

The Flying Fifteen Association of Ireland National Championships of Ireland 2025

National Yacht Club, Dun Laoghaire

Friday 19th, Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st September 2025



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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the desertion of the protest committee

[NP] denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a boat

1 RULES

- 1.1 The championship will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The International Flying Fifteen Class Association rules will apply in so far as they do not conflict with these sailing instructions.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official online notice board:

<https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/12680/event>

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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 7 races are scheduled:

Date	Races	Warning Signal
Friday 19 th	2	First warning signal 13:55 Race(s) to follow
Saturday 20 th	3	First warning signal 11:55 Race(s) to follow
Sunday 21 st	2	First warning signal 10:55 Races to follow

- 5.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound for at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 5.3 Race Committee may hold an additional race on each day if conditions permit.
- 5.4 On the last day of the regatta no first warning signal for a race will be made after 15:00.

6 CLASS FLAGS

Class flag will be: ICF Naval 6.

7 RACING AREAS

The Racing area shall be the waters of Dublin Bay.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 Course T: Windward Leeward Triangle will be signalled by displaying IC Flag "T"
- 8.3 Course W: Windward Leeward will be signalled by displaying IC Flag "W"
- 8.4 If for any reason, there is only one Mark 2 for the Windward Leeward course it shall be taken as 2B and rounded to Port

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Both Windward/Leeward and Triangle Courses:
- Mark 1, 2A+B, and 3 will be large inflatable marks
 - Mark WM may be a large or small inflatable or Dan buoy type mark
 - Mark 2A and B will be large inflatable mark.
 - The Starting Mark will be a distinctive Dan buoy with a flag, an inflatable mark or a pin end rib with an orange pole
 - The Finish Mark will be a distinctive Dan buoy or an inflatable mark.
- 9.3 A race committee boat signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in instruction 11.2.

10 THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the startingsignal.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a red and white pole or the main mast on the Race Committee Vessel (RCV) at the starboard end and the course side of the port end outer distance mark or an orange pole on an outer distance RIB. (This changes Race Signals)
- 10.3 To alert the Class that a starting sequence is about to commence an Orange Warning Signal may be displayed from the RCV no less than 4 minutes before the display of the first warning signal.
- 10.4 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.
- 11.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee RIB to starboard. This changes rule 28.1.

12 Shortening Course

In addition to RRS 32.2, if IC Flag 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.

13 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a red and white pole or the main mast on the Race Committee Vessel and an Outer distance mark.(This changes Race Signals)

14 TIME LIMITS

- 14.1 Boats failing to finish within 15min after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Hearing request shall be made online on <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/12680/event> . Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 15.3 Notices will be posted no later than 15 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, the location of which will be posted on the official notice board.
- 15.4 Breaches of instructions 18, 21 and 22. will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.
- 15.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

16 SCORING

- 16.1 The scoring system is as follows: Appendix A low points.
- 16.2 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.3 (a) When 4 or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18 NP DP SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 18.2 Boats shall keep clear of commercial shipping at all times.

19 NP DP REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

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

20 NP DP EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

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

21 NP DP ADVERTISING

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

22 NP DP TRASH DISPOSAL

Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

23 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones which shall be switched off during racing.

24 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

25 INSURANCE

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.

Appendix “A” COURSE DIAGRAMS

COURSE T (ICF “T”)
Sausage-Triangle-Sausage Course

WM ● ● 1

● 2 Start/Finish ● ----- C.Boat
 Line

● 3

COURSE W (ICF “W”)
Windward – Leeward (gate)

WM ● ● 1

Start/Finish ● ----- C.Boat
 Line

● ●
 2a 2b

A. The Course

- A.1 The Championship will be run on either, “**Course T**” a Sausage – Triangle - Sausage Course or “**Course W**” a Windward - Leeward course, as indicated by displaying IC Flag “T” or IC Flag “W” on the committee boat.
- A.2 After starting, the marks shall be rounded, to port, except at the Leeward Gate where boats shall pass between Marks 2a/2b from the direction of the previous mark rounding 2a to starboard or 2b to port, in the following order:-

Course T

1 – WM – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – WM – 3 then to Finish Line

Course W

1 – WM – 2a or 2b – 1 – WM – 2a or 2b then to Finish Line

- A.3 The diagram is not to scale and does not indicate the length or angle of the legs.
- A.4 If for any reason there is only a single leeward mark (2) on Course “W” it shall be taken as 2b and shall be rounded to Port.