



# International Finn 2024 - 2025 NSW State Championship

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> & Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

## NOTICE OF RACE

**EVENT WEBSITE:**

[www.rpayc.com.au](http://www.rpayc.com.au)

**Organising Authority**

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Online Entry: <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/151/entry?tab=entry>



**1. RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the World Sailing (WS) Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Australia Sailing Prescriptions (AS).
- 1.2 RRS Appendix P, Special Precedures for RRS 42.
- 1.3 The International Finn Class Rules.
- 1.4 The Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 - Off the Beach.

**2. EVENT ADVERTISING**

- 2.1 Each boat may be required to display event advertising which, if any, shall be supplied by the OA.

**3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the ground floor adjacent to RPAYC reception.

**4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 4.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the International Finn Class.
- 4.2 Competitors must be financial members of the International Finn Class of Australia and a club affiliated with Australian Sailing.
- 4.3 Eligible boats must enter via the online entry system available at:  
<https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/151/entry?tab=entry>

**5. FEES**

- 5.1 Entry fees (incl. GST) are as follows:

Category	Fee
Entry Fee	\$150
Late entry fee – after entry closes (see NoR 8)	\$175

**6. CANCELATION & REFUNDS**

- 6.1 Before the Close of Entries: 100% refund of the entry fee (less any transaction fees).
- 6.2 After the Close of Entries: no refund.

**7. CREW & EQUIPMENT SUBSTITUTION**

- 7.1 No changes to helmsman will be excepted after Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024 – 1700hrs.
- 7.2 Substitution of equipment (damaged, lost or otherwise) may be permitted in exceptional circumstances and only by prior written permission of the Race Committee.



## 8. SCHEDULE

Event	Date (2024)	Time	Location
Entry Opens	1 <sup>st</sup> May	0900hrs	Sailing Office
Entry Closes (late Entry Fee applies)	Thur 12 <sup>th</sup> Sep	1700hrs	Sailing Office
Race Briefing	Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> Sep	1030hrs	Halyards, RPAYC
First Warning Signal (up to 3 races)	Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> Sep	1230hrs	Pittwater
First Warning Signal (up to 3 races)	Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sep	1130hrs	Pittwater
Prize Giving	Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sep	ASAP after racing	Halyards, RPAYC

8.1 There will be no Warning Signal after 1530hrs on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024.

## 9. MEASUREMENT & COMPLIANCE

- 9.1 Full measurement is not required, however all boats shall conform to the Class Rules.
- 9.2 Competitors may use 2 masts and 2 sails during the regatta which must be declared at registration.
- 9.3 The Organising Authority or Class Association reserves the right to inspect any boat prior to or during the regatta to establish whether or not a boat complies with the Class Rules or safety rules of the event.

## 10. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1 Sailing Instructions will be available from the RPAYC Sailing Office and on the website by the Close of Entry.

## 11. RACING AREA & COURSES

- 11.1 The racing area will be the waters of Pittwater, NSW.
- 11.2 Courses will be windward/leeward as described in the Sailing Instructions.

## 12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 shall be a One-Turn Penalty. Infringements in the Zone as defined in the RRS shall be a Two Turns Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1 and 44.2.
- 12.2 The penalty for any infringement(s) of the rules other than RRS Part 2 is at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may be less than disqualification. Changes RRS64.1.

## 13. APPENDIX P

- 13.1 Appendix P5 shall apply in accordance with IFA Class Rules C.1.(1) and C.1.1.(2).
- 13.2 RRS P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one. Changes RRS P2.2.
- 13.3 RRS P2.3 shall not apply.
- 13.4 When the wind speed is averaging over 10 knots, the Race Committee may display Code Flag "O" to override RRS 42.
- 13.5 If the wind speed then drops below 10 knots the Race Committee may display Code Flag "R" with repeated sound signals to indicate that RRS 42 now applies.

## 14. SCORING

- 14.1 Three (3) races shall constitute a series.
- 14.2 A maximum of six (6) are scheduled for the regatta.



- 14.3 When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- 14.4 When six (6) races are completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 14.5 All divisional prizes will be awarded based on the ranking of competitors in the overall results.

## 15. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 15.1 Coaches and other support personnel shall not get within 50m of any boat racing from the Warning Signal until the last boat in that race has finished, without the approval of the Race Committee.
- 15.2 The penalty for failing to comply with 13.1 above may be the disqualification of all boats associated with the infringing party, parties, boat and or boats. (Addition to RRS 60.2).

## 16. BOAT PARKING

- 16.1 Boat parking is available from Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024 until Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024 included within the entry fee.
- 16.2 Berthing outside of this period is subject to visitors' rates.
- 16.3 Trailer parking will be in the designated trailer parking in the Crystal Bay Carpark.

## 17. RISK STATEMENT

- 17.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race 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. Each venue jurisdiction may need a different or modified version of this risk statement.

## 18. INSURANCE

- 18.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AU\$10 million per incident or the equivalent.

## 19. PRIZES

- 19.1 Perpetual Trophies will be presented at a post-race presentation at the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club.
- 19.2 Prizes may be awarded to first, second and third.
- 19.3 Further prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

## 20. FURTHER INFORMATION

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