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### **Notice of Annual General Meeting 2025**

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Flying Fifteen International Western Australia will be held at **10:00 on Saturday 19th April 2025 in the Junior Room at the Geraldton Yacht Club.**

For any business for which notice has not been given, no resolution may be carried.

#### **Agenda**

1. Attendance and apologies
2. Minutes of the previous AGM held at RFBYC on 30th March 2024
3. Business arising
4. President's report
5. Treasurer's report
6. Election of Office Bearers and Committee
7. Discussion of the following motion:
  - That FFIWA and the Flying Fifteen Fleet Representatives from all clubs advise Organising Authorities for events involving Flying Fifteens in Western Australia of the provision within Flying Fifteen Class Rule B15.3 which permits Organising Authorities to no longer require Flying Fifteens to carry an anchor by inserting a provision to this effect within their Notice of Race and/or Sailing Instructions, when written permission is granted by FFIA. That FFIWA and Flying Fifteen Fleet Representatives from all clubs strongly encourage Organising Authorities to take advantage of this provision, when those Organising Authorities consider it safe to do so. Further, that FFIWA requests that FFIA grants permission to waive the requirement to carry of anchors when it is requested by an Organising Authority.  
**Moved by Nick Jerwood. Seconded by Sandy Dunn**
8. Date and Venue of next State Championships
9. General Business
10. Close

**Sandy Dunn**  
**President**  
**3rd April 2025**

## **Notes to the Motion**

The provision to waive the requirement to carry anchors has existed in the club rules since 2022. However, no Western Australian club has yet taken up this option.

Flying Fifteens have been sailing in Western Australia for over 65 years. Flying Fifteens sail in club-organised events that are supported by rescue boats that meet the safety standards expected by Australian Sailing. During this time, as far as FFIWA is aware, there have been no potential safety incidents in organised events within the Flying Fifteen fleet in Western Australia that were averted only as a result of deployment of an anchor, despite more than 30 Flying Fifteens sailing every week during the summer season in recent years.

Furthermore, Flying Fifteens compete every week in accordance with the requirements of Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats. There is no requirement in those regulations for boats to carry anchors.

Carrying anchors aboard has the following negative impacts:

- They add additional weight
- When loose (and they are generally carried loose in buoyancy tanks), they can cause damage
- Over time, they can rust to the point where they are no longer capable of functioning as expected, and therefore need to be maintained or replaced

For these reasons, it is believed that the negative impacts of carrying anchors outweigh any highly unlikely benefit.