

Flying Fifteen Championship of Ireland - 2017

Friday 8th to Sunday 10th September 2017

County Antrim Yacht Club, Whitehead



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 prescriptions of Irish Sailing will apply.
- 1.3 Racing rules Race Signals AP, 28.1, 32, 35, 40, 60.1(b), 61.3, 62.1(a), 62.2, A2 A4 and A5 will be changed. The changes appear, in full, in these sailing instructions.
- 1.4 Rules of the International Flying Fifteen Class Association will apply.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the ground floor in the main hallway.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 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 by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Clubhouse's Battery flagpole.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Briefing – A Briefing will be held in the "General Room" at 1130 on Friday 8th September 2017.
- 5.2 Racing: Seven Races are scheduled.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Race</i>	<i>Scheduled time of the Warning Signal for the first race each day is</i>
Friday 8 th September	Races 1, 2	1300
Saturday 9 th September	Races 3, 4 and 5	1100
Sunday 10 th September	Races 6 and 7	1100

- 5.3 One extra race per day may be sailed. To signal an additional race is to be run the race committee will display Numeral 1 on the finish boat at the finish of the last scheduled race of the day.
- 5.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 5.5 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1530.

6 CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 The class flag will be the Code Flag G.

7 RACING AREA

- 7.1 The Racing Area will be in Whitehead Bay, Belfast Lough.

8 THE COURSE

- 8.1 Windward/Leeward with a Triangle and/or Windward leeward courses will be used. The diagrams in Addendum A show the course, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each

mark is to be passed.

8.2 The courses to be sailed will be indicated by signal flag on the committee boat.

9 MARKS

9.1 Marks 1, 1A, 2 and 3 will be orange dumpy shaped buoys. The start mark will be a yellow dumpy shaped buoy; the finish mark will be a red spherical buoy.

10 THE START

10.1 The starting line will be between a red and white striped mast on the committee boat displaying an orange flag at the starboard end and the course side of a port-end starting mark.

10.2 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

10.3 A white spherical buoy may be set as an inner distance mark approximately on the starting line and if this is set, no boat shall pass between the inner distance mark and the committee boat.

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 Minor Course changes may not be signalled.

12 SHORTENING COURSE

12.1 In addition to RRS 32 the course may be shortened for any reason by displaying flag F at a rounding mark with repeated sound signals. Boats shall round the mark and sail directly to the finish line and finish by crossing the line from the direction of the last mark.

13 THE FINISH

13.1 The finishing line will be between a red and white striped mast on the committee boat displaying a blue flag at the starboard end and the course side of a red port-end finishing mark.

13.2 In addition to the procedure for shortening course in RRS 32, the race committee may also award a finishing score to a boat that is still racing by displaying Flag W to her from a RIB (which may be in motion) with one sound signal. A boat so notified is no longer required to sail the course (amending the requirement to follow rule RRS 28.1), shall stop racing and shall return to the starting area, or return ashore if there is no more racing. A finishing score under this sailing instruction will be the score she would have received had she sailed the course and finished within any time limit, without gaining or losing any place. However, when two or more boats that are overlapped are notified, they will be scored as if they were tied. The decision by the race committee to use this procedure or not to use it shall not be grounds for requesting redress. RRS 60.1(b) is not applicable to this instruction.

14 TIME LIMITS

14.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 Boats intending to protest for an incident on the race course shall inform the Race Committee vessel at the finish line. This changes RRS 61.

15.2 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

15.3 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the later. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee and protest committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.

15.4 Notices will be posted within 30 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 committee room in the Clubhouse.

15.5 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

- 15.6** Breaches of instructions 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 15.7** On the last scheduled day of racing a request based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 16 SCORING**
- 16.1** Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2 (a)** When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.
- 17 SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP]**
- 17.1** Check out / Check in procedures - Before going afloat each day a representative of each boat on behalf of that boat, shall sign a "Sign Out" Declaration in the ground floor Training Room and take a safety tag with the no. allocated at registration. When returning to shore a representative of each boat shall on behalf of that boat, sign a "Sign In" Declaration in the Training room, returning the tag to the board before the expiration of Protest time. This is a safety condition that the Event Committee wish to endorse, therefore an infringement will trigger a fine payable of £10 / €10 into the RNLI Boat at the Bar.
- 17.2** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT [DP]**
- 18.1** Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 18.2** Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS [DP]**
- 19.1** 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 measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.
- 20 SUPPORT BOATS [DP]**
- 20.1** Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 21 TRASH DISPOSAL [DP]**
- 21.1** Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.
- 22 RADIO COMMUNICATION**
- 22.1** Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications not available to all boats.
- 23 PRIZES**
- 23.1** As per Notice of Race 13
- 24 RISK STATEMENT**
- 24.1** Risk Statement is as published in the Notice of Race 14
- 25 INSURANCE**
- 25.1** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000.00 Sterling or the equivalent.

ADDENDUM 1 – Courses

Windward/Leeward – Flag W

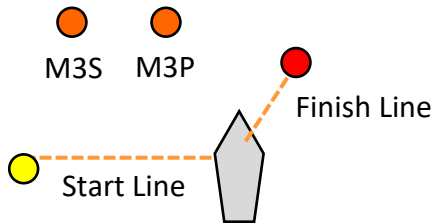
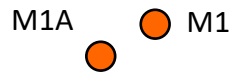
Course: 1, 1A, 3P/3S, 1, 1A, 3P, Finish

Windward/Leeward – Flag W & Pennant 3

Course: 1, 1A, 3P/3S, 1, 1A, 3P/3S, 1, 1A, 3P, Finish

Marks 1, 1A and 3P to be left to Port

Marks 3P/3S are a Gate



Windward/Leeward with Triangle – Flag T

Course: 1, 1A, 3, 1, 1A, 2, 3, 1, 1A, 3, Finish

Marks 1, 1A, 2 and 3 to be left to Port

