

# *The Flying Fifteen Association of Ireland*



## **Sailing Instructions** **Flying Fifteen East Coast Championships, 2023** **National Yacht Club, Dun Laoghaire** **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2023**

### **1. RULES**

- 1.1. The Championships will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and by the rules and prescriptions of the ISA.
- 1.2. The rules of the Flying Fifteen Class will apply, in so far that they do not conflict with the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions.
- 1.3. The Organizing Authority is the National Yacht Club and the Flying Fifteen Association of Ireland.

### **2. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Notice Board located at the National Yacht Club.
- 2.2. On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 69.
- 2.3. The following communications may be made by the race committee on channel 69: the location of the starting area, countdown to the start, General Recalls, Black Flag DSQs and Postponements. Failure to make these broadcasts or failure to hear them shall not constitute grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1.
- 2.4. While racing, 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.

### **3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09:00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

### **4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the main yardarm of the National Yacht Club.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

## 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. Five races are scheduled:

| Date     | Warning Signal                | Races |
|----------|-------------------------------|-------|
| Saturday | First warning signal at 11:55 | Three |
| Sunday   | First warning signal at 10:55 | Two   |

- 5.2. The Race Officer may choose to hold an additional race on each day.
- 5.3. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed on the committee boat with one sound for at least five minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 5.4. On the last day of the championship, no first warning signal for a race will be made after 14:00.

## 6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1. Class flag will be International Code Flag (ICF) Naval 6.

## 7. RACING AREAS

- 7.1. The racing area shall be the waters of Dublin Bay.

## 8. THE COURSES

- 8.1. The diagrams in Appendix A show the courses, the order in which marks are to be rounded, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2. Course T, Sausage-Triangle-Sausage, will be signaled by displaying ICF 'T'.
- 8.3. Course W, Windward-Leeward, will be signaled by displaying ICF 'W'.
- 8.4. If, for any reason, there is only a single leeward mark in Course W, it shall be taken as 2B and shall be rounded to port.

## 9. THE START

- 9.1. Races will be started by using Rule 26 with the warning signal made five minutes before the starting signal.
- 9.2. The starting line will be between a red and white pole or the main mast on the committee boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port end outer distance mark or an orange pole on an outer distance RIB.
- 9.3. To alert the Class that a starting sequence is about to commence an Orange Warning Signal may be displayed from the committee boat no less than five minutes before the display of the first warning signal.
- 9.4. A boat starting later than ten minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes Rules A4 and A5.

## 10. Shortening Course

- 10.1. In addition to RRS 32.2, if ICF 'F' is displayed at a mark (with repeated sound signals) all boats, having rounded that mark, or passed through that gate, shall then sail directly to the finish and finish by crossing the line from the direction of the last mark.

## **11. THE FINISH**

- 11.1. The finishing line will be between a red and white pole or the main mast on the committee boat and an outer distance mark.

## **12. TIME LIMITS**

- 12.1. Boats failing to finish within fifteen minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes Rules 35, A4 and A5.

## **13. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 13.1. RRS, Appendix T Arbitration, will apply with the following changes:
- The arbitrator may be a member of the panel at the protest hearing subsequent to an arbitration meeting.
  - When the arbitrator decides that Rule 44.1(b) does not apply and that arbitration is appropriate, if party is not present at the arbitration meeting any party that was present may take a Post-Race Penalty at any time until the Protest Committee has completed taking evidence.
- 13.2. Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under Rule 61.1(b).
- 13.3. Breaches of items 17, 20 and 21 in these Sailing Instructions will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes Rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches lie at the discretion of the protest committee. Any Discretionary Penalty Imposed will be abbreviated DPI.
- 13.4. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than thirty minutes after the decision was posted. This changes Rule 62.2.

## **14. SCORING**

- 14.1. The scoring system used is the RRS, Appendix A, Low Points.
- 14.2. One race must be completed to constitute a series.
- When three or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
  - When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **15. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 15.1. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 15.2. At all times, boats shall keep clear of commercial shipping.

## **16. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 16.1. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

## **17. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

- 17.1. A boat or its equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and Sailing Instructions. Only certified sails are permissible. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## **18. ADVERTISING**

- 18.1. Boats shall display advertising supplied by the organizing authority as required.

## **19. TRASH DISPOSAL**

- 19.1. Boats shall not put rubbish in the water and must keep it aboard the boat until it returns ashore, where the rubbish can be disposed of appropriately.

## **20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

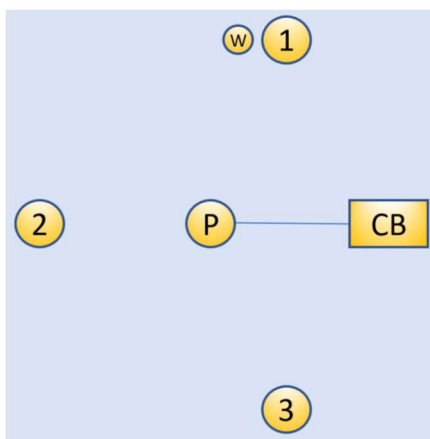
- 20.1. Competitors participate in the championship entirely at their own risk. See Rule 3, 'Decision to Race'. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, or prior to, during, or after, the championship.

## **21. INSURANCE**

- 21.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €3,000,000 per event or the equivalent in another currency and shall sign a declaration to this effect.

## 1. Appendix 'A', Courses

- 1.1. The championship will take place on courses which are either Sausage-Triangle-Sausage or Windward-Leeward.
- 1.2. For both Windward-Leeward and Sausage-Triangle-Sausage courses:
  - Marks 1, 2, 2A, 2B and 3 will be large yellow inflatable marks.
  - Mark W may be a large yellow inflatable mark or Dan buoy type mark.
  - The starting mark, labelled P below, will be a distinctive Dan buoy with a flag or an inflatable mark or a pin end rib with an orange flag.
  - The finish mark labelled P below, will be a distinctive Dan buoy or an inflatable mark.
- 1.3. Diagrams in this appendix are not to scale and do not indicate the absolute or relative lengths or angles of the legs. The Committee Boat is labelled 'CB' below.
- 1.4. The committee boat will indicate a Sausage-Triangle-Sausage by displaying ICF 'T'. Boats will start the race, then round marks in the following order, leaving each mark to port:
  - 1, W, 3, 1, 2, 3, 1, W, 3 then finish.



- 1.5. The committee boat will indicate a Windward-Leeward course by displaying ICF 'W'. Boats will start the race, then round marks in the following order, leaving each one to port, except as noted:
  - 1, W, 2A (leave to starboard) or 2B (leave to port), 1, W, 2A (leave to starboard) or 2B (leave to port), then finish.
  - If, for any reason, there is only a single leeward mark in Course W, it shall be taken as 2B and shall be rounded to port.

