



2026 INTERNATIONAL FINN CLASS WESTERN AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

28 and 29 March 2026

NOTICE OF RACE



Organising Authority

ROYAL PERTH YACHT CLUB INC. (RPYC)

Australia II Drive

Perth, Western Australia

The Royal Perth Yacht Club Inc (RPYC), as the Organising Authority (OA) in conjunction with the Australian International Finn Class Association will conduct the 2026 International Finn Class Western Australian Championships on the Swan River.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule in this Notice of Race (NOR) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

The notation (SP) in a rule in this Notice of Race (NOR) means that a standard penalty will be applied by the Race Committee without a hearing.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) as modified by the Sailing Instructions (SIs).
- 1.2 [DP]The International Finn Class Association (IFCA) Class Rules will apply.
- 1.3 If a boat's hull, equipment or sails is rendered incapable of continuing the series, the Skipper may petition the Race Committee for permission to substitute a replacement for the remainder of the series.
- 1.4 In the event of conflict between any of the rules or regulations, other than RRS, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.5(c)(2).

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available at the RPYC website from 1700 on 26 March 2026.

3 COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 The online Official Notice Board (ONB) is located at the Dinghy and Training Centre at RPYC.
- 3.2 Radio and telephone communications to or from a boat will not be permissible.
- 3.3 [DP] The use of two way radios, mobile/cell phones, or any device capable of sending and/or receiving external electronic communication and/or connecting to the internet is prohibited after the first Warning Signal on each race day until the boat has completed racing that day, except in an emergency threatening the safety of any member of the crew or the boat.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 This event is open to all Finn Class boat that have or have had a valid measurement certificate.
- 4.2 Entries shall be lodged via the RPYC website.
- 4.3 Entries close at 1600hrs Thursday 26 February 2026. Late entries will be accepted only at the discretion of the OA.

5 FEES

- 5.1 No Entry fees will be charged for this event.
- 5.2 Donations will be accepted for funding of prizes and drinks for the RO and volunteers.

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Six races are scheduled for the series over three sessions and up to three races will be sailed in any session.

Date	Time	Event
Saturday, 28 March	1430	Competitor briefing at the Regatta Office
	1600	First session time of First Warning Signal
	1830	Sailors and supporters dinner at the Catalina Bar at RPYC
Sunday 29 March	1000	Second session time of First Warning Signal
	1330	Third session time of First Warning Signal
		Post racing - Presentation - RPYC

- 6.2 No Warning Signal will be made after 1500 hrs on the last scheduled session of racing.

7 VENUE AND COURSES

- 7.1 The venue for this regatta will be Royal Perth Yacht Club.
- 7.2 The racing area will be Melville Water East / West.
- 7.3 The Regatta Office will be located in the Dinghy and Training Centre at RPYC.
- 7.4 Courses in the first and second session will be windward / leeward and triangular in the third session as described in the Sailing Instructions.

8 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 8.1 The Penalty System will be as per RRS with any modifications will be notified in the Sailing Instructions.
- 8.2 RRS Appendix T "Arbitration" shall apply.

9 SCORING

- 9.1 Six (6) races are scheduled.
- 9.2 Four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 9.3 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.1.
- 9.4 When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

10 SUPPORT VESSELS

- 10.1 [DP] Team leaders, coaches, other support persons and support vessels shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the first Warning Signal of the day until racing has been concluded for the day.
- 10.2 Between races, support persons and support vessels shall not approach, communicate with or transfer provisions or equipment to or from their supported boats unless in a medical emergency threatening the health of the crew or the flotation of the boat and only with the expressed permission of the Race Committee.
- 10.3 [DP] Coaches and other support personnel shall approach no closer than 100m to any racing boat or race committee vessel or mark of the course from the time of the first Prep Signal of the day until racing has been concluded for the day.
- 10.4 [DP] Support vessels shall be identified whilst on the water by means to be specified in the SI's.

11 RISK STATEMENT

- 11.1 Competitors' attention is drawn to RRS 3 – Decision to Race.
- 11.2 All those taking part in these races are reminded of their obligations as set out in the AS Special Regulations clause 1.02 Responsibility of the Person in Charge.
- 11.3 It is the competitor's decision to enter the event or to start and continue in any race. Competitors shall accept that their participation in the event is at their exclusive risk in every respect. By way of entry in the event competitors must indemnify the OA, their officers, members, staff, and agents in respect to all claims and demands of whatever nature which may be made upon them in connection with or howsoever arising from their participation or intended participation in the event.
- 11.4 The OA, their officers, members, staff 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 event or howsoever arising in connection with the event.

12 INSURANCE

12.1 Each participating boat must be insured with current third-party property insurance cover and a valid third-party Personal Liability Insurance cover of not less than AUD10,000,000 (10 million dollars) for any one claim event in Australia.

12.2 All owners/competitors shall ensure a copy of their Certificate of Currency is presented to the OA prior to competition commencing. A failure to lodge will be grounds to deny entry.

12.3 Each skipper is liable for any third-party property and personal injury claims.

13 MEDIA RIGHTS AND PROTECTION

13.1 By lodging an entry, all competitors, including owners, give absolute right and permission for any photographs and/or video footage of their boat and crew to be published in any media stream for editorial, publicity or advertising purposes.

14 PRIZES

14.1 Prizes shall be awarded as follows:

- The Western Australian Finn State Championship Trophy shall be awarded to the overall winner.
- Boats finishing 1st, 2nd and 3rd overall.
- Grand Masters Division first place (over 50 years of age as at 31st December 2025).

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

Royal Perth Yacht Club

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APPENDIX A – EVENT VENUE



APPENDIX B – RACE AREA

