



2026 International Ok Dinghy Class Qld Championships

NOTICE OF RACE

2nd-5th October 2026

[DP] Denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee.

[SP] Denotes a rule for which a standard penalty will be applied by the Race Committee without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

[NP] Denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a)

The Organising Authority is Tweed Valley Sailing Club.

1 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of Australian Sailing shall apply.
- 1.3 The International OK Dinghy Class Rules shall apply.
- 1.4 Rule 44.1 and Appendix P2.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty.
- 1.5 RRS Appendix T – Arbitration will apply.
- 1.6 The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules. All changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions.

2 Sailing Instructions

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available on the TVSC website before 14:00hrs on 1 September 2026.

3 Communication

- 3.1 The online official notice board is available at www.tvsc.com.au
- 3.2 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, 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.

4 Eligibility and Entry:

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats of the International OK Dinghy class.
- 4.2 All members of the crew must be a financial member of a yacht club affiliated with Australia Sailing and have a valid Australian Sailing Sailor Identification Number. Visiting International crews may use written evidence from their equivalent National Authority in lieu.

- 4.3 Entry shall be via the form at www.tvsc.com.au and paying the required fees.
Online entry opens on 15th August 2026 and closes at 10:00hrs 25th September.
A \$50 late fee applies to all entries after 23:59hrs 10th 15th September 2026
- 4.4 The entry fees are \$220 per boat.
- 4.4.1 If the entry is cancelled by the competitor, the entry fee will be funded as follows:
Two or more weeks before the event – 30%
Less than two weeks before the event – 0%

5 Schedule:

5.1 Open Racing:

Date	Time	Schedule
Saturday 3 rd October 2026	11:00 -11.30	Registration
	11.30 - 12:00	Briefing
	12:30	First Signal Race Session 1
Sunday 4 th October 2026	09:00 – 10:00	Registration
	11:00	Briefing
	12:00	First signal for Race Session 2 Presentation BBQ
Monday 5 th October 2026	11.00	If Required

- 5.2 Five (5) races are scheduled.
- 5.3 Up to three (3) races per day are planned back-to-back. Additional races may be sailed on any day provided that the regatta does not become more than one (1) race ahead of schedule.
- 5.4 No warning signal shall be made after 1500 hours on Sunday
- 5.5 Changes to the scheduled times will be notified to competitors by 20:00hrs on the evening before they apply.

6 (DP)(NP) Equipment and Measurement:

- 6.1 Boats may be inspected at any time.
- 6.2 In the event of damage, replacement equipment may only be substituted with written permission of the Race Committee, where allowed by the OKDIA Class rules.

7 Venue:

- 7.1 The regatta site will be at the Tweed Valley Sailing Club, Boat ramp, Fingal Head NSW 2487. On the waters of the Tweed River.
- 7.2 The Racing Area
- 7.3 All races will be conducted on the Tweed River as normally sailed by the Tweed Valley Sailing Club, immediately opposite the club/boat ramp area.

8 Courses:

- 8.1 Race Courses will be shown in the Sailing Instructions.

9 Penalty System

- 9.1 If required, TVSC will constitute a Protest Committee to hear any protests lodged in accordance with the limits stated in the Sailing Instructions. Protests will be held at TVSC.

10 Scoring

- 10.1 The low point scoring system A4 will apply.
- 10.1.1 Five (5) races are scheduled of which one (1) completed race is required to constitute a series.
- 10.1.2 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores including her worst score.
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11 [DP][NP]Support Boats and Personnel

- 11.1 All support boats shall be registered with the Organising Authority and will be required to comply with local legislation and event support boat regulations. The Organising Authority may refuse registrations and accept later registrations at their sole discretion.
- 11.2 Registered support boats shall keep to leeward of the start line and its extensions between the preparatory signal and the start signals and more than 100 metres clear of any competing boat or mark of the course, between the start signal and the finish of the last boat, except when asked to assist by the Race Committee.
- 11.3 Only coaches, who hold, as a minimum, current Australian Sailing recognised Coach Accreditation, or an equivalent international qualification, are authorised to go afloat in a coach boat within the course area.

12 Rigging and Storage

- 12.1 Boats and trailers shall be kept in their designated areas advised on arrival and shown in the Sailing Instructions.

13 Risk Statement

- 13.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**
- 13.2 The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

14 Insurance

- 14.1 All boats shall have third party insurance cover of not less than \$A5,000,000 (\$A10,000,000 recommended).

15 Prizes

- 15.1 Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the first Queenslander
- 15.2 Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the first Open
- 15.3 Prizes will be given as follows:
Overall 1st, 2nd & 3rd shall be awarded on scratch results.

16 Media Rights

- 16.1 By participating in the event, competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority, and their sponsors, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the athlete during the period of the competition without compensation.
- 16.2 By participating in the event, competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority, the right to authorise the overflying of all participants, including their support teams, by drone for the purposes of taking photographs and video / movie footage so long as they operate within requirements of Queensland and Commonwealth law and regulations.

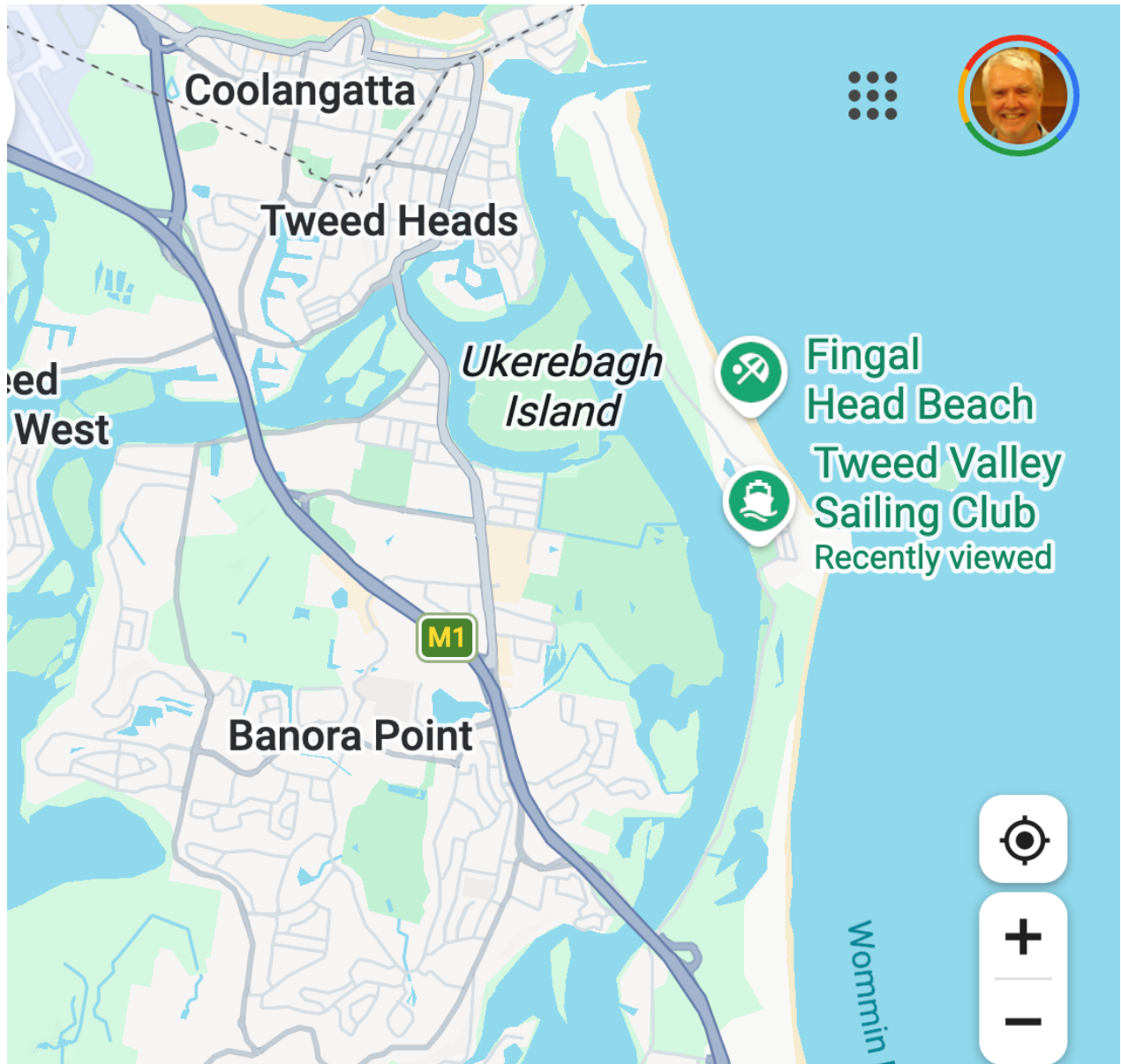
17 Additional Information

- 17.1 Additional information can be obtained by contacting the Tweed Valley Sailing Club at tvsc@gmail.com

Appendix One

1. Tweed Valley Sailing Club Location

Coming south on M1 into NSW. Just after Banora Point and crossing the Tweed River, take the Fingal Rd Exit towards Chinderah / Fingal Heads, then at the roundabout, take the 2nd exit to follow the river to down to the boat ramp park. The entry is on the left just after the She Oak Shack on your right, and just after you turn away from the river... We are in the most North East corner of the boat ramp park, just past the boat ramp..



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Facilities:

TVSC will operate fridge with soft drinks, snacks and drinks. Limited boat storage
Car and boat trailer parking

Access to facilities:

Ablution facilities will be open at all times

At least one TVSC representative will be on site at all times

Accommodation:

Camping is not permitted on the club house grounds but is available nearby at the Fingal Beach:
<https://www.caravancampingnsw.com/holiday-parks/tweed-holiday-parks-fingal-head/>.

Local accommodation is also readily available close to the venue. Details are listed on Google search : Fingal bay accommodation.
