



2024 Ronstan International FINN Australian Championships

Friday 12th - Monday 15th January 2024

Davey's Bay Yacht Club, Mt Eliza, Victoria

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the current Australia Sailing (AS) Prescriptions and Special Regulations Part 2 for off-the-beach boats, except as varied by this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 International Finn Class rules shall apply.
- 1.3 RRS Appendix P - Shall Apply.
- 1.4 RRS Appendix T - Arbitration shall apply
- 1.5 Where there is difference between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions take precedence.
- 1.6 Bow numbers will be supplied at Registration, failure to fit bow numbers prior to a racing session will result in a vessel being non compliant and will receive DNC for all races the bow number is not displayed.
- 1.7 Bow numbers should match your sail number where possible
- 1.8 If there is a clash of sail number with an overseas entrant the first letter of the country will prefix the sail number. e.g. NZ12 = N12

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 The online official notice board is on the Sailor App: "2024 Finn Australian Championships".
- 3.2 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.



5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flag pole adjacent to the Murdoch Safety Tower.
- 5.2 When AP is displayed ashore, RRS Race Signals “Postponement Signals” “AP” is changed to “The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after removal unless at that time the race is postponed again or abandoned”.

6 SCHEDULE

Date	Event	Time (Warning Signal)
Thursday 11 th January 2024	Club open and boat drop off Registration open	0900 1100-1700
	Welcome function at DBYC	1800-2000
Friday 12 th January 2024	Sailor Information session Racing	1100 1300
Saturday 13 th January 2024	Racing	1300
	DBYC Saturday night dinner & live music	1800-2200
Sunday 14 th January 2024	Racing	1300
Monday 15 th January 2024	Racing	1300
	Presentation at DBYC	ASAP After Racing

- 6.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 6.3 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1600hrs.

7 CLASS FLAGS

FINN Class Flag, white with the Finn insignia.

8 RACING AREA

Racing will be conducted on the waters of Port Phillip Bay in the vicinity of Davey’s Bay Yacht Club, Mt Eliza. See Appendix B.



9 COURSES

- 9.1 The diagram in Appendix A shows the course, the order the marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2 No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee signal vessel will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg and the course number to be sailed.
- 9.3 If either gate mark 4s or 4p is missing, boats shall round the remaining gate mark to port.

10 MARKS

- 1 Yellow Inflated
- 1a Pink flag mark
- 4s and 4p Yellow inflated
- Start Mark Red Inflated
- Finish Mark White & Blue Inflated.
- New Mark Orange Inflated

11 THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the starting mark.
- 11.3 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes of her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 12.2 If Mark 1 is changed Mark 1A will be ignored.

13 THE FINISH

The finish line will be between the blue flag on the Race Committee vessel and the course side of the finishing mark at the port end of the line.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 RRS Appendix P - shall apply
- 14.2 Rule 44.1 and Appendix P2.1 is changed that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One Turn Penalty.
- 14.3 RRS P2.3 is deleted and RRS P2.2 shall also apply to subsequent penalties.
- 14.4 The Post-Race Penalty in RRS T1(b) is changed to 25% of the difference between a boat's score and RET score.[NP]

15 TIME LIMITS

- Race Target Time 40 min
- Race Time limit 70 min
- Finishing Window 15 min

- 15.1 Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
- 15.2 Failure to meet the target times will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1 (a).



16 SCORING

- 16.1 Eight (8) races are scheduled.
- 16.2 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.3 When four (4) or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- 16.4 When from five (5) to eight (8) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 16.5 RRS A5.3 applies.

17 PROTEST AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS

- 17.1 Hearing request forms are available at the race office in the Murdoch Safety Tower.
- 17.2 Protests and request for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the time limit of 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the Race Committee has signalled no more racing today, whichever is the later.
- 17.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at a time and place advised on the hearing notice.
- 17.4 A list of boats that have been penalised for breaking RRS 42 under appendix P will be posted.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP][NP]

Boats shall sign on before going afloat and sign off at the first reasonable opportunity upon returning ashore (at Regatta Office or on the "Sailor" App). 3 points will be added by the Race Committee to the first race result of the day should a boat not sign on, or to the last race of the day should a boat not sign off within the Protest time frame, without protest.

19 MEASUREMENT AND REGISTRATION

- 19.1 Competitors may use one (1) mast and two (2) sails during the regatta, each of which must be declared at registration.
- 19.2 Competitors must have a sail number issued by IFAA, which either matches to the number, allocated to the hull or the personal number of the skipper.
- 19.3 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules, Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 and the Sailing Instructions. A boat can be instructed by the Race Committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

20 SUPPORT PERSONS

- 20.1 Support boats shall register with the Organising Authority during Registration on 11th January.
- 20.2 Support Persons shall stay 100 meters outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. [DP]
- 20.3 When Flag V is raised on the Committee Vessel, all support boats are to remain on course and help rescue as indicated by the Race Committee.

21 TRASH DISPOSAL

- 21.1 Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.



22 BERTHING [DP][NP]

- 22.1 Restrictions may be placed on where boats and trolleys may be stored by DBYC personnel. Boats and trolleys are to be kept in their assigned places when in the boat park

23 PRIZES

- 23.1 Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd overall
- 23.2 The Australian Finn Association Perpetual Trophy and the title of Australian Champion will be awarded to the highest placed Australian competitor.
- 23.3 Division prizes shall be awarded based on the ranking of competitors in the overall results.
- 23.4 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

24 RISK STATEMENT

Competitor's attention is drawn to RRS 3 which states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

25 RISK WARNING

It is recommended that competitors should consider wearing helmets as protection against head strikes from the boom.

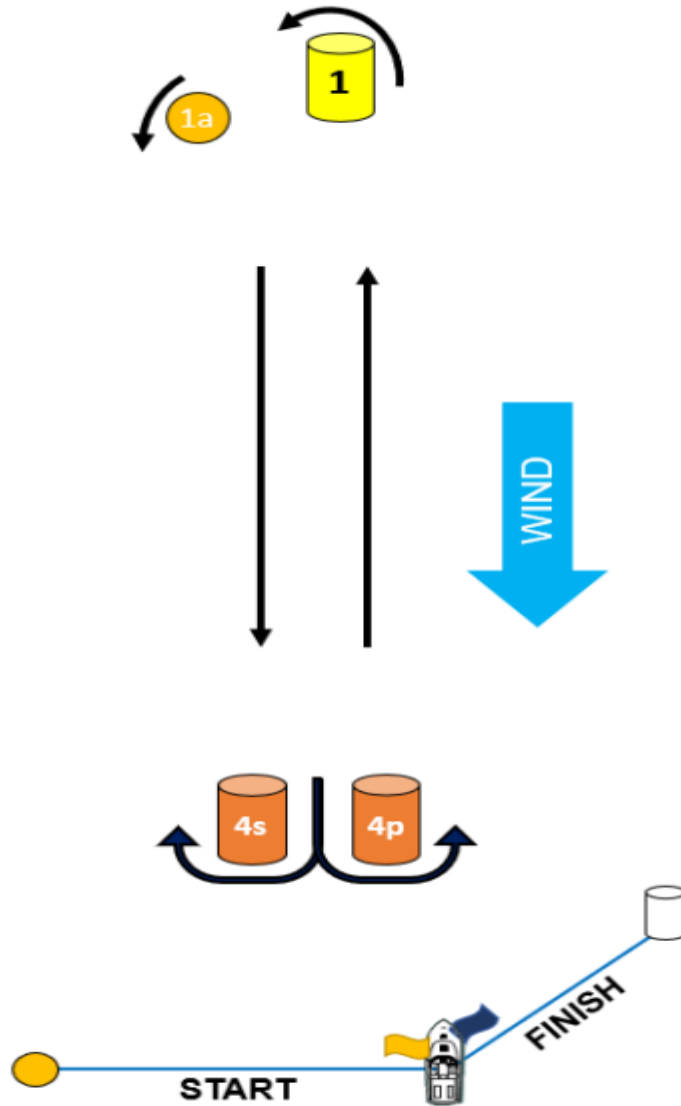
26 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$5million (recommended \$10million) AUD per incident.



Appendix A. FINN Courses

Note colours shown are not accurate. Refer to SI 10



Course Number	Class	Course – Marks to port
1	FINN	Start – 1-1a - 4p -- Finish
2	FINN	Start – 1-1a - 4s/4p -1- 1a - 4p- Finish
3	FINN	Start – 1- 1a - 4s/4p -1-1a -4s/4p -1-1a -4p- Finish



APPENDIX B

