



## **FLYING FIFTEEN EAST COAST CHAMPIONSHIPS 2013**

### **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Race</b>	<b>Warning Signal 1st Race</b>
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> HW 12.17, LW 17.53hrs	1 followed by 2 & 3 back to back	12.55hrs
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> 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 dan (without a flag) buoy, or small inflatable mark.

9.3 The outer distance starting mark will be distinctive inflatable mark, or a RIB displaying an orange flag.

9.4 The finish mark will be a dan (without a flag) buoy or a distinctive 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 the Race Committee vessel at the port end; or

(b) the course side of the port-end inflatable 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 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. 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 90 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, 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 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.

15.6 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**

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.

## **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.