

44th International Fireball Australian Championships

NOTICE OF RACE

The International Fireball Association of Australia (IFAA), as the organising authority, has contracted the Port Stephens Sailing and Aquatic Club (PSSAC) to conduct the 44th International Fireball Australian Championship on the waters of Nelson Bay, Port Stephens, New South Wales from 27th December 2009 to 3rd January 2010.

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 Yachting Australia will apply.
- 1.3 The Rule(s) of the International Fireball Association will apply.

2. ADVERTISING

Advertising will be category C in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.
Competing boats may be required to display sponsors name and/or logos. If required, the Organising Authority will provide these items and they shall be affixed as described in the Sailing Instructions.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the International Fireball Class, which comply with the Rules of the Class Association.
- 3.2 Crew members must be financial members of a state association affiliated with the International Fireball Association of Australia, and a yacht club affiliated with their state yachting authority.
- 3.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the attached form and sending it, together with the required fee, to:

44th International Fireball Australian Championship
142 Cliff Street
Glengowrie, SA 5044

Payment may be made by cash (please don't post), cheque, money order or direct debit to: account number: 1001 2863, BSB: 063 014, Please use sail number and boat name as reference.
Entries close on the 30th November 2009

- 3.4 Late entries will be accepted under the following conditions:
Full payment of late entry fee (\$440) and any documentation required under the terms of the event.

4. FEES

- 4.1 Required fees are as follows:
Entry fee (received on or before 30th November 2009): AUD\$390.00
Late Entry fee (received after 30th November 2009): AUD\$440.00
- 4.2 Other fees: ie Social Events, etc. are available with other enclosed documentation and will be Available from the Regatta Office during the event.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 5.1 Registration:
27th December 2009 from 1300 to 1600 hours and
28th December 2009 from 0900 to 1100 hours
- 5.2 Measurement and inspection:
27th December 2009 from 1300 to 1600 hours and
28th December 2009 from 0900 to 1100 hours
- 5.3 Dates of racing:

Event Day	Date	Warning Signal
Invitation Race	Monday 28 December 2009	1355 hours
Race 1	Tuesday 29 December 2009	1355 hours
Race 2	Tuesday 29 December 2009	ASAP after Race 1
Race 3	Wednesday 30 December 2009	1355 hours
Race 4	Wednesday 30 December 2009	ASAP after Race 3
Race 5	Thursday 31 December 2009	1355 hours
Race 6	Thursday 31 December 2009	ASAP after Race 5
Reserve Day	Friday 1 January 2010	No Racing
Race 7	Saturday 2 January 2010	1355 hours
Race 8	Saturday 2 January 2010	ASAP after Race 7
Race 9	Sunday 3 January 2010	1155 hours
Race 10	Sunday 3 January 2010	ASAP after Race 9

The above schedule of races is a draft proposal and may be varied by the Sailing Instructions

5.4 One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that the class becomes no more than one race ahead of schedule.

5.5 Resails may be scheduled at any time on any racing day for races not completed.

5.6 No warning signal will be given after 1500 hours on the last day of racing.

6. MEASUREMENTS

Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate. In addition the following measurements may be checked: hull, foils, spars measurements and sails registration and measurement.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at registration.

8. VENUE

8.1 The regatta will be conducted at the Port Stephens Sailing and Aquatic Club on the waters of Nelson Bay, at Port Stephens, New South Wales adjacent to the club.

8.2 The map on Attachment 1 shows the location of the club and the approximate racing area.

9. THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be triangle/windward-return format.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

Rules 44.1 and 44.2 shall apply.

11. SCORING

11.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.

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

11.3 When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

11.4 When from five to eight races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

11.5 When nine or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

12. SUPPORT BOATS

12.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay at least 200 metres outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

12.2 Support boats shall be marked by displaying flag O of a minimum size of 400 by 500mm, conspicuously at all times.

13. RADIO COMMUNICATION

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.

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 television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition for the said event in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the said event without compensation.

15. PRIZES

15.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

Australian Championship Perpetual Trophy	First Place Overall
South Australian Perpetual Trophy	First Place Heat 1
Capita Perpetual Trophy	First Place Heat 2
Bruce Keir 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 28th December, 2009
Ancient Mariner	Best placed helm over 50 at 28th December, 2009
Brian Inns Perpetual Trophy	First Place on Handicap

15.2 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the IFAA committee.

15.3 The minimum age for eligibility for the Ancient Mariner Trophy may be lowered if necessary until at least five competing helmspersons are eligible.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority and the hosting Sailing Club 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.

17. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of not less than AUD\$5 million (recommended AUD\$10 million). All owners/competitors who sign the Entry Form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

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ATTACHMENT 1 – COURSE AREA

