



Flying Fifteen International – Australia
56th Australian National Championships
Monday January 1st to Saturday January 6th 2018
Mornington Yacht Club (MYC)

Notice of Race.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 to 2020.
- 1.2 The Australia Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 2 for off the beach boats and small open ballasted boats shall apply.
- 1.3 The Class Rules of Flying Fifteen International (“FFI”) will apply.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising is permitted in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20, subject to Class Rule B17.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing 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 Sailing Australia or affiliated to an alternative Member National Authority.
- 3.3 The boat’s owner shall be a full member of a recognised State or National Flying Fifteen Association with affiliation to FFI. In addition, the boat’s helm and crew shall each be a current member of a recognised State or National Flying Fifteen Association.
- 3.4 Persons nominated on the entry form to sail the boat in the Championship may not be substituted without the permission of the Race Committee. Any substitute thus permitted shall not helm the boat.
- 3.5 All entrants will compete in the Open Division, while entries will be accepted for both Classic and Silver Divisions.
- 3.6 The Classic Division is open to all boats with sail numbers below 2701 but excluding boats which have had substantial hull shell modifications, and in addition including unmodified boats with sail numbers above 2700 derived from genuine Classic moulds. A definitive listing of boats qualifying for Classic status is published on the Flying Fifteen International website at www.flying15.org
- 3.9 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form accompanying this Notice of Race on the Mornington Yacht Club website www.morningtonyc.net.au by Friday 24th November, 2017

Payment in full must be made at the time of entry – see 4.0 Fees below. Payment can be made online or through the MYC Office. Entries received after 24th November may not be able to order Regatta Shirts.

4.0 FEES

4.1 The entry fee for the regatta is \$395 which includes the costs of two tickets to attend the Presentation Dinner, and the New Year's Eve Welcome Cocktails. Regatta shirts, tickets to the Mid-regatta dinner, additional tickets to any of the social functions and lunches must be ordered and paid for together with the entry fee.

4.2 Entries submitted after 24th November, 2017 will be late entries and may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority. Any late entry accepted will be subject to the payment of a late entry fee of \$100. Late entrants may not be able to order shirts, and entries received after December 24 may not be able to attend functions.

5.0 SCHEDULE

5.1 Registration, measurement and inspection will be conducted at Morningside Yacht Club between 2pm and 5pm on Sunday 31st December 2017 and 9am to 12noon on Monday 1st January 2018.

5.2 A competitors' meeting will be conducted in the Harbour View Room of Morningside Yacht Club on Monday January 1 at 11am.

5.3 The event will comprise nine championship races as scheduled below. The dates and times of racing are as follows:

Race Scheduled	Day	Date	Time of First Race Warning Signal
Invitation Race	Monday	Jan. 1 2018	1400 hrs.
Championship Racing Session 1.	Tuesday	Jan.2 2018	1300 hrs.
Championship Racing Session 2	Wednesday	Jan. 3, 2018	1300 hrs.
Championship Racing Session 3	Thursday	Jan. 4 2018	1300 hrs.
Championship Racing Session 4	Friday	Jan. 5 2018	1300 hrs.
Championship Racing Session 5	Saturday	Jan. 6 2018	1030 hrs.

5.4 No more than three races may be sailed in each Championship Racing Session, sailed back-to-back with a short delay between each race.

5.5 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning schedule will be made after 1330 hours

6. REGISTRATION AND MEASUREMENT

- 6.1 At registration all entrants are required to present the boat's measurement certificate.
- 6.2 Following registration a boat must be presented for safety and measurement inspections. Not more than two mainsails, two headsails, and two spinnakers shall be registered for use in the regatta. All sails must have been measured prior to arrival at the regatta. A boat's entry will not be deemed complete until these checks have been satisfactorily completed. In the event that a sail or spar is lost or damaged during the course of the championship to such an extent that it cannot be used, the Race Committee may authorise the use of a replacement sail or spar.
- 6.3 As required by the Race Committee or as directed by the Protest Committee, a boat may be inspected and re-measured at any time during the regatta.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 Sailing Instructions will be available on the Mornington Yacht Club website, www.morningtonyc.net.au on or before Monday 18th December, 2017 and at registration.

8 VENUE MORNINGTON YACHT CLUB

8.1. Courses will be laid on the waters of Port Philip, within approximately 2 nautical miles of the Mornington Pier which is adjacent to Mornington Yacht Club

9 THE COURSES

9.1. 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 scoring system is as follows:

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

(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 her race scores excluding her worst score.

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

10.3 Handicaps for the Allen Brooke Shield trophy will be determined by the Yachting Victoria Performance Handicap Rules. Allocated handicaps for the first race will be the same for each boat and the handicap rules applied to the first three races. The Average Allocated Handicap produced after race 3 will then be applied to race 1 and all subsequent races recalculated. Points will be awarded for handicap results in accordance with 10.2 above. A boat that finishes in the first three places in the Open division will be ineligible to win the Handicap Trophy. This changes rule A2.

10.3 Series scores for the Flying Fifteen International 56th Australian Championship shall be based on a fleet inclusive of all boats. The Silver and Classic divisions will also be scored as separate fleets. Series handicap results will be determined for the fleet inclusive of all boats.

11. TRANSMITTING DEVICES.

11.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio communications whilst racing. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

12. BOAT PARKING AND LAUNCHING.

12.1 Boats will be assigned a place in the MYC yard. Two launching and retrieval cranes and a launching ramp using tractors are available in the MYC yard. These may only be operated by qualified MYC members who will be available to assist competitors. Competitors are asked to nominate their preferred launching method to help allocate yard locations

13. PRIZES

13.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

Trophy	Awarded To:
Coweslip Trophy	Helm of the Winning Boat in the Australian Championships
Anniversary Trophy	Crew of the Winning Boat in the Australian Championships
The Canberra Plate	Helm of the Second Placed Boat in the Australian Championships
Tempest Trophy	Helm of the Third Placed Boat in the Australian Championships
The Gippsland Lakes Trophy	Helm of the Fourth Placed Boat in the Australian Championship
Uffa Fox Trophy	Helm of the Winning Boat in the Invitation Race
The J.A.T. "Tally" Hobbs Trophy	Helm of the First Placed Silver Boat in the Australian Championships
The Walbourn Trophy	Helm of the First Placed Classic Boat in the Australian Championships
Allan Brooke Perpetual Shield	Helm of the First boat on Handicap in the Australian Championships
The Masters Trophy	Helm aged 65 years or over who is highest placed in the Australian Championships
The Bill Shand Trophy	Helm and Crew whose combined ages are 125 years or over who are highest placed in the Australian Championship
The Rising Stars Trophy	Helm and Crew whose combined ages are less than 50 years who are highest placed in the Australian Championship

13.2. All Trophies must remain in Australia, if won by an overseas competitor they should be returned to the FFIA Secretary for safekeeping.

Other prizes may be awarded to race winners and as determined by the Organizing Authority.

13.3 In addition to perpetual trophies, winning crews will be awarded commemorative trophies to retain

13.4 Prizes will be presented to place getters in each division and for results on handicap at the conclusion of racing, each day at presentations. Other prizes may also be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Committee on these occasions.

13.5 Major championship prizes will be presented at the Presentation Dinner

14 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

14.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4 of the RRS, 'Decision to Race'. The Organising 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. In addition to this the following clauses are applicable:

14.2 A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility. In this paragraph and the following paragraphs, wherever the context so permits, 'boat' includes the helm and their parents or guardians.

14.3 It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and that her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

14.4 Nothing done or omitted to be done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing or other parts of the event. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the events and their associated activities, afloat or ashore, and include the Organising Authority, the Race Committee, the race officers, patrol boats and beach masters.

14.5 The provision of rescue boats does not relieve the boat of its responsibilities.

14.6 The fact that the Race Committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of the boat set out in these conditions.

15 INSURANCE

15.1 Each participating boat shall have third-party liability and public liability insurance cover of not less than \$10,000,000 per event. By signing the Entry Form entrants declare that they hold such insurance in respect of this boat and this regatta and that they will continue to do so for the duration of the regatta.



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Additional Information

1. Boat Launching and Retrieval.

The regatta will be a 'dry' regatta, with each boat being allocated a parking bay within the grounds of MYC. Launching and retrieval of boats is either:

(a) via one of two cranes located on the sea wall. Certified lifting gear is required to utilise the cranes which shall only be operated by authorised MYC volunteers.

(b) via a launching ramp adjacent to the MYC yard, requiring tractor towing of road trailers or launching trolleys. Tractors shall only be operated by authorised MYC volunteers.

Competitors must nominate their preferred launching method in the Entry Form as this will determine parking allocation.

2. Social Program.

Participation in these events must be booked and paid for on the attached Entry Form

Sunday December 31. 6.00pm to 7.30pm	Welcome Cocktails – Harbour view Room. Includes finger food and one drink. Other drinks at own cost. Attendees are welcome to stay at MYC after the Welcome function. The Rocks (adjacent to the club) is running a New Year's Eve dinner event, which can be booked directly with the restaurant, or attendees can self-cater in the Harbour Room. The bar will be open.
Wednesday, January 3 at 7.00pm	Mid regatta get-together with meals and drinks available from The Rocks restaurant bar menu at own cost.
Saturday January 6 at 7.00pm	Presentation Dinner in the Harbour View Room, MYC. Two course sit-down dinner including one drink. Other drinks at own cost.

Partners Activities. It is intended to offer two daily trips for partners; a tour of Morningside Peninsula Wineries including lunch (approximately \$150) and a visit to Chadstone Shopping Mall, the largest fashion shopping centre in Australia (approximately \$60). Booking will be necessary, and firm details advised with a booking request before the regatta.

3. The Annual General Meeting of FFIA will be held in the Harbour View Room of the Morningside

Yacht Club on Wednesday 3rd January 2018 at 10am.

4. **Club Membership.** All competitors and their guests will be made honorary members of MYC for the duration of the regatta. All competitors and their guests will need to sign in at the club as per Liquor licence requirements .
5. **Lunches.** Lunches will be provided, as long as they are ordered with the entry nomination. Lunch of 1 roll, 1 piece of fruit, and 1 bottle of water are available at \$50 per competitor for the 5 sailing days. The Rocks restaurant provides meals at the MYC bar as well as their restaurant.
6. **Special Dietary Requirements.** Competitors, volunteers and visitors with any special dietary requirements should advise with their nomination, or contact the Regatta Secretary at least a week prior to the event to advise of those requirements so that alternative catering arrangements can be organised.
7. **Pre-regatta sailing.** Competitors are invited to arrive before the regatta and participate in MYC sailing. Provision will be made for competitors to leave their boats (on trailers) at MYC before or after the regatta. Competitors wishing to do this must arrange details with the MYC Manager.
8. **Accommodation.** A wide choice of suitable forms of accommodation is available on the Mornington Peninsula. New Year is a very busy period with tourists, and it is recommended that bookings be made as early as possible. A few contacts are listed below:

Houses and apartments:

Marshall Holiday Rentals
Contact : Kathy
Ph: (03)5984-5955
Email: accounts@mmpa.com.au
www.myrentals.com.au

Quest Frankston on the Bay (15 minutes to club)
435 Nepean Hwy, Frankston
Ph: 03 8765 2500
<http://www.questapartments.com.au>

Mornington Peninsula Holiday Accommodation:
Level 2 Suite 1 /28 Main St Mornington 3931
Contact :
Ph: (03)5976-4440
Email: info@mpha.com.au
www.mpha.com.au

Quest Frankston (15 minutes)
977 Nepean Hwy Frankston 3191
Ph: (03)8796-1000
<http://www.questapartments.com.au>

Serviced Apartments:

Abbey Serviced Apartments (15 minutes to club)
337A Nepean Hwy Frankston 3191
Ph: (03)5975-2130
www.abbeyapartments.com.au

Motels

Brooklands of Mornington – Best Western (5 min. to club)
97-101 Mornington 3931
Ph: (03) 5973-9200
<http://www.bestwestern.com.au/>

Mornington Motel (5 min to club)
334 Main St Mornington 3931
Ph: (03) 5975-3711
<http://morningtonmotel.com.au/>

11. **For information** regarding the regatta please contact Rod Austin, Mornington Yacht Club CEO (03) 5975

7001, 0477 522 750. email ceo@morningtonyc.net.au or Doug Bell, Regatta Organising Committee 0418 399 296 , email helbell@satlink.com.au.