



Welcome from Mark "Chuck" Holmes, Director of LMYC and an FF sailor.

I have received recent feedback that many FF sailors have reservations about travelling to Lake Macquarie again due to a not so perfect ran Nationals in 2014.

Can I please reassure you that things have changed at LMYC.

The club has had a new Sailing Administrator for the last four years, who has run many successful regattas from state to world titles.

Many classes are returning each year as their preferred venue.

LMYC some twenty years ago had one of the largest FF fleets in Australia.

As things changed the class dissolved and people moved on to other classes.

At the end of 2018 Chris Villa and I imported a new FF from the UK and are endeavoring to build a fleet again in NSW.

I am currently a Director of LMYC and also a member of the Sailing Committee and can assure you this regatta has the full support of LMYC's management.

Please pass this message to anyone who has concerns about returning to our club and ask them to contact me directly if they need further reassurance.

Belmont Bay is renowned as one of the best sailing places in Australia and we are looking forward to an excellent regatta in January

Cheers

Mark

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mark', written in a cursive style.



FLYING FIFTEEN INTERNATIONAL AUSTRALIA



2021 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
3rd - 8th January 2021

Provisional
NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

Lake Macquarie Yacht Club
On behalf of the Flying Fifteen International Australia Inc. (FFIA)

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by:
 - 1.1.1. the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021 - 2024,
 - 1.1.2. the Special Regulations of Australian Sailing Inc. (AS) Addendum A - Part 2,
 - 1.1.3. the Class Rules of Flying Fifteen International (FFI) shall apply
 - 1.1.4. The Conditions of the Coweslip Trophy and the National Championship By-Laws of Flying Fifteen International- Australia shall apply.

2. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 2.1. 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 of Australia affiliated with FFI.
- 2.2. 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 helmsperson and crew shall each be a current member of a recognised State or National International Flying Fifteen Association and hold a current National Authority membership card.
- 2.3. Persons nominated on the entry form to sail the boat in the National Championship may not be substituted without the permission of the Race Committee. Any substitute thus permitted shall not helm the boat.

All entrants will compete in the Open Division, while entries will be accepted for both Classic and Silver Divisions.

(a) The Classic Division is open to all boats with sail numbers up to and including 2700, 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 and in the current Flying Fifteen International Yearbook. Two or more Classic entries will constitute a fleet for the award of trophies and keepsake prizes

(b) The Silver Division is open to all boats with registrations from 2701 to 3400 and also includes any boats with sail numbers below 2701 that do not meet the criteria for Classic Division. Two or more Silver entries will constitute a fleet for the award of trophies and keepsake prizes

(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.

2.4. ENTRY

- 2.4.1. Entries are to be received online via the LMYC [On Line Top Yacht Entry System](#)
- 2.4.2. The Early Bird closing date for Entries will be 1st December 2020
- 2.4.3. Entries may be accepted up to 1500 hours on 3rd January, 2021 No entry will be accepted after this time.

3. FEES

- Early Bird Entry Fee AUD \$500
 - 3.1. Entry Fee after 1st December 2020 AUD \$550
 - 3.2. Additional places for Presentation dinner AUD \$35.00
 - 3.3. Additional places for Social welcome AUD \$20.00
- The entry fee includes social welcome for 2, regatta dinner for 2. Extra places for Social welcome and Presentation dinner can be purchased at time of registration.

4. MEASUREMENT

- 4.1.1. At registration all entrants are required to present the boat's measurement certificate, together with proof of current financial membership of a Flying Fifteen International Class Association, and helmsperson and crew membership of, or affiliation to, their Member National Authority.
- 4.2. As part of the registration process boats must be presented for equipment and measurement inspections.

- 4.3. In the event that a sail or spar has been lost or damaged during the course of the championship and to such an extent that it cannot be used, the Race Committee may authorise the use of a replacement sail or spar.
- 4.4. 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.

5 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME
Sunday 3 rd January	Registration	
Monday 4 th January	Competitors briefing	0900 hrs
	Invitation race	Warning 1055 hrs (Uffa Fox Trophy)
	Race 1	First Warning 1355 hrs
	Welcome nibbles in Club	After Racing
Tuesday 5 th January	AGM	1000 hrs
Tuesday 5 th January	Race 2 Race 3	First Warning 1255 hrs Following Race 2
Wednesday 6 th January	Race 4 Race 5	First Warning 0955 hrs Following Race 4
Thursday 7 th January	Race 6 Race 7	First Warning 1255 hrs Following Race 6
Friday 8 th January	Race 8 Race 9	Warning 0955 hrs Following Race 8
Friday 8 th January	Presentation dinner	1800 hrs

6. VENUE

- 6.1. Lake Macquarie Yacht Club is located off ADA Street Belmont, Australia
- 6.2. The course area will be in Belmont Bay west of the Club. Maps of the sailing area will be available in the Sailing Instructions.

7. COURSES

Courses will be mixture of Triangle and Windward Leeward which will be described in the sailing instructions.

8. SCORING

- 8.1. The Low Point System of Appendix A5.2 will apply.
- 8.2. Nine (9) races are scheduled, of which five (5) shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 8.3. When five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 8.4. When eight (8) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst two scores

9. SAFETY

- 9.1. Personal flotation devices shall be worn at all times whilst afloat. Such devices shall be in good condition and in accordance with the specifications issued or approved by a national authority or standards organisation and branded in the country of origin or manufacture. ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO RRS Fundamental Rules 1.2.:3 and 4

10. PRIZES

- 10.1. Prizes will be awarded in all Division Categories where sufficient entries are received. (Refer clause 2.3.)
- 10.2. Presentation of trophies will be at the Presentation dinner.

11. DISCLAIMER

The Flying Fifteen International Australia Association Inc., Lake Macquarie Yacht Club Ltd, their members, officers, officials and committees and all others involved in the management and conduct of this regatta, shall not be liable for any loss of life or property, personal injury or damage caused by or arising from participation in this event. ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO RRS FUNDAMENTAL RULE **3**

12. INSURANCE

All entrants shall have a current Third Party Insurance Policy with a racing cover considered by their insurer as adequate for the risks involved. (Minimum AUD \$10 million).

13. FURTHER INFORMATION

For information, please contact:

Flying Fifteen International Australia

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Lake Macquarie Yacht Club (LMYC)

Sailing Office: racing@lmyc.com.au / 0411652533

On behalf of Sailing Committee

Steven Ford

Rear Commodore

Lake Macquarie Yacht Club

Social

We will be having a formal Opening Ceremony, awards ceremony and a Championship Dinner which is included in your entry fee, with additional tickets being available for non competitors. A social programme is currently being put together with more details to follow, suggestions are welcome.

Boat Storage

Competitors arriving more than a week prior to the commencement of the regatta should contact LMYC to make appropriate arrangements for access and storage. Boats and containers can be stored in the carpark east of the bridge.

Lake Macquarie City - Explore

It is a big city of more than 204,000 people, but are also unique blend of about 100 distinct communities dispersed around our namesake lake. The Aborigines of the Awabakal nation have lived in the Lake Macquarie area for more than 8000 years, and the name Awabakal is derived from the lake, meaning people of the calm surface.

Lake Macquarie is a magnificent body of water twice the size of Sydney Harbour, with hundreds of bays and quiet inlets to be explored. It has 174 kilometres of foreshore, parts of which are lined with scenic footpaths and cycleways, including the Red Bluff Shared Pathway, a stunning over-water boardwalk. Take a walk along the newly upgraded Warners Bay Foreshore and follow the winding path around the lake to Speers Point Park, home of our spectacular award-winning all-abilities children's playground. If you need more adrenaline than sailing a Fifteen take a high-speed, stomach-turning aerobatic ride with Red Bull pilot Matt Hall's joy flight company, based at the airport. There are plenty of things to see and do while you are in Lake Macquarie, many of them within easy distance of the LMYC Clubhouse. You may want to visit Catherine Hill Bay and discover why the stretch of sand along this traditional mining village is one of the Australia's favourite beaches. Or you could explore the famous sea caves that give nearby Caves Beach its name. The Wallarah Peninsula offers scenic walks with stunning bush and water views, while the Watagan Mountains, to the west, encompassing lush forest with waterfalls, walking trails and picnic areas. Visitors will find a cosmopolitan main-street vibe at Warners Bay, with a range of great boutiques and waterfront eateries, or relaxed waterfront dining in the Swansea and Belmont town centres. And if you have a chance to squeeze in a few hours of retail therapy, Charlestown Square and Stockland Glendale offer hours of browsing in department and specialty stores, along with plenty of eating and entertainment options. Tourism website, visitlakemac.com.au, has lots of other great suggestions. Lake Macquarie is the perfect place to escape the fast pace of modern life and reconnect with nature – be it on the beach, by the lake or in the mountains.

The Sailing

Lake Macquarie Yacht Club, home to LMYC Bar and Crusoe's on the Lake Restaurant is the perfect venue to dine and catch up with friends while admiring the beautifully unique view across Belmont Bay. Is pretty good for the sailing too, with a crane, ample parking and rigging area. The weather for January at Belmont is a daytime average High of 27 °C and Low of 19 °C.

Winds, well we are going to say it is never like this at this time of year! Typical for January is the seabreeze from the east to north east ranging from 10 to 20 knots. The water conditions are as good as they get anywhere in the world with only a wind chop to play against with little to no tide noticeable in Belmont Bay.

Food is available the club restaurant/bistro. Coles, Woolworths, bakery's etc are in walking distance of the club.

Closest Chandlery is Bob Fussells at Warners Bay (15mins drive) from the club which has a large range of fittings, ropes etc and sail repair services.

Accommodation

For those who are wanting to be organised there are a range of accommodation options, don't forget this is the peak holiday season in Australia so book early. The most economical probably going to be at the local caravan park camping/in a cabin, or renting a holiday house close by.

Caravan Parks

There are 2 close by for camping, cabins and motor homes.

<https://lakemacholidayparks.com.au>

<https://www.belmontbayview.com>

Holiday houses

If you are considering doing this I would urge everyone to book soon to secure a suitable house (some of us have already booked a house). Everyone knows about Airbnb, but there is a local site Stayz (part of the HomeAway group) which has properties listed that are not on Airbnb so check it out, as well as the local tourism site.

Stayz.com.au

visitlakemac.com.au

Motels & hotels

An internet search is the best way to bring up the available options as there are too many to list.

Useful references:

[NSW tourism](#)

[Local area tourism body](#)

Wind speed and direction rose

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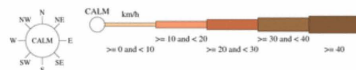
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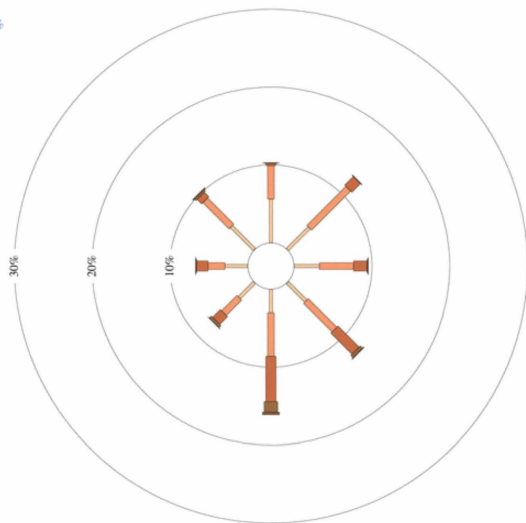
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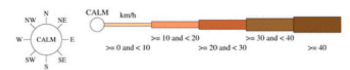
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