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Irish Fireball Leinster Championships Flying Fifteen East Coast Championships

**National Yacht Club
Dun Laoghaire, Dublin
4th and 5th October 2014**

Organising Authority
Irish Fireball Class, The Flying Fifteen Association of Ireland and The National Yacht Club

Sailing Instructions

1 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The International Fireball and International Flying Fifteen Class Association rules will apply
- 1.3 International Fireball Class Rule 23 'Limitations of Equipment' will not apply.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the official notice board located under the balcony of the National Yacht Club.

3. SPONSORS' ADVERTISING

- 3.1 ISAF Regulation 20 will apply.
- 3.2 Boats may be required to display sponsors' stickers these shall be affixed, as directed at Registration, before launching.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 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 on the Official Notice Board by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

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

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Schedule

Date	Time of first Warning Signal	Races Scheduled Flying Fifteen	Races Scheduled Fireballs	Tides Dun Laoghaire
Saturday 4 th Oct	11.55	3	3	HW 08.33 3.53m LW 20.54
Sunday 5 th Oct	10:25	2	3	HW 09.39 3.75m LW 15.13

Starting sequence: Fireball Class
Flying Fifteen

This sequence may be amended on the water – pay attention to class signals

- 6.3 The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable after the completion of the previous race.

- 6.4 To enable maximum flexibility the Race Committee reserves the right to change the Schedule of Races. If additional races are to be sailed this will be signalled by the displaying of IC Flag E at the finish of the last scheduled race.
- 6.5 On Sunday 5th October, no starting signal will be made after 15.30hrs.

7. CLASS FLAGS

7.1 Class flags will be:

Fireball Class	IC flag "Numeral 8"
Flying Fifteen Class	IC flag "Naval 6"

8. RACING AREA

8.1 The waters of Dublin Bay.

9. THE COURSES

- 9.1 The course will be of the Windward/Leeward type with a leeward gate, or Triangular.
- 9.2 The diagrams in Appendix A show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2 A Windward Leeward Course will be indicated by flying IC flag "W", a Trapezoid course will be indicated by flying IC flag "T"
- 9.3 If for any reason on a Windward/Leeward course there is only one leeward mark it will be taken as a port rounding mark.
- 9.3 The Race Committee may display the approximate compass bearing to Mark 1.

10. MARKS

10.1 Windward / Leeward Course:

- Mark 1 will be large inflatable Orange mark
- Mark 2 will be small inflatable or dan buoy type mark
- Marks 3S and 3P will be large inflatable Orange marks

10.2 Triangle Course

- Marks 1, 2 and 3 will be large inflatable Orange marks

10.3 Starting Mark (if used) will be a distinctive Dan or inflatable mark

10.4 Finish Mark will be a distinctive Dan or inflatable type mark

10.5 A race committee boat signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in SI12.2

11. THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between a red and white pole on the Race Committee Vessel (RCV) at the starboard end and either:
- (a) a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee RIB at the port end; or
 - (b) the course side of the port end starting mark.
- 11.3 To alert classes that a starting sequence is about to commence an Orange Warning Signal will be displayed from the RCV no less than 4 minutes before the display of the first warning signal.
- 11.3 If Flag U has been displayed as the Preparatory Signal, no part of a boat's hull, crew, or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or resailed or it is postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. This changes Rule 26, 63.1, A4 and A5. The scoring abbreviation UFD shall be used for a "U Flag" penalty. This changes RRS A11
- 11.4 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.

12. CHANGE OF COURSE

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or finishing line) to a new position. Minor changes will not be signalled
- 12.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee RIB 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.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1 The Finish line will be between a red and white pole on the RCV at the starboard end and a port end outer distance mark.

14. SHORTENING COURSE

- 14.1 When a Race Committee RIB displaying Code Flag F making repeated sound signal is positioned adjacent to a mark or gate of the course, boats, having rounded that mark or passed through that gate, shall proceed directly to the Finish line to finish. SI 12.2 will apply. This is in addition to RRS 32.

15 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

16. TIME LIMIT

16.1 If no boat has passed mark 1 within 40 minutes of her start, the race will be abandoned.

16.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rule 35, A4 and A5.

17. PROTESTS, REQUESTS FOR REDRESS, ARBITRATION

17.1 Boats intending to protest shall inform the Race Committee at the finish boat, either by hail at the finish of the race concerned or, if this is impractical, at the earliest opportunity.

17.2 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and request for redress shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

17.3 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

17.4 Notices will be posted on the official notice board within 15 minutes of 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.

17.5 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b)

17.6 Breaches of instructions 1.4, 11.1, 11.5, 19, 20, 21, and 26 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.

17.7 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered: -

(a) Within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;

(b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.
This changes Rule 66

18. SCORING

18.1 The Low Points Series of rule Appendix A, will be used.

18.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series for either class.

18.4 For both classes One discard will be allowed if four or more races are completed.

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

19.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

19.2 Boats shall keep clear of commercial shipping at all times.

20. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

20.1 Substitution of competitors (helm or crew) will not be allowed, except in a medical emergency, without prior written approval of the Race Committee.

20.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

21. RADIO COMMUNICATION

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

22. INSURANCE

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

23. PRIZES

There will be prizes as appropriate to each class.

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 the beachmaster decides due to tidal conditions.

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.

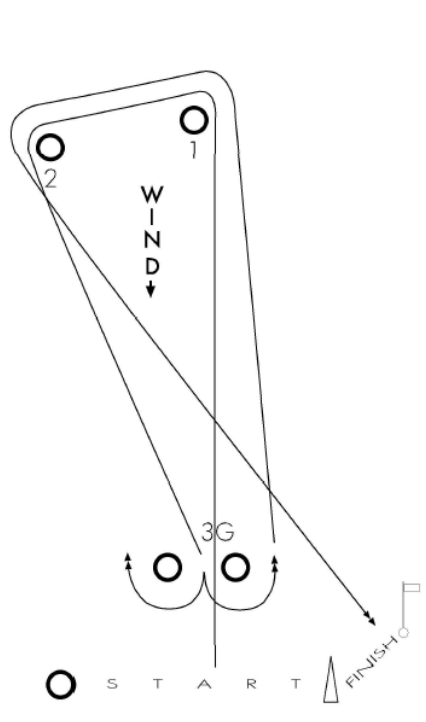
Appendix A

Note course diagrams are indicative only and not to scale

All Marks are to Port except at a Gate

Windward / Leeward Course (IC Flag “W”) with Leeward Finish

Course: Start - 1 - 2 - 3s/3p - 1 - 2 - Finish



Triangular Course (IC Flag “T”)

Course: Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - 1 - 2 - 3 - Finish

