



**International Flying Fifteen
60th Australian Championship**
8th – 12th January 2024

NOTICE OF RACE

Supported by:

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&
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Organising Authority:

Lake Macquarie Yacht Club (LMYC)
in conjunction with
Flying Fifteen International Australia Inc.

Under the Authority of Australian Sailing
Hosted by LMYC Ada street Belmont NSW 2280

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (**RRS**), which may be modified in accordance with RRS 86.1(b).
- 1.2 The following additional rules, conditions, by laws and regulations shall apply:
 - a. Class Rules of Flying Fifteen International (**FFI**);
 - b. Conditions of the Coweslip Trophy of Flying Fifteen International Australia Inc. (**FFIA**);
 - c. National Championship Bylaws of FFIA; and
 - d. Yachting Australia (**YA**) Prescriptions and Special Regulations Part 2 for small Open Ballasted Boats shall apply
- 1.3 Appendix T will apply.

2. ADVERTISING

Advertising shall be in accordance with Class Rule B17. The forward 25% section of the hull length on both sides of each boat shall be reserved to affix event advertising and bow numbers, which shall be displayed as specified by the Organising 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 Australian sailing, or affiliated to an alternative Member National Authority (**MNA**).
- 3.3 The boat's owner, helm and crew shall be a full financial member of a recognised State or National Flying Fifteen Association, with affiliation to FFI.
- 3.4 Persons nominated on the entry to sail 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 may be accepted for both Classic and Silver divisions.
 - (a) The classic Division is open to all boats with sail numbers below 2700 but excluding boats which have had substantial hull shell modifications and in addition, including unmodified boats with sail numbers 2700 and above derived from genuine Classic moulds. A definitive list of boats qualifying for Classic status is published on the FFI website and in the current Flying Fifteen International Yearbook.
 - (b) The Silver Division is open to all boats with sail numbers from 2700 to 3400 and also includes any boats with sail numbers below 2700 that do not meet the criteria for Classic Division.
 - (c) Any dispute regarding the eligibility of a boat in either of the above sub-divisions will be resolved by the National Measurer whose decision shall be final.
- 3.6 Eligible entrants may enter by completing an online entry application and paying fees on-line at ([LMYC Online Entries](#)) by 8th November 2023,
- 3.7 Entries submitted after 8th November will be late entries. Late entries will be accepted by LMYC up to 7th January 2024 on payment of a late entry fee.

FEES

- 4.1 The regatta entry fee to be paid at the time of entry is:
- \$480 or
 - \$530 if paid after 8th November 2023 until entries close.
- 4.2 Entry fees include two tickets for the Welcome function and the Presentation dinner plus two regatta shirts.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 The event schedule follows, (insert any clarifications)
- 5.2 The regatta includes an invitation race and up to nine (9) Championship Races, noting that:
- Subject to the discretion of the Race Committee, the intention is that no more than three (3) races will be sailed on any one day; and
 - On the last Racing Session no warning signal will be made after 1500/hrs.

Date	Event	Time
6 th January 2024	Registration and Measurement	0900-1600
7 th January 2024	Registration and Measurement	0900-1600
		First warning signal
8 th January 2024	Invitation race	1300
9 th January 2024	AGM	1000
9 th January 2024	Racing minimum 2 races	TBA
10 th January 2024	Racing minimum 2 races	TBA
11 th January 2024	Racing minimum 2 races	TBA
12 th January 2024	Racing minimum 2 races	TBA

6. REGISTRATION AND MEASUREMENT

- 6.1 At registration and measurement all entrants are required to present the boats measurement certificate and proof of current financial membership of a FFI Class Association and helm & crew membership of, or affiliation to, their MNA.

Following registration, boats must be presented for equipment and measurement inspections.

- 6.2 In the event that a sail or spar has been lost or damaged during the course of the championship and to such 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 remeasured at any time during the regatta.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available online from 20 December 2023 with additional copies available at the registration desk.

8. VENUE

Venue is Lake Macquarie Yacht Club ADA St Belmont NSW
The Racing area is Belmont Bay as shown in Attachment B.

9. THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be described in detail in the Sailing Instructions and may consist of a combination of windward, leeward, and reaching legs.

10. SCORING

- 10.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A of the RRS shall be used, with four races required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.2 A boat's series score is calculated, based on the number of Championship Races:
- When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - When from five to seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of the race scores excluding her worst score.
 - When eight races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of the race scores excluding her worst two scores.
- 10.3 The regatta handicap results will be determined by back calculation. Points will be awarded for handicap results in accordance with 10.2 above. A boat that finishes in the first three places in either the Open, Silver, or Classic Division will be ineligible to win the handicap trophy.

11. SUPPORT BOATS

- 11.1 All coach, support & spectator boats (**Support Boats**) and / or their driver(s), shall be registered with Organising Authority at Registration and will be required to comply with local legislation and event support boat regulations. The Organising Authority may refuse registrations and accept later registrations at their sole discretion.
- 11.2 An orange flag will be displayed approximately 5 min before the commencement of the start sequence retrace. On this signal, all non-race committee boats must promptly depart the race exclusion zone for the duration of the race, unless called on to assist by the Race Committee. The race area exclusion zone is as follows;
- At least 100 m clear of all course, start and finish marks.
 - At least 100 m outside the course area including lay lines.
- This instruction continues to apply if a general recall or postponement is signalled but not after a race is abandoned
- 11.3 Coach and support boats shall fly an identifying flag which will be supplied by the race committee and this must be clearly displayed at all times while afloat

12. PRIZES

- 12.1 prizes will be given as follows:

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The Uffa Fox Trophy (*1st Invitation Race*)
The Coweslip Trophy (*1st Championship*), Canberra Plate (*2nd Championship*), Tempest Trophy (*3rd Championship*) & Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club Trophy (*4th Championship*)
The Walbourn Trophy (*1st sail number 400 or more below highest sail no. entered*)
The JAT (Tally) Hobbs Trophy (*1st Silver Division*)
The Anniversary Trophy (*1st Classic Division*)
The Allen Brooke Trophy (*1st Handicap*)
The Masters Trophy (*1st Helm aged over 50 years*)
The Bill Shand Trophy (*1st boat with combined crew aged over 110 years*)
The Rising Stars Trophy (*1st boat with combined crew aged under 50 years*)
The Matt Owen trophy (*The highest placed female in the Championship (Helm OR Crew)*)

12.2 Additional presentations may be made at the conclusion of each day's racing

- 12.3 Other prizes may also be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Committee

13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta at their own risk. Competitors attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 3 which states "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone". 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.

14. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$AUD10,000,000 per event, or the equivalent. By signing the Entry Confirmation, helmspersons are deemed to have made a declaration that they have such cover.

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

- Competitors are required to sign into the club every time they enter the club proper.
- A dedicated area will be set up for the regatta for rigging and storage of each craft.
- A dedicated area for containers and craft arriving before the regatta will be in the carpark on the eastern side of the causeway bridge.
- A boat crane will be available for the launching of craft. An accredited person will be on hand to assist in launching each craft, but entrants are advised to supply their own certified lifting gear.
- A launching ramp is available for use adjacent to the crane.
- Local area and accommodation information.
- Spectator craft may be launched at the club's boat ramp and/or ramps nearby and may be left alongside the clubs marina for the duration of the regatta.
- Wireless Internet will be available for use by crew leading up to and during the regatta.
- The club has full restaurant and café facilities, with the café being open during all of the club's trading hours.
- [Google link for Lake Macquarie and surrounding areas](#)
- For further information or help visit LMYC [website](#) or contact

Lake Macquarie Yacht Club

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Attachment A: Parent / Guardian / Custodian Consent

International Flying Fifteen (insert number) Australian Championship at (insert club).

If either (or both) the skipper or crew is under 18 years of age at (one day before the invitation race) then the following consent form (one for each if this applies to both) must be completed and included with the signed Entry Confirmation presented at regatta registration.

I (full name) _____

being a parent, legal guardian or custodian of _____:

1. Consent to his/her participation in the International Flying Fifteen (insert number) Australian Championship at (insert club initials) under the terms and conditions set out in the Notice of Race
2. Have read and understand all the relevant documents (including those listed below and those referred to each document); and
3. Agree:
 - a. Sole responsibility for the suitability of the boat and equipment lies with the competitor;
 - b. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Fundamental RRS Rule 3, "Decision to Race";
 - c. (Club initials), YA, FFI, FFIA (each as defined in the Notice of Race) and the event sponsors and their officers, members, servants and agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in the regatta or howsoever arising in connection with the event;
 - d. The insurance cover requirements stated in the Notice of Race are current and will remain in force during the regatta; and
 - e. To all the acknowledgements and make the declarations and warrants outlined in the Entry Confirmation form (as if I had signed the Entry Confirmation).

Signature: _____ Date: _____

I (full name) _____

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

Attachment B
RACING AREA

