



Flying Fifteen Northern Championship
Strangford Sailing Club
Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th June 2023

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Notation [DP] in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

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 Irish Sailing will apply.
- 1.3 Racing rules Race Signals AP, 28.1, 32, 35, 60.1(b), 61, 61.3, 62.1(a), 62.2, A2 A4 and A5 will be changed. The changes appear, in full, in these sailing instructions.
- 1.4 Rules of the International Flying Fifteen Class Association will apply.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

See NOR 3.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

[DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Clubhouse's Battery flagpole.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes race signal AP.



6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Racing: Five Races are scheduled.

Date Race Scheduled time of the Warning Signal for the first race each day is

at 1110 Saturday 3rd June Races 1, 2, 3 HW: 1300

at 1100 Sunday 4th June Races 4 & 5 HW: 1350

6.2 Race 4 may be sailed on Saturday. To signal an additional race is to be run, the race committee will display Numeral 4 on the finish boat at the finish of the last scheduled race of the day.

6.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

6.4 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15.00

7. CLASS FLAGS

The class flag will be the Code Flag G.

8 RACING AREA

South of Dunnyneil Island, Strangford Lough

9 COURSES

9.1 The courses to be sailed will be indicated by a board on the committee vessel. A indicates Windward/Leeward. The board B indicates a W/L with a Triangle.

9.2 The diagrams in Appendix A show the course, the order in which marks are to be passed.

9.3 In addition to RRS 32 the course may be shortened for any reason by displaying flag F at a rounding mark with repeated sound signals. Boats shall round the mark and sail directly to the finish line and finish by crossing the line from the direction of the last mark.

10. MARKS

Marks 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be orange cylindrical shaped buoys. The start mark will be a yellow 'lomo' mark. The finish mark will be a yellow 'lomo' mark.

11. OBSTRUCTIONS

Does not apply.



12. THE START

- 12.1 The starting line will be between a red and white striped pole on the committee vessel displaying an orange flag at the starboard end and the course side of a port end starting mark.
- 12.2 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and 5.2 .
- 12.3 A pink spherical buoy may be set as an inner distance mark approximately on the starting line and if this is set, no boat shall pass between the inner distance mark and the committee boat.

13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.
- 13.2 Minor course changes may not be signalled.

14. THE FINISH

- 14.1 The finishing line will be between a pole/mast displaying a blue flag on the committee boat at the port end of the line and a starboard end finishing mark.
- 14.2 In addition to the procedure for shortening course in RRS 32, the race committee may also award a finishing score to a boat that is still racing by displaying Code Flag W to her from a RIB (which may be in motion) with one sound signal. A boat so notified is no longer required to sail the course (amending the requirement to follow rule RRS 28.1), shall stop racing and shall return to the starting area, or return ashore if there is no more racing. A finishing score under this sailing instruction will be the score she would have received had she sailed the course and finished within any time limit, without gaining or losing any place. However, when two or more boats that are overlapped are notified, they will be scored as if they were tied. The decision by the race committee to use this procedure or not to use it shall not be grounds for requesting redress. RRS 60.1(b) is not applicable to this instruction.

15. TIME LIMITS & TARGET TIMES

- 15.1 Time limit for each race is 1.5hrs.
- 15.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes rule 35, A4 and A5.

16. HEARING REQUESTS

- 16.1 Boats intending to protest for an incident on the racecourse shall inform the Race Committee vessel at the finish line. This changes RRS 61.



- 16.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the later. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2. Sailing Instructions Northern Championship 2022 - Version 1.2
- 16.3 Hearing Request forms are available at the Race Office.
- 16.4 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room.
- 16.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 62.2.

17 SCORING

- 17.1 The scoring system, Appendix A 4.1, low point system will apply, except that:
- 17.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.3 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.
- 17.4 When four to five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 [DP] [NP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1 [DP] Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 20.2 [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 20.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

21 SUPPLIED BOATS

Does not apply



22 OFFICIAL VESSELS

Committee Vessel is a Merry Fisher white hull.

23 SUPPORT TEAMS

[DP] [NP] As per NOR 16

24 TRASH DISPOSAL

[DP] Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

25 BERTHING

See NOR 18

26 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Does not apply.

27 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Does not apply.

28 PRIZES

As per NOR 24

29 RISK STATEMENT

As per NOR 22

30 INSURANCE

As per NOR 23



APPENDIX A

COURSES

COURSE A WINDWARD/ LEEWARD: 124 124 124 FINISH

COURSE B: WINDWARD LEEWARD/ TRIANGLE: 124 134 124 FINISH

