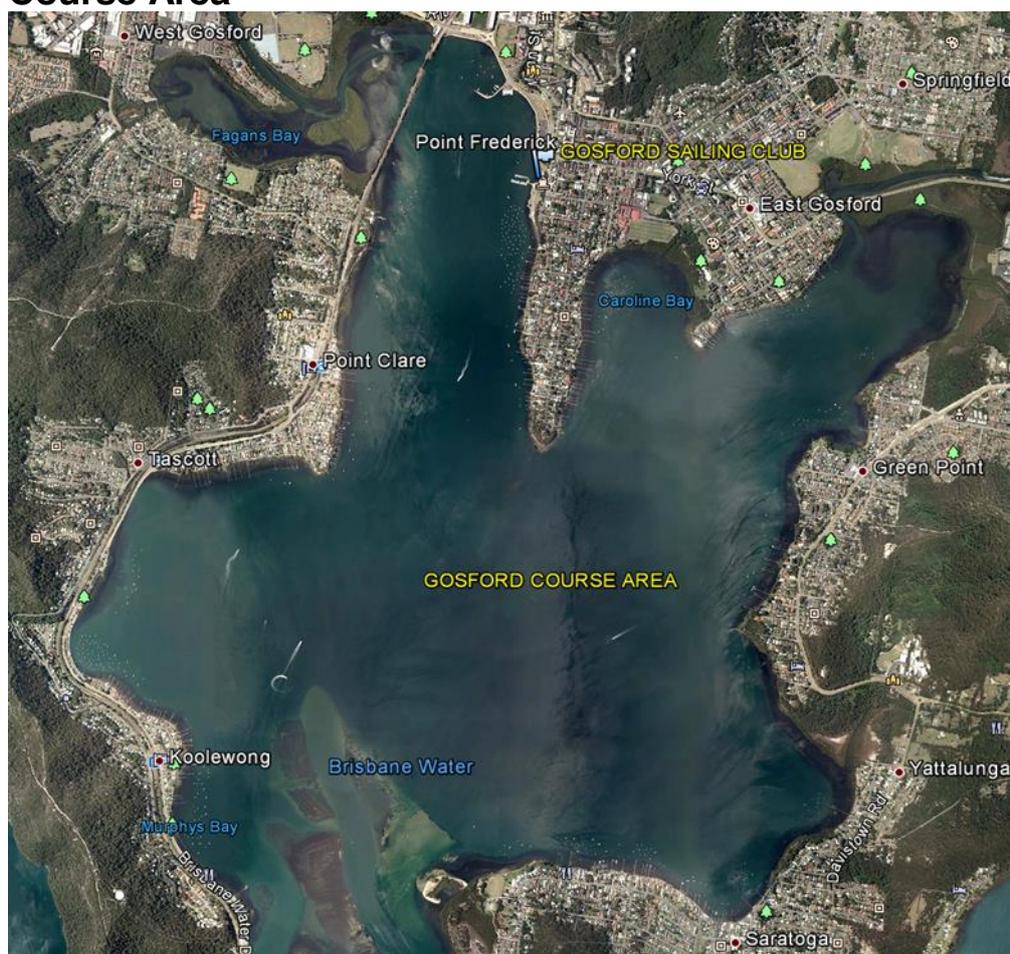
OTHER REGATTA INFORMATION

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Course Area



SOCIAL EVENTS AND CATERING:

Please note Entry in the Regatta includes 2x tickets to the Championship Presentation Diner at the GSC and 2x Championship Shirts

The Club Snack Bar will be open from 0830 for breakfast and lunches on all days of the Regatta

A Free Sailors Sausage Sizzle BBQ will be available after sailing on each day of the Regatta

CLUB MEMBERSHIP:

Temporary Membership of the Gosford Sailing Club has been extended to all visiting yachtsmen during the Championship.

ACCOMMODATION:

There are a number of motels in Gosford, but please book early, since they are frequently booked for functions. These are relatively close to the Gosford Sailing Club:

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|-------------------|---------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| Ibis Hotel | - 02 43257692 | Gosford Palms Motor Inn | -02 4323-1211 |
| Galaxy Motel | -02 4323-1711 | Gosford Best Western Motel | -02 4323-1333 |
| Hotel Gosford | - 024324-1634 | Quality Inn (The Willows) | -02 4328-4666 |
| Bermuda Motor Inn | -024324366 | | |

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