

British Isles Flying Fifteen Northern Area Championships Sailing Instructions 24th to 25th June 2017

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located outside the Race Office box

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted one hour before the first race that they affect and will be signalled by displaying flag L and one sound signal.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Race Office mast.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 5.2. The regatta will consist of 5 races, 3 races back to back on Saturday 24th June. The first warning signal will not be made before 12.55. 2 races back to back on Sunday 25th, the first warning signal will not be made before 10.25. On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 14.55.

6. THE COURSES

- 6.1. Courses to be sailed will be displayed at the race office or on the committee boat

7. MARKS

- 7.1. Marks will be large inflatable orange marker buoys and/or club marks which are red/yellow/orange buoys named after their approximate location on the lake.

8. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1. Mooring areas in the Club and North bay and two areas of shallows and reefs are designated as obstructions. These areas will be identified at the briefing

9. THE START

9.1. Races will be started using RRS26:

Minutes before starting signal	Visual signal	Sound Signal	Means
5	Class Flag	One	Warning signal
4	P or U flag	One	Preparatory signal
1	Preparatory flag removed	One long	One minute
0	Class flag removed	One	Starting signal

9.2. Starting penalties under Rule 30.3, U flag, may be applied.

9.3. The starting line will be between the committee boat displaying an orange flag and a buoy displaying an orange flag.

10. THE FINISH

10.1. The finishing line will be between the committee boat displaying a blue flag and a buoy displaying an orange flag.

10.2. If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she should report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

11. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

11.1. Time limit for the leading boat in each race will be 90 minutes.

11.2. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes 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.

12. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

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

12.2. For each class, the protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

12.3. 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 as soon as possible in the order in which they were received.

12.4. 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.

13. SCORING

- 13.1. The scoring system is as follows:
- 13.2. 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 13.3. A boat's series score where more than four races are completed is shown in the table below.
- 13.4. Scoring will be the low points system of Appendix A

No of races in the series	5	4	3	2	1
Discards	1	1	0	0	0

14. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 14.1. Competitors shall sign on and off. Competitors shall sign off with 30 minutes of the last boat to finish that race or back to back races. Competitors not complying with this procedure may be disqualified without a hearing. This alters RRS 63
- 14.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 14.3. Adequate personal buoyancy for all crew members must be worn at all times. This alters RRS 40

15. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

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

16. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 16.1. 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 equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

17. SUPPORT BOATS

- 17.1. Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

18. TRASH DISPOSAL

- 18.1. Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

19. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 19.1. 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.

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 20.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race Appendix J RYA Addendum A - Risk Statement. 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.

21. INSURANCE

21.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2M per incident or the equivalent.