FLYING FIFTEEN INTERNATIONAL 47th ACT CHAMPIONSHIP
Saturday 3rd to Sunday 4th October 2015
Hosted by
CANBERRA YACHT CLUB
LAKE BURLEY GRIFFIN, CANBERRA, ACT
NOTICE OF RACE

The Canberra Yacht Club (CYC) invites entries to the Flying Fifteen International 47th ACT Championship to be conducted on the waters of Lake Burley Griffin from Saturday 3rd to Sunday 4th October 2015. The regatta will be hosted by the CYC as the organising authority on behalf of Flying Fifteen International Australian Capital Territory Inc. (FFIACT), under the authority of Yachting Australian Capital Territory (YACT).

1. RULES
1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, except as changed by this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions.
1.2 The Prescriptions of Yachting Australia (YA) will apply.
1.3 YA Special Regulations Part 2 will apply.
1.4 The Class Rules of Flying Fifteen International (FFI) will apply, except as changed by this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions.

2. ADVERTISING
2.1 Advertising shall be in accordance with Class Rule B17.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY
3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Flying Fifteen International Class which hold a valid FFI Measurement Certificate and are entered on the FFI Australia (FFIA) Register of Boats or are registered with an association established outside Australia affiliated with FFI.
3.2 The boat’s owner shall be a full member of a recognised State or National Flying Fifteen Association with affiliation to FFI.
3.3 Both helm and crew shall be financial members of YA or affiliated to an alternative Member National Authority, and may be required to provide proof of such membership at Registration.
3.4 The boat’s helm and crew shall each be a current member of a recognised State or National Flying Fifteen International Class Association.
3.5 Persons initially nominated on an entry form to sail a boat in the Championship may be changed at event Registration, but thereafter may not be substituted without the permission of the Race Committee. Any substitute thus permitted shall not helm the boat.
3.6 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 FFI website at www.f15international.org/.
   (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.
   (c) Any dispute regarding the eligibility of a boat in either of the above sub-divisions will be resolved by the ACT Measurer, whose decision shall be final.
3.7 Eligible boats may be entered on-line from Tuesday 1\textsuperscript{st} September 2015 to Wednesday 30\textsuperscript{th} September 2015 at www.canberrayc.com. Skippers entering this way will be required to sign a Competitor’s Declaration and present any required Parent/Guardian/ Custodian Consent Form at event Registration.

3.8 Alternatively, eligible boats may be entered by completing the Entry Form and any required Parent/Guardian/Custodian Consent Form accompanying this Notice of Race (Attachments 1, and 2), and sending it/them by post by Tuesday 29\textsuperscript{th} September 2015, or delivering it/them by hand by 1000 hrs Saturday 3\textsuperscript{rd} October 2015, together with the required fee (see section 4), to the CYC Regatta Office. If posted the address is:

FFI ACT Championship
C/- Canberra Yacht Club
PO Box 7169
Yarralumla ACT 2600

4 FEES

4.1 The entry fee for the regatta is $70.

4.2 Helm or crew who are not members of an association affiliated with FFI, or whose boat is not on the FFIA Register of Boats or equivalent (see section 3 above), may at event Registration complete an application form for membership of FFIACT and pay the annual membership fee and/or the annual FFIA boat registration fee, presently $20 and $32 respectively, but possibly subject to change before the event.

5 SCHEDULE

5.1 Registration, including Measurement and Inspection will be held at the CYC Regatta Office and environs on Friday 2\textsuperscript{nd} October 2015 between 1600 hrs and 1800 hrs and on Saturday 3\textsuperscript{rd} October 2015 between 0800 hrs and 1030 hrs.

5.2 A Competitors’ Meeting will be conducted at the CYC Regatta Office on Saturday 3\textsuperscript{rd} October 2015 at 1000 hrs.

5.3 Sailing Program Up to eight Championship races are scheduled. The dates and times of racing are as follows:

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Up to three races may be sailed in each Championship Racing Session, sailed back-to-back, with a short delay between them.

6 REGISTRATION, INSPECTION AND MEASUREMENT

6.1 At Registration, all entrants are required to present the boat’s Measurement Certificate, together with a declaration and evidence of adequate insurance cover (see section 16), current financial membership of a Flying Fifteen International Class Association, and helm and crew membership of, or affiliation to, their Member National Authority (YA in Australia).

6.2 Not more than two mainsails, two headsails, and two spinnakers shall be used in the regatta. In the event that a sail or spar has been lost or damaged during the course of the Championship to such an extent that it cannot be used, the Race Committee may authorise the use of a replacement sail or spar.

6.3 Following Registration a boat must be presented for safety and measurement inspections. A boat’s entry will not be deemed complete until these checks have been satisfactorily completed.

6.4 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.
7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
7.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available after 1600 hrs on Friday 2nd October 2015 at the CYC Regatta Office.
7.2 A draft of the Sailing Instructions will be available on the CYC website (www.canberrayc.com) from Monday 14th September 2015.
7.3 The written Sailing Instructions issued at Registration will supersede any previous versions; any further variations from these written Sailing Instructions will be notified in accordance with the Sailing Instructions.

8 VENUE
8.1 CYC is located centrally in Canberra, at Mariner Place, Yarralumla.
8.2 The Regatta Office is in the CYC Sailors’ Cabin on the ground floor at the rear of the collocated Canberra Southern Cross Yacht Club.
8.3 Racing will be conducted on the West Lake portion of Lake Burley Griffin, adjacent to the CYC.

9 THE COURSES
9.1 The courses to be sailed will be a combination of windward and return and triangular, or of only windward and return configurations, as set down in the Sailing Instructions.
9.2 Racing will be conducted over courses with a target time of approximately 40 to 50 minutes for the first boat.

10 SCORING
10.1 Up to eight Championship races are scheduled, of which three are required to be completed to constitute a series.
10.2 When fewer than four Championship races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her Championship race scores.
10.3 When from four to seven Championship races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her Championship race scores excluding her worst score.
10.4 When eight Championship races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her Championship race scores excluding her two worst scores.
10.5 Handicap results will be determined by back calculation using the Top Yacht Software race scoring system. Points will be awarded for handicap results in accordance with 10.2, 10.3 and 10.4 above.
This changes Rule A2
10.6 Series scores for the Flying Fifteen International 47th ACT Championship shall be based on a fleet inclusive of all boats. The Classic and Silver Divisions will also be scored as separate fleets. Series handicap results will be determined for the fleet inclusive of all boats.

11 SUPPORT BOATS
11.1 Powered boats require a permit issued by the National Capital Authority to be operated on Lake Burley Griffin. Participants planning to have a powered support boat should contact the CYC Club Manager no later than Friday 11th September 2015 to allow an appropriate permit to be obtained.
11.2 Support boats shall clearly display a white flag. Support boats, coaches and other support personnel shall not encroach within 50 metres of or communicate with any competing boat in the race area between the warning signal of any race and when the boat being contacted has finished that race and cleared the finishing line or has retired.

12 BOAT PARKING AND LAUNCHING
12.1 The regatta will be a ‘dry’ regatta. Boat park accommodation will be provided within the grounds of the CYC for all competing boats. Launching and retrieval of boats is either: (a) via a launching crane and finger jetty adjacent to the boat parking area,
(b) via a launching ramp adjacent to the boat parking area, requiring hand towing of trolleys or road trailers, or
(c) via two launching ramps and jetty, and a beach area, situated about 200 metres from the boat parking area, requiring vehicle towing into position to launch and retrieve boats on road trailers.

Any lifting tackle to be used to launch boats using the crane is required to be certified by an appropriate government authorised authority.

12.2 No cars will be permitted on the grassed boat parking area.

13 RADIO COMMUNICATION

13.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. This changes Class Rule B14.5.

14 CHAMPIONSHIP PRIZES

14.1 The ACT Flying Fifteen International Championship Trophy shall be presented to the winner of the Open Championship. This perpetual trophy is to be retained by FFIACT. Details of the winner will be inscribed on the trophy by FFIACT. Other prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the organising committee.

14.2 A boat that is awarded a prize in the Open, Classic or Silver Divisions will be ineligible to win a handicap prize.

14.3 Trophy and prize presentations will be made in the CYC Sailors’ Cabin following the final race.

15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

15.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race which states: ‘The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.’

15.2 No responsibility will be accepted by FFIACT, CYC (ACT Sailing Inc), YACT, sponsors, regatta officials or volunteers, or staff conducting the regatta or any person connected with the regatta for any loss or damage to personal property or for personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

16 INSURANCE

16.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of $5,000,000 per event or the equivalent. The name of the insurer and policy number is to be provided at regatta Registration.

17 AMENITIES

17.1 The CYC will provide bar and canteen facilities during the regatta.

17.2 The collocated Canberra Southern Cross Yacht Club provides high standard bar, restaurant and takeaway cafe facilities from early morning to late evening.

17.3 All entrants and adult members of their party will be granted temporary membership of the CYC and the Canberra Southern Cross Yacht Club for the period of the regatta.

17.4 A lifting gantry and boat hoist is available if required by competitors.

17.5 The CYC operates a boat chandlery, and there are several other outlets within Canberra for boating equipment. Information on available sail makers and boat repairers can be obtained from the Regatta Office during the event.

17.6 A wide choice of suitable forms of accommodation is available in Canberra and nearby Queanbeyan. Information is available on website www.visitcanberra.com.au.

17.7 Visitors not directly involved with racing will have excellent race viewing opportunities and convenient access to a wide range of interesting major attractions of national, cultural and historical significance that are to be found in the same central precinct as the CYC.

18 FURTHER INFORMATION

18.1 Social Program

(a) Welcome drinks and snacks: Friday 2nd October 2015 from 1600 hrs to 1800 hrs, in the CYC Sailors’ Cabin.
(b) Dinner, Saturday 3rd October 2015: Available at the Canberra Southern Cross Yacht Club. See Attachment 1

18.2 For further information please contact:
Canberra Yacht Club
E-mail: admin@canberrayachtclub.com.au
Ph: (02) 6273 7177 Fax: (02) 6273 6222
or:
review information on the Canberra Yacht Club web site: www.canberrayc.com

18.3 Note that the Canberra Yacht Club is the trading name of ACT Sailing Inc.

18.4 Other useful websites for planning a visit to Canberra include:
- Aboriginal Tent Embassy  [http://www.creativespirits.info](http://www.creativespirits.info)
- High Court of Australia  [www.hcourt.gov.au](http://www.hcourt.gov.au)
- National Gallery of Australia  [www.nga.gov.au](http://www.nga.gov.au)
- Questacon  [www.questacon.edu.au](http://www.questacon.edu.au)

Attachment 1: Flying Fifteen International 47th ACT Championship - Entry Form
Attachment 2: Parent/Guardian/Custodian Consent Form
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ENTRIES

METHODS OF ENTRY: Competitors may submit entries on line via a link at the CYC website www.canberrayc.com from 1 September 2015, or by completing and forwarding or delivering the following form. (See Notice of Race Section 3.)

ENTRY FORM

Post to: or, deliver by hand to:

FFI ACT Championship
C/- Canberra Yacht Club
PO Box 7169
Yarralumla ACT 2600

FFI ACT Championship
Sailors’ Cabin
Canberra Yacht Club
1 Mariner Place
Yarralumla ACT 2600

Please accept my entry for the 47th ACT Championship of the Flying Fifteen International Class to be conducted from Saturday 3rd to Sunday 4th October 2015 at the Canberra Yacht Club.

Boat Name: .................................................................................................................................

Boat Number: ............................

Skipper: (Mr/Ms): ...........................................................................................................................

Address: ........................................................................................................................................

Post Code: .........................

Phone(s): (H/W) ...................... (Mobile.) .................................................................

E-mail address: ............................................................................................................................

Home Yacht Club: ........................................................................................................................

YA Membership No: .................................................................

Crew (Mr/Ms): ............................................................................................................................

YA Membership No: .................................................................
ENTRY FORM (CONT.)

CLASSIC AND SILVER DIVISION ENTRIES: Please also include my entry in the following Division of the Championship:

_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ Division (Insert ‘Classic’ or ‘Silver’ as applicable).

MINOR’S CONSENT FORM: Participants under 18 on Friday 2nd October 2015 must submit a Parent/Guardian/Custodian Consent Form at or before Registration (see Attachment 2).

ENTRY CLOSING DATES: The closing dates for entries are detailed in the Notice of Race section 3.

ENTRY FEES: The entry fee is detailed in the Notice of Race sections 4.

The entry fee must be included with the submission of entries.

PAYMENT METHODS

- Via On-Line Entry – From 1 September 2015, see link at www.canberrayc.com, or
- Cash,
- Cheque – to be made out to “Canberra Yacht Club – FFI ACT Championship”

SATURDAY DINNER

A pay as you go dinner will be available at the Canberra Southern Cross Yacht Club (CSCYC) on the evening of Saturday 3rd October 2015 for those who wish to take advantage of the facilities of that Club.

If participants wish us to secure table bookings for them, it is preferable that we do this three days in advance. Consequently, please indicate below by Wednesday 29th September 2015 the number of persons in your party for whom you wish reservations to be made. However, every endeavour will be made to obtain reservations after this date, up to event registration.

Number of persons requiring reservation at the CSCYC for Dinner on Saturday 3rd October: .........
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PARENT/GUARDIAN/CUSTODIAN CONSENT FORM

Note: If the skipper or crew member is under 18 years of age on Friday 2nd October 2015 the following consent must be signed (one for each if both are under 18).

I (full name) ..............................................................................................................................................................

being the parent, legal guardian or custodian of ........................................................................................................

consent to him/her participating in the Flying Fifteen International 47th ACT Championship to be conducted from Friday 2nd October to Sunday 4th October 2015 at the Canberra Yacht Club upon the terms and conditions set out in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions and do likewise agree to indemnify Flying Fifteen International- Australian Capital Territory Inc, Canberra Yacht Club (ACT Sailing Inc), Yachting Australian Capital Territory, sponsors, regatta officials or volunteers, or staff conducting the regatta or any person connected with the regatta as prescribed in those documents.

Signature: .................................................................       Date: ............ / ............ / 20.......  

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