



2026 INTERNATIONAL FINN CLASS WESTERN AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

**ROYAL PERTH YACHT CLUB
28TH & 29TH March 2026**

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.

Sailing Instructions (SI)

[NP] denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for protest by boat.

[DP] denotes a rule of which the penalty is at discretion of the protest committee and may be less than disqualification.

[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing.

1. Rules

- 1.1. The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 (RRS).
- 1.2. [DP] Australian Sailing Special Regulation Part 2 Off the Beach Boats, will apply. It is the responsibility of all competitors to ensure that life jackets comply with a standard equivalent to those listed in the regulations under 5.01.
- 1.3. [DP]The International Finn Class Association (IFCA) Class Rules will apply.
- 1.4. Arbitration will be conducted in accordance with RRS Appendix T
- 1.5. In the event of a conflict with the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions will apply. This changes RRS 63.5(c).

2. Notices to Competitors

- 2.1. The Official Notice Board is a virtual notice board located at:

<https://rpyc.com.au/web/pages/finnstatechamps>

Notices posted on the Official Notice Board may also be posted on physical notice boards located on the window of the club house. Failure to post a notice on the physical notice board will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).

- 2.2. [NP] Secondary to the Official noticeboard, an “instant messaging” system such as WhatsApp will be used to notify skippers of timely information, including schedule updates, abandonment of racing etc. This can be joined via link on Website. Failure to receive notices will not be grounds for redress.
- 2.3. [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

3. Changes to the Sailing Instructions

- 3.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted if possible before 07:30 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule will be posted by 18:00 on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2. A change to the Sailing Instructions may be made on the water in accordance with RRS 90.2(c). Any change made may be delivered from a Race Committee Boat and will be broadcast by VHF radio. Flag “L” will be displayed while the change is being given.

4. [DP] [NP] SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagstaff on the Australia II Ceremonial Deck
- 4.2. When flag “AP” is displayed ashore ‘1 minute’ is replaced by ‘not less than 30 minutes’ in Race Signal AP.

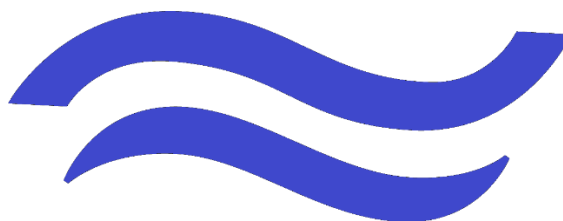
5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1. Six races are scheduled for the series over three sessions and up to three races will be sailed in any session.
- 5.2. No Warning Signal will be made after 1500 hrs on the last scheduled session of racing.

Date	Time	Event
Saturday, 28 March	1430	Competitor briefing in front of the OTB Clubhouse
	1600	First session time of First Warning Signal
Sunday 29 March	1000	Second session time of First Warning Signal
	1330	Third session time of First Warning Signal
		Post racing - Presentation - RPYC

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1. The Class flag will be the Finn logo on a white background

**7. RACING AREA**

The racing area is on the waters of the Swan River known as Matilda Bay and Melville Water

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1. The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, the side on which each mark is to be left, and the race flag indicating the course to be sailed.
- 8.2. [SP] [NP] Active Start / Finish Line: Except when starting or finishing, boats shall not sail through a Start / Finish line when an orange flag is displayed on the Committee boat.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. For the Windward Leeward courses marks 1, 2S & 2P will be large orange inflatable buoys, mark 1a will be an orange pimple buoy.
- 9.2. For the Triangle course marks 1, 2 and 3 will be yellow pimple buoys, mark 1a will be an orange pimple buoy.

10. THE START

- 10.1. The starting sequence will be a three-minute sequence. This changes RRS 26.
- 3 min – Class Flag up – one sound
 - 2 min – Preparatory flag up – one sound
 - 1 min - Preparatory flag down - one sound
 - 0 min – Class Flag down – one sound

- 10.2. The starting line will be between the staff displaying the orange flag on the Committee Boat at the Starboard end of the line and the yellow inflatable buoy at the Port end.
- 10.3. To alert boats that a sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed on the Race Committee Boat at least one minute before a warning signal will be displayed. One minute before the warning signal for the first class in a start sequence an Attention signal will be made consisting of multiple sound signals.
- 10.4. **[DP] [NP]** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the start sequence for other fleets.
- 10.5. A boat starting more than 4 minutes after her starting signal may be scored as 'did not start'. This changes RRS A4

11. THE FINISH

- 11.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat at the starboard end, and a yellow cylindrical buoy at the port end.

12. PENALTIES

- 12.1. [DP](NP) A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 31 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgment form at the Race Office within the protest time limit.
- 12.2. The standard penalty will be 2 points.

13. TIME LIMIT

- 13.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
30 minutes	75 minutes	15 minutes

- 13.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 13.3 Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one (1) more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

14 HEARING REQUESTS

- 14.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the Race Committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 14.2 Hearing request forms are available from the Regatta Office.
- 14.3 Parties to a protest will be advised of the time and location of the arbitration and protest hearing. This advice may be given verbally and may be posted on the notice board.

15 SCORING

- 15.1 The low point scoring system Appendix A shall apply.
- 15.2 Four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- (a) When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.1.
- (b) 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.
- 15.3 Rule A5.3 applies.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1 [DP] Boats not leaving the beach for a scheduled race shall promptly notify the Race Office.
- 16.2 [SP][NP] Before leaving to race for each scheduled racing session, all skippers and crew shall personally sign-on on the required race committee form located outside the OTB Club Room.
- 16.3 [SP] [NP] Within protest time limits after returning ashore, a crew shall personally sign-off on the required form.
- 16.4 [DP](NP) A boat that retires from racing shall notify the race committee before leaving the racing area, or, if that is not possible, shall notify the regatta office as soon as possible after returning ashore and shall complete a retirement declaration form at the Race Office before the expiry of the protest time limit.

17 [DP] MEASUREMENT CHECKS & REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 17.1 All competing yachts shall conform to the measurement requirements of the Class rules. Random measurement checks and inspections may be carried out at any time.
- 17.2 Substitution of competitors shall not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment shall not be allowed unless approved by the Race Committee in writing.
- 17.3 Requests for substitution shall be made in writing to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity. Forms are available at the Race Office.
- 17.4 Requests made on the water must be confirmed in writing at the next available opportunity.

18 [DP] SUPPORT BOATS

- 18.1 Coaches or other support personnel shall register their vessel with the Organising Authority via email to boatingcoordinator@rpyc.com.au. Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside the area where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment (unless assisting a boat in distress or standing by a capsized boat).
- 18.2 A copy of the regulations is available at [safety-equipment-for-powered-vessels](#) and [Life Jacket](#).

19 PRIZES

- 19.1 A class or sub-class shall have a minimum of five (5) boats to be eligible for prizes.
19.2 Prizes will be awarded to first, second and third placegetters

20 RISK STATEMENT

- 21.1 Competitor attention is drawn to RRS 3 – Decision to race.
21.2 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk.
21.3 It is the competitors' 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 aspect. By way of entry in the Event competitors must indemnify the Organising Authority their Offices, members, staff, volunteers 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.
21.4 Competitors are responsible for the seaworthiness of the boat that they are sailing and for the sufficiency and adequacy of its equipment for the prevailing conditions.
21.5 The Organising Authority their offices, members, staff, volunteers and agents accept no responsibility in respect to loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage of property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in the Event howsoever arising in connection with the Event.

21 INSURANCE

- 21.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000 per incident or equivalent. It is also recommended that vessels shall be insured with comprehensive cover for racing.
21.2 The organising authority may request a copy of the Certificate of Currency

22 MORE INFORMATION

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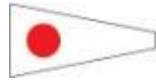
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Attachment A

RACE AREA

COURSES:

Windward Leeward



Numeral Pennant 1

START – 1 – 1A – 2S/2P – 1 – 1A – FINISH



Numeral Pennant 2

START – 1 – 1A – 2S/2P – 1 – 1A – 2S/2P
– 1 – 1A – FINISH

Triangle

Course will be indicated on side of start boat

Triangle 1 (T1)	Start-1-2-3-Finish
Triangle 2 (T2)	Start-1-2-3-1-3-Finish
Triangle 3 (T3)	Start-1-2-3-1-3-1-2-3-Finish

(Note that 1a will be used by other fleets on the course)

