SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2014 Australian Finn Championships

Wednesday 8th January - Sunday 12th January 2014
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 Part 2 of Yachting Australia will apply.
1.3 Latest version of the International Finn Class Rules will apply.
1.4 Appendix P5 will apply with the wind speed limit 10 knots as per the International Finn Class Rules C1.
1.5 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS
Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located outside the sailing office.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
Any change to the 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 1700 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE
4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the official flag pole located adjacent to the RQYS clubhouse.
4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 45 minutes’ in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE
5.1 The schedule of races is as per the following table:

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5.2 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.
5.3 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1530 hours.
6 CLASS FLAGS
The class flag will be the Finn class flag

7 RACING AREAS
Attachment A shows the location of racing area.

8 THE COURSES
8.1 The diagrams in Attachment B show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, 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 race committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg, and the course.

9 MARKS
9.1 Marks 1, 2 and 3 will be orange inflatable buoys
9.2 The start / finishing mark will be an orange tear drop buoy.
9.3 The change mark will be a purple inflatable buoy.
9.4 A race committee boat signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in SI 11.2.

10 THE START
10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the start vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
10.2 A boat starting later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.
10.3 If flag U (below) has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boat's hull, crew, or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or resailed or postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. This changes rule 26.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE
11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the finish line) 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.
11.2 Boats shall pass between the race committee boat signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28.

12 THE FINISH
12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the finishing boat at the port end and the course side of the starboard-end finishing mark.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM
A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under rule 44.1, or rule 31 shall complete an infringement acknowledgment form at the Race Office within the protest time limit.

14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES
14.1 The target time will be 75 minutes
14.2 The time limit will be 2 hours
14.3 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS
15.1 Protest forms are available at the RQYS Sailing Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
15.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
15.3 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 in the protest room next to the RQYS Marine Sports office in the Olympic Room, beginning at the time posted.
15.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
15.5 Breaches of instructions 17, 20, 22, 23 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
15.6 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 rule 66.
15.7 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 rule 62.2.

16 SCORING
16.1 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 nine races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
(c) When ten or more races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS
17.1 Check-Out and Check-In: All skippers shall SIGN ON before racing each day and SIGN OFF at the earliest possible time after the completion of racing (but not later than the end of protest time). Forms will be available outside the sailing office from two hours before the first scheduled warning signal each day. The skipper of a boat that retires or does not intend to continue racing is required to SIGN OFF immediately on return to shore.

17.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
17.3 Competitors shall comply with the following harbour bylaws:
(a) All sailing vessels shall give way to powered vessels at all times whilst inside the Manly Boat Harbour. Once outside the Manly Boat Harbour, competitors are to as soon as possible stay outside of the main channel, keeping clear of powered vessels.

18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT
Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS
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.

20 EVENT ADVERTISING
Boats shall display event advertising supplied by the organizing authority.

21 OFFICIAL BOATS
Official boats will be marked with a white flag with the letter RC in black.

22 SUPPORT BOATS
22.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
22.2 Support boats shall be marked with a white flag displaying a number in black. Support boats are required to register with the RQYS Sailing Office to acquire this flag and to supply the skipper’s details, boats call sign, contact number and competitor they are representing. A $50.00 refundable deposit is required for this flag.
22.3 When code flag ‘W’ is flown on the Start Vessel support boats are required by the race committee to remain afloat and assist all sailors.
23 TRASH DISPOSAL
Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

24 RADIO COMMUNICATION
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.

25 PRIZES
Prizes will be given as follows:
Australian National Champion - 1st overall
Master (age 40 or over at regatta) - 1st
Grand Master (age 50 or over at regatta) - 1st
Great Grand Master (age 60 or over at regatta) - 1st
Legend (age 70 or over at regatta) - 1st
Junior (under 21 at regatta) - 1st

26 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY
Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. 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.

27 INSURANCE
Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of $5,000,000AUD per incident or the equivalent.
ATTACHMENT A – RACING AREA
### ATTACHMENT B – COURSES

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**Course: Windward Leeward**

1. Wind
2. Start / Finish
3. Start / Finish

**Course: Triangular**

1. Wind
2. Start / Finish
3. Start / Finish