



2026 QUEENSLAND FINN STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

NOTICE OF RACE

Friday 25 – Sunday 27 September 2026

Southport Yacht Club, Hollywell Sailing Squadron
1 Marina Crescent, Hollywell, Queensland, 4216

1. INVITATION

- 1.1 The International Finn Association of Australia inc., in conjunction with Southport Yacht Club Inc., invites eligible competitors to enter the 2026 Queensland Finn State Championships.
- 1.2 Championship racing will be conducted on Saturday 26th September and Sunday 27th September 2026. A non-championship passage race will be conducted on Friday 25th September 2026; it is scored separately by the Club and does not form part of the Championship.
- 1.3 This is a standalone Notice of Race. Competitors need not rely on any separate Finn Class Notice of Race for the Championship requirements.

2. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 2.1 The Organising Authority (OA) is the International Finn Association of Australia inc. (IFAA), in conjunction with Southport Yacht Club Inc. (SYC).
- 2.2 The event will be hosted by Southport Yacht Club at its Hollywell Sailing Squadron.
- 2.3 Southport Yacht Club has appointed the Racing Coordinator as Regatta Director.

3. RULES

- 3.1 The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 3.2 The Australian Sailing prescriptions to the Racing Rules of Sailing will apply.
- 3.3 Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2, Off the Beach Boats, will apply.
- 3.4 The International Finn Class Rules and all amendments effective on the first day of the Championship will apply, including the amendments effective from 1st December 2025.
- 3.5 RRS Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, will apply.
- 3.6 RRS 44.1 and Appendix P2.1 are changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 3.7 The notation **[DP]** in a rule of this Notice of Race means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.
- 3.8 The notation **[NP]** in a rule of this Notice of Race means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.
- 3.9 Competitors and support persons shall comply with all reasonable directions of the Organising Authority and all applicable Southport Yacht Club behavioural, safety, environmental, access, boat park and facility requirements. **[DP] [NP]**

- 3.10 Any conflict between governing documents will be resolved under RRS 63.5(c), subject to any class rule that cannot be changed.
- 3.11 Each competitor is responsible for ensuring continuing compliance with all applicable rules.

4. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 The Sailing Instructions will be published on the Official Notice Board by 1200hrs on Friday 18th September 2026.
- 4.2 The Sailing Instructions will contain the operational, course, timing, safety, sign-on, sign-off and communication procedures.
- 4.3 The Sailing Instructions will not alter this Notice of Race unless permitted by the rules.
- 4.4 Competitors shall sign on before racing and sign off after racing each day, as specified in the Sailing Instructions. **[DP] [NP]**

5. COMMUNICATION

- 5.1 The electronic Official Notice Board is: [2026 QLD FINN STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS - Southport Yacht Club](#)
- 5.2 Official notices, amendments, Sailing Instructions, results and hearing information will be published on the Official Notice Board.
- 5.3 Courtesy information may also be sent electronically. Failure to send, receive or read a courtesy communication will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).
- 5.4 Competitors shall provide current contact details and monitor the Official Notice Board.
- 5.5 The Race Committee may make courtesy broadcasts on VHF channel 72. Errors or omissions in a broadcast will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).

6. ADVERTISING

- 6.1 Boats may be required to display advertising supplied by the Organising Authority in accordance with the World Sailing Advertising Code and Finn Class Rules.
- 6.2 Supplied advertising shall be displayed as instructed. **[DP] [NP]**

7. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 7.1 The Championship is open to International Finn Class boats.
- 7.2 Each competitor shall be a financial member of an affiliated National Finn Association and a club affiliated with Australian Sailing or their World Sailing Member National Authority.
- 7.3 Each boat shall hold a valid Finn measurement certificate and comply with the Finn Class Rules.
- 7.4 Sail identification shall comply with the Finn Class Rules and RRS Appendix G.
- 7.5 The entered sail number shall match the boat's certificate or be a valid personal number.
- 7.6 Evidence of eligibility, measurement, sail number entitlement and insurance shall be provided on request.
- 7.7 Entries shall be submitted through:
<https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/342/entry/series/5695/pricing>
- 7.8 An entry is complete when all required information, declarations and fees are received.
- 7.9 The Organising Authority may reject or cancel an entry in accordance with RRS 76.1.
- 7.10 The entered competitor shall helm throughout the Championship unless the Organising Authority approves a change in writing. **[DP]**

8. FEES

- 8.1 The standard entry fee is AUD \$250 per boat.

- 8.2 A discounted entry fee of AUD \$150 per boat applies to competitors aged under 30 on the first day of the Championship.
- 8.3 Entries close on 15th September 2026. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority. Entries accepted from 16th September 2026 will be charged the standard entry fee stated above.
- 8.4 A competitor withdrawing by 15th September 2026 may receive a refund less non-refundable transaction charges. No refund will be made after that date unless approved by the Organising Authority in exceptional circumstances.
- 8.5 If the Championship is cancelled before it begins, entry fees will be refunded less non-refundable transaction charges and reasonable competitor-specific costs incurred. No refund applies after the Championship begins unless approved by the Organising Authority.

9. SCHEDULE

- 9.1 No compulsory registration or pre-event equipment inspection session is scheduled. The event schedule is:

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Friday 25th September 2026	Competitor Briefing	1230hrs
Friday 25th September 2026	Non-championship passage race	First warning signal not before 1300hrs
Saturday 26th September 2026	Championship racing (3 races)	First warning signal not before 1055hrs
Sunday 27th September 2026	Championship racing (3 races)	First warning signal not before 1055hrs
Sunday 27th September 2026	Last warning signal	No original warning signal after 1500hrs
Sunday 27th September 2026	Presentation, SYC Hollywell	Following racing

- 9.2 Championship racing will be conducted on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th September 2026 only. The passage race on Friday 25th September 2026 is a non-championship race, scored separately by the Club, and does not form part of the Championship series.
- 9.3 No original warning signal will be made after 1500hrs on Sunday 27th September 2026. A race subject to a general recall may be restarted after 1500hrs if its original warning signal was made before that time.
- 9.4 No more than four races shall be sailed on any day.
- 9.5 Additional races may be sailed on a day, provided the Championship does not become more than one race ahead of schedule and the daily limit in NoR 9.4 is not exceeded.
- 9.6 The orange starting line flag may be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal.
- 9.7 Six races are scheduled for the Championship (three on Saturday and three on Sunday).

10. MEASUREMENT AND REGISTRATION

- 10.1 Each boat shall comply with the Finn Class Rules and hold a valid measurement certificate.
- 10.2 Boats and equipment may be inspected at any time.
- 10.3 A boat shall proceed to inspection when directed by the Race Committee or Technical Committee. **[DP]**
- 10.4 Required declarations shall be completed before the boat's first race. Certificates, insurance and equipment shall be produced on request.

- 10.5 Under Finn Class Rule C.6.2, each boat may use no more than one hull, centreboard, mast, boom and rudder, and two sails during the Championship.
- 10.6 Lost or damaged equipment may be substituted only with written Race Committee approval.
- 10.7 Requests shall be made promptly. The damaged and replacement equipment may be inspected.

Personal Flotation Devices

- 10.8 Each competitor shall wear a secured, serviceable personal flotation device while afloat, except briefly when changing or adjusting clothing or equipment. This applies whether or not flag Y is displayed. **[DP] [NP]**
- 10.9 The device shall comply with ISO 12402-5, USCG Type III, AS 4758 Level 50 or an equivalent approved standard. Inflatable devices are prohibited.

Electronic Equipment and Communication Devices

- 10.10 While racing, mobile phones and communication devices shall be securely stowed and used only in an emergency.
- 10.11 Smart watches and other electronic equipment may be used only as permitted by the Finn Class Rules, this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions, and shall not communicate externally while racing.

Bow Numbers

- 10.12 The Organising Authority will supply bow numbers at no charge.
- 10.13 Bow numbers shall be displayed as instructed while racing. **[DP] [NP]**
- 10.14 Failure to display both bow numbers may, without a hearing, result in DNC. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.1.
- 10.15 A lesser penalty may apply if a number was correctly fitted and later lost or damaged without competitor fault.
- 10.16 A penalty under NoR 10.14 shall not exceed DNC. A boat may request redress.

11. VENUE

- 11.1 The venue is:
Southport Yacht Club
Hollywell Sailing Squadron
1 Marina Crescent
Hollywell Queensland 4216
- 11.2 The briefing and presentation will be held at SYC Hollywell. Launching and retrieval will be from the designated Hollywell launching area.

12. RACING AREAS

- 12.1 The non-championship passage race on Friday 25th September 2026 will be conducted in the inshore waters adjacent to Southport Yacht Club Hollywell.
- 12.2 Championship racing will be conducted offshore on the Gold Coast waters in the vicinity of the Sand Pumping Jetty. In the event of inclement weather, or where the Race Committee considers offshore racing unsuitable, racing may be conducted on the Gold Coast Broadwater in the area known as Deep Hole. The Race Committee will determine the racing area having regard to weather, sea state, safety and operational requirements. Racing area diagrams and any further detail will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

13. COURSES

- 13.1 Windward-Leeward courses will be sailed.

- 13.2 Course configurations, marks, starting and finishing lines, target times and time limits will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

14. SCORING

- 14.1 The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 14.2 Three races are required to be completed to constitute the Championship.
- 14.3 When four races or fewer have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 14.4 When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 14.5 Only one race score may be excluded.
- 14.6 A score that is not excludable under RRS 90.3(b) shall not be excluded.
- 14.7 Ties will be broken in accordance with RRS A8.

15. SUPPORT VESSELS

- 15.1 A support vessel is any vessel associated with a competitor.
- 15.2 Support vessels shall register before going afloat. No entry fee applies.
- 15.3 Registration shall identify the vessel, person in charge, supported competitors and insurance.
- 15.4 Support vessels shall carry legally required safety equipment, VHF channels 16, 09 and 72, and third-party liability insurance of at least AUD \$10,000,000 per incident.
- 15.5 While racing is active, support vessels shall remain outside the racing area and comply with the Sailing Instructions. **[DP] [NP]**
- 15.6 Support vessels shall not enter restricted areas, create wash, obstruct vessels or provide a competitive advantage. **[DP] [NP]**
- 15.7 Support vessels shall monitor VHF 72 and provide rescue assistance when requested or reasonably required.
- 15.8 Rescue obligations take priority; assistance may be subject to RRS 41.
- 15.9 Any support vessel identification will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.
- 15.10 A competitor may be penalised for a support person's breach under the RRS.

16. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 16.1 Except in an emergency or as permitted by the rules, a boat shall not transmit or receive information unavailable to all boats while racing.
- 16.2 Emergency use of a carried communication device is permitted.
- 16.3 Race Committee broadcasts are courtesy communications only.

17. STORAGE AND BOAT PARK

- 17.1 Boats, trailers and support vessels shall use only areas designated by Southport Yacht Club. **[DP] [NP]**
- 17.2 Competitors and support persons shall comply with venue access, storage, tie-down, launching and movement directions.
- 17.3 Boats and equipment are stored at the owner's risk.
- 17.4 Storage is permitted during the Championship and for 24 hours before and after, unless otherwise approved by Southport Yacht Club.
- 17.5 Access, emergency and launching areas shall remain clear.

18. PRIZES

- 18.1 Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Overall.

18.2 Further prize details, if any, will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.

19. RISK STATEMENT

- 19.1 RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."
- 19.2 By participating, each competitor accepts sailing's inherent risks and responsibility for their safety, fitness, boat, equipment, actions and compliance.
- 19.3 Race management and rescue resources do not relieve competitors of these responsibilities. To the extent permitted by law, the Organising Authority, Australian Finn Association, Southport Yacht Club, officials, volunteers and sponsors accept no liability for loss, damage, injury or death connected with the Championship.

20. RISK WARNING

- 20.1 Competitors should consider wearing a suitable helmet to reduce boom-impact injury.
- 20.2 Helmet use is the competitor's decision unless made mandatory by amendment.
- 20.3 A helmet does not eliminate risk or replace prudent seamanship.

21. INSURANCE

- 21.1 Each participating boat shall hold valid third-party liability insurance of at least AUD \$10,000,000 per incident, covering sailboat racing throughout the Championship.
- 21.2 Proof shall be provided on request.
- 21.3 Entry constitutes a declaration that the required insurance is held.

22. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 22.1 By participating, a competitor permits the Organising Authority, Australian Finn Association and authorised media and sponsors to use event images, recordings and results without compensation.
- 22.2 These materials may be used for event administration, reporting, promotion and archival purposes.
- 22.3 Personal information will be handled under applicable privacy requirements.

23. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 23.1 Further information may be obtained from:
Southport Yacht Club Racing Office
Hollywell Sailing Squadron
1 Marina Crescent
Hollywell Queensland 4216
Telephone: 07 5655 3368
Email: racing.admin@sycgc.com.au
Racing Coordinator: racing.coordinator@sycgc.com.au
- 23.2 Competitors should monitor the Official Notice Board for all official event information.