



## 2017 Gemmill Homes 55<sup>th</sup> Flying Fifteen National Championship

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Who cares about the 12 days of Christmas – it's 12 days to the FF Nationals in glorious Esperance but Christmas has come early for Swanny with the safe delivery of Phar Lap #4053 (Dad and baby both doing well ☺)

Equally as important, there's been another delivery today – Stew and Jeck Wallace have become grandies with a baby boy born to Abby. No name or weight yet but huge congratulations to Granny and Pa (and of course Mum and Dad)!!

Our thoughts and sympathy are with Muddy on the recent loss of his mum. We hope you'll make it down here Muddy and take comfort from the support of the FF family.

If you and the fan club at home haven't yet "liked" EBYC Facebook page get on and do it as we'll be posting photos, updates, and links to results during the regatta. Results will also be on EBYC website.

Jaimen Hudson will be filming the regatta. Check out his story and some of his work – he's also on FB. <http://www.garage.com.au/the-amazing-drone-work-of-jaimen-hudson/>

Jonny Fullerton will be here and writing for sailing media with Bernie Kaaks doing what he does best on the photography front so start practicing your poses!

If you haven't already booked direct with Saltwater Catering (0439 711653) for dinner on the 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> and you want to be fed give Stu or Tam a call and don't forget to tell them you're a Fiftener. They will have bar meals (burgers, fish and chips) available if you don't want to commit to dinner.

When you arrive at EBYC to set up your boat make sure you get a measurement form from Wellsy and get it completed before you come to registration. We'd appreciate it if you can get vehicles off the hard stand as quickly as possible to allow manoeuvring room for new arrivals. There's plenty of parking at the front of the club. There will be bays on the lawn for boats but absolutely no vehicles at any time on the lawn please – including drop off and load up.





The regatta program is attached and Sailing Instructions are up on the EBYC, FFIWA and FFIA websites so you can indulge in a little light reading after Christmas lunch.

Our regatta sponsors have given us amazing support – Gemmill Homes, Westpac Agribusiness, Southern Ports Authority, Road Safety Commission, South Coast Insurance Brokers, Brahma Wealth and Ferngrove so whether you want to build a house, buy a farm, export a million tons of anything, insure yourself, invest some \$\$ or buy a bottle of wine please support them.

As everyone knows, the country road toll has been horrific this year, hence the repeated nagging to not drive tired. Our very own noted poet and Fifteener, Victoria Brown wrote the words for the Esperance Roadwise “Leave Speed Behind” campaign. Follow the link and watch the video – it’s gone viral <https://www.facebook.com/Esperance-RoadWise-640164896118938/>



Have a great Christmas, drive safely, and we look forward to seeing you all soon

The Espy Crew

