



52nd International Fireball Australian Championship



NOTICE OF RACE

Tuesday 2nd - Sunday 7th January 2018

The Nedlands Yacht Club, Western Australia as the Organising Authority in conjunction with the International Fireball Assoc. of Australia Inc. and the International Fireball Assoc. of Western Australia Inc, invite entries for the 52nd International Fireball Australian Championship to be conducted from the 2nd to 7th January 2018.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The Regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. The prescriptions and special regulations of Australian Sailing shall apply.
- 1.3. The International Fireball Association Class Rules shall apply, except any rule changed by this Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Advertising will be restricted to that described in ISAF Regulation 20 Advertising Code.
- 2.2. Boats shall if required by the Organising Authority; display on specified parts of the boat any logos, pennants or promotional material as may be supplied.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The regatta is open to International Fireball Class boats on the register of a yacht club affiliated with a Member Yachting Association of Australian Sailing.
- 3.2. Competitors must be current members of the National Authority through their State Class Association or the entry package.
- 3.3. All Australian entrants must be members of a yacht club affiliated with a Member Yachting Association of Australian Sailing.
- 3.4. The parent/guardian of a helmsperson and/or crew under the age of 18 may be required to complete and return a Crew Consent Form prior to participating in the event. If required such forms will be available on the regatta website no later than posting of the Sailing Instructions.
- 3.5. Eligible boats must submit entries via the regatta entry form together with the required fee to the International Fireball Association of Australia by 1700 hours on Friday 1st December 2017.
- 3.6. Late entries will be accepted up until 1030 hours on Tuesday 2nd January 2018 only with payment of the late entry fee (refer Fees 4.2).

4. REGATTA FEES

- 4.1. The entry fee for the Regatta is AUD \$350.00 per competing boat which includes the Welcome and Presentation dinners for both Skipper and Crew.
- 4.2. A late entry surcharge of \$50.00 will apply for entries received after Friday 1st December 2017.



5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1. Up to ten championship races are scheduled.
- 5.2. There will be no more than three races sailed on one day.
- 5.3. 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 proceeding the day on which it will take effect.
- 5.4. No warning signal will be made after 1400 hours on Sunday 7th January 2018.

6. PROGRAM

Day / Date	Program	Time / Warning Signal
Mon 1st January 2018	Registration/Measurement	1300 - 1700 hours
Tue 2nd January 2018	Registration/Measurement Practice Race (one loop) Championship Racing Welcome Dinner	0900 - 1100 hours 1300 hours ASAP after Practice Race 1830 hours
Wed, 3rd January 2018	Championship Racing	1300 hours
Thu, 4th January 2018	Championship Racing	1300 hours
Fri, 5th January 2018	Reserve Day	TBA
Sat, 6th January 2018	Championship Racing	1300 hours
Sun, 7th January 2018	Championship Racing Presentation Dinner	1100 hours 1900 hours

7. MEASUREMENTS

- 7.1. Each boat may be required to produce a valid Measurement Certificate at registration or during the Regatta if requested by a race or class official.
- 7.2. Boats not having a certificate in accordance with 6.1 may be subject to protest.
- 7.3. Any boat may be measured or re-measured at any time at the discretion of the Race or Measurement Committee.

8. SUBSTITUTION OF CREWS AND EQUIPMENT

- 8.1. Substitution of crews or 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 the protest time for that day.
- 8.2. The nominated helmsperson shall not be substituted.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available on the regatta website on Friday 15th December 2018. Printed copies may not be available at registration.



10. VENUE

- 10.1. The regatta venue will be the Nedlands Yacht Club, The Esplanade, Nedlands WA 6909.
- 10.2. Racing will be conducted in close proximity to the Yacht Club on the Swan River at Melville Water West.

11. THE COURSES

- 11.1. The racing will be conducted on triangle-windward-leeward courses.
- 11.2. Course diagrams will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.
- 11.3. The target time for each race will be 45 minutes.
- 11.4. Target times may be reduced without notice if racing is behind schedule at the discretion of the Race Committee.

12. SCORING

- 12.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.2. Discards:
 - a) When five or less races have been 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 ten races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

13. SUPPORT BOATS

- 13.1. Support boat operators shall register their boat at the registration desk.
- 13.2. All support boats are required to carry a working VHF radio to monitor the advised frequency.
- 13.3. Support boats may be called upon to provide assistance if requested by a race official.

14. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

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

15. RADIO COMMUNICATION & RECORDING

- 15.1. While racing a competing boat shall not carry equipment capable of making or receiving radio transmissions. This restriction applies to mobile telephones and any other electronic communication devices.
- 15.2. Attention is drawn to class rule eight that limits the functionality allowed in regards to electronic devices. Compasses or devices that do not comply with this rule are not permitted to be used.
- 15.3. Go Pros or similar are allowed to be used but are not permitted to be affixed in such a way that they protrude from the boat.



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16. PRIZES

16.1. Prizes will be awarded as described below:

- Australian Championship Perpetual Trophy Australian Champion
- South Australian Perpetual Trophy First place in race 1
- Capita Perpetual Trophy First place in race 2
- Bruce Keir Perpetual Trophy First place in race 3
- Capita Perpetual Trophy First place in race 4
- Marlboro Perpetual Trophy First place in race 5
- Capita Perpetual Trophy First place in race 6
- Commonwealth Bank Perpetual Trophy First place in race 7
- Alf James Perpetual Trophy First place in race 8
- IFAV Perpetual Trophy First place in race 9
- Tillett Perpetual Trophy First place in race 10
- Championship Trophies First three championship places
- Bombay Bowl Perpetual Trophy Best placed helm under 21 years of age
- Ancient Mariner Best placed helm over 50 years of age
- Bryan Inns Perpetual Trophy First place on handicap overall

16.2. Regatta age is the competitor's age on the first day of regatta registration.

16.3. Other prizes may be awarded at the whim of the Organising Authority.

16.4. Winners of championship trophies are precluded from winning handicap prizes.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

17.1. Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race.

17.2. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to or during or after the Regatta.

18. SAFETY

The boat shall be equipped with effective personal buoyancy for each crew member. The crew shall wear the personal buoyancy properly secured outside all clothing except that a close fitting, sleeveless, pocket less bib or vest may be worn outside the personal buoyancy. Inflatable PFDs are not permitted.

Attention is drawn to Rule 1.2 and Rule 4.

19. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD \$5M (AUD \$10M recommended) or the equivalent. All owners/competitors who sign the Entry Form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover.

20. AMENDMENTS

Any amendment to this Notice of Race will be posted on the Regatta web page.

URL = <http://www.fireball-international.com/upcoming-events/upcoming-events/2018/01/australian-championships-2018/>

21. FURTHER INFORMATION

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