



FLYING FIFTEEN EAST COAST CHAMPIONSHIPS 2013

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (as revised 1/10/13)

Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th October 2013

The National Yacht Club, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin

Organising Authority: The Flying Fifteen Association of Ireland and the National Yacht Club

1 RULES

- 1.1 The championship will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
1.2 The class rules of the Flying Fifteen Class 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 notice board located at National Yacht Club.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 10.00hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20.00hrs on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at 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

Date	Race	Warning Signal 1st Race
Saturday 5 th HW 12.17, LW 17.53hrs	1 followed by 2 & 3 back to back	12.55hrs
Sunday 6 th HW 12.50, LW 18.28hrs	4 followed by 5 back to back	10.55hrs

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 One extra race per day may be sailed and this will be indicated by Flag "D" being displayed at the finish of the previous race.

5.4 On the last day of the championship no warning signal will be made after 15.00hrs.

6 CLASS FLAG

Class flag will be: IC Flag Naval 6

7 RACING AREA

The waters of Dublin Bay

8 THE COURSES

8.1 The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, describes 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 At a gate if, for any reason, there is only one Leeward Mark it shall be rounded to port

9 MARKS

9.1 Marks 1, 2a, 2b and 3 will be large yellow inflatable marks.

9.2 Wing Mark will be a small distinctive buoy, or small inflatable mark.

9.3 The starting mark will be distinctive mark, or a Race Committee vessel (RIB) displaying an orange flag.

9.4 The finishing mark will be a distinctive buoy or a small inflatable mark.

9.5 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 rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee vessel at the starboard end and either:

- (a) a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee vessel (RIB) at the port end; or
- (b) the course side of the port end starting mark.

10.3 An inner distance mark may be moored approximately on the starting line and if so no boat shall pass between the inner distance mark and the Race Committee Vessel.

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.

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 vessel signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28.

12 SHORTENING COURSE

If IC Flag "F" is flown at a mark (with repeated sound "F" signals) all boats, after rounding that mark, will then sail directly to the finish and finish by crossing the line from the direction of the last mark. SI 11.2 will apply at the mark to be rounded. This is in addition to RRS 32.2.

13 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between the main mast on the Race Committee vessel and the course side of the nearby finishing outer distance mark.

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 Protest forms are available at the race office, located at National Yacht Club. 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 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, located at National Yacht Club.

15.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

15.5 Breaches of instructions 18, 21, 22, and 27 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches, and for breaking rule 55, may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. This changes rule 64.1. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.

15.6 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 Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply.

16.2 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

16.3 (a) When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When four or more races have been completed, a boat's championship score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

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

20 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.

22 TRASH DISPOSAL

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.

24 LAUNCHING AND RETRIEVAL

Competitors will follow the instructions of the beachmaster when launching and retrieving boats. Competitors may be obliged to leave their boats in the water on Saturday if beachmaster decides that tidal conditions requires this.

25 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the championship 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 championship.

26 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with adequate valid third-party liability insurance.



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Attachment “A” COURSE DIAGRAMS

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

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

WM ● ● 1

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● 2 Start/Finish ●----- C.Boat
Line

Start/Finish ●----- C.Boat
Line

● 3

● ●
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.