



## Flying Fifteen East Coast Championships National Yacht Club, Dun Laoghaire

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2020

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

Coronavirus  
COVID-19



This event is subject to the Covid 19 guidelines as laid out by the Irish Government. All people associated with this event must comply with these conditions. These conditions are changing as the event approaches and will influence the running/organisation/cancellation of this event.

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion 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 only be posted on the official event Whats App page.

#### 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 5 races are scheduled:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Warning Signal</b>
Saturday 19th	First warning signal 11:55hrs 2nd & 3rd race to follow ASAP
Sunday 20th	First warning signal 10:55hrs 2nd race to follow ASAP

5.2 An extra race over the daily schedule maybe held and will indicated by the flying of Numeral 1 at the finish of the last scheduled race that day.

5.3 On Sunday 20th no warning signal will be made after 15:00hrs.

## **6 CLASS FLAGS**

Class flags will be: IC Flag 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 2 B and rounded to Port

## **9 MARKS**

9.1 Both Windward/Leeward and Triangle Course:

Marks 1, 2 A+B, and 3 will be large inflatable mark

Mark WM will be small inflatable or Dan buoy type mark

9.2 Starting Mark will be a distinctive Dan buoy or inflatable mark.

Finish Mark will be a distinctive Dan buoy or 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 starting signal.

10.2 The starting line will be between a red and white pole 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.

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 RRS 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. Minor course changes will not be signalled.

11.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the RCV signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the RCV to starboard. This changes RRS 28.

## **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, will 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 on the Race Committee Vessel and an Outer distance mark.

### **14 PENALTY SYSTEM & TIME LIMITS**

14.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty

14.2 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. 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 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 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 fewer than 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When from 4 to 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. (Note this a change to the NOR)

### **18 SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP]**

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 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT [DP]**

19.1 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.

### **21 ADVERTISING [DP] [NP]**

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

### **22 TRASH DISPOSAL [DP]**

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

**23 RADIO COMMUNICATION [DP]**

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. It is recommended all boats carry a VHF radio for safety. The Race Committee may broadcast information to the fleet and channel details will be provided at the zoom briefing and in the SI's.

**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.

**26 PRIZES**

26.1 1st, 2nd, 3rd Gold Fleet

1st Silver Fleet

1st Bronze Fleet

26.2 In addition other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organisers.

## Appendix “A” COURSE DIAGRAMS

### COURSE T (ICF “T”)

#### Sausage-Triangle-Sausage Course

WM ● ● 1

● 2



Line

### COURSE W (ICF “W”)

#### Windward – Leeward (gate)

WM ● ● 1



Line

● 3

● ●  
2a 2b

#### A. The Course

A.1 The Championship will be run on either, “**Course T**” a Windward/Leeward – Triangle – Windward/Leeward 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.