



## Association of Australia

# 53<sup>rd</sup> International Fireball Australian Championships 3rd - 9th February 2019 Geelong, Australia

Organising Authority: Royal Geelong Yacht Club (RGYC) in conjunction with the International Fireball Association of Victoria (IFAV)

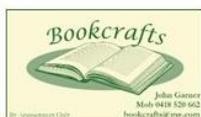
## SUPPLEMENTRY SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The Regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing. (RRS)
- 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 the Notice of Race or these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.4. Discretionary Penalties will apply to those SIs marked with a [DP]
- 1.5. RRS Appendix P, will apply, amended as follows:  
P2.3 shall not apply and P2.2 applies to all penalties after the first penalty, modified as follows: P2.2 will apply to the second and any subsequent penalties.
- 1.6. Class Rule 23 Limitations of Equipment shall apply.
- 1.7. In accordance with Class Rule 25, RRS 42.3(i) is changed to "when the wind speed is clearly over 12 knots across the course, the Race Committee may signal in accordance with RRS Appendix P5 that pumping, rocking and ooching are permitted after the starting signal." This changes RRS 42.2(a), 42.2(b) and 42.2(c).
- 1.8. Where there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located east of the Club's slipway.





**3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted by 1000 hours on the day of the race it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 hours on the day before it will take effect. This changes RRS Appendix S 3.1

**4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1. The flag pole on which signals made ashore will be displayed is located in the North-West corner of the Club's property.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes RRS Appendix S 4.2

**5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

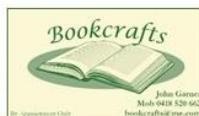
5.1.

Day / Date	Program	Time / Warning Signal
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb 2019	Registration/Measurement Welcome Function	10:00 to 17:00 hrs 18:30 hrs
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2019	Registration/Measurement Competitor Information Session Practice race (one lap) Championship Racing	09:00 – 11:00 hrs 12:00 hrs 13:55 hrs ASAP after Practice Race
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2019	Championship Racing	13:55 hrs
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2019	Championship Racing	13:55 hrs
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2019	Reserve Day	
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2019	Championship Racing	13:55 hrs
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2019	Championship Racing Presentation Dinner	11:55 hrs 19:00 hrs

- 5.2. Up to ten championship races are scheduled.
- 5.3. There will be no more than three races sailed on one day.
- 5.4. Flag AP will be displayed between races to signify another race will be sailed.
- 5.5. The reserve day may be used for racing if the regatta is behind schedule or the weather forecast may be restrictive to achieving a full series.
- 5.6. 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.
- 5.7. No warning signal will be made after 1600 hours on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019.

**6. CLASS FLAGS**

The Class flag will be the International Fireball Class Flag, consisting of a red disc on a white background.



**7. RACING AREA**

Racing will be conducted on Corio Bay adjacent to the Royal Geelong Yacht Club. Attachment “A” shows the location of the racing area.

**8. COURSES**

- 8.1. The diagram in Attachment “B” shows the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2. No later than the warning signal the course C1, C2, or P1 will be displayed from the race committee signal boat.
- 8.3. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat may display the approximate compass bearing of the first mark. Any failure to display this bearing will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b) and 62.

**9. MARKS**

- 9.1. Marks 1 & 2 will be White with Yellow top inflatable buoy.
- 9.2. Mark 1A will be an Orange inflatable buoy.
- 9.3. Mark 3 will be an Orange inflatable buoy.
- 9.4. New mark, as provided RRS Appendix S 10, will be yellow with black band inflatable buoy.
- 9.5. The starting mark will be Green inflatable buoy.
- 9.6. The finishing mark will be a Black inflatable buoy.

**10. THE START**

A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored ‘Did Not Start’ without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 and A4.

**11. PENALTY SYSTEM**

RRS 44.1 and 44.2 shall apply.

**12. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

- 12.1. The target time for the first boat to sail the course and finish shall be 45 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b) and 62.
- 12.2. If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 20 minutes from the starting signal the race will be abandoned.
- 12.3. The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish shall be 90 minutes.
- 12.4. Boats still racing and failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus 30% of the number of starters rounded to the nearest whole number, but no more points than the number of starters. Such boats will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE). This changes RRS 35, A4.2 and A5

**13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 13.1. Protest forms are available at the race office, located in the RGYC Main Club House.
- 13.2. Breaches of instructions 10, 15, 18, 20 and 21 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.
- 13.3. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
  - (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;





(b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.

13.4. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

#### **14. SCORING**

A boats handicap rating will be calculated based on results in the first three championship races.

#### **15. SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP]**

15.1. A Check-Out and Check-In sheet will be located on a table in the OTB Club-house.

The skipper (or crew) of each boat shall check-out by signing this sheet prior to leaving the shore, and check-in by signing this sheet as soon as possible upon returning to shore at the completion of racing, but no later than the protest time limit. [DP]

15.2. Discretionary penalties [DP] will apply to RRS 41 "Outside Help". Actions of the Race Committee in retrieving crews from the water and returning them to their boats may not be penalized, at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

15.3. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. [DP]

#### **16. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT [DP]**

16.1. Substitution of crew will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee. The nominated Helm shall not be substituted.

16.2. Substitution of 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 Protest Time Limit for that day.

#### **17. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS [DP]**

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing Instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

#### **18. EVENT ADVERTISING**

18.1. A boat and her crew shall comply with World Sailing Regulation 20, Advertising Code. [DP]

18.2. Boats may be required to display advertising supplied by the organising authority.

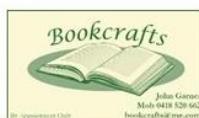
#### **19. OFFICIAL BOATS**

19.1. Official boats except for the start/finish boat will display a RGYC burgee.

19.2. The start/finish boat will not display any official flags other than the 'on station' flags but will be identified to competitors at the Regatta Briefing.

#### **20. SUPPORT BOATS [DP]**

20.1. Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.





- 20.2. All support and coach boats shall position themselves at least 100 meters below the start line and beyond the lay-lines of the race course whilst racing is in progress, and shall move in such a fashion as to ensure their wake does not affect the boats racing.
- 20.3. In emergency situations, all support and coach boats may be called upon and come under the direction of the race committee.

## 21. TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

## 22. RADIO COMMUNICATION [DP]

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones or any other electronic communication devices.

## 23. PRIZES

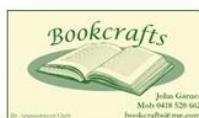
- 23.1. Regatta age is the competitor's age on the first day of regatta registration.
- 23.2. Prizes will be awarded as described in the Notice of Race.
- 23.3. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 23.4. Winners of championship trophies are precluded from winning handicap prizes.

## 24. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 24.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race.
- 24.2. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

## 25. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD \$10,000,000 (including racing endorsement) per event or the equivalent. All owners/competitors who enter this event are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover.





**ATTACHMENT A - RACING AREA**

