

# Flying Fifteen British Isles & Classic National Championships

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Royal Northern & Clyde Yacht Club

Thursday 24th to Sunday 27th June 2021

Upper Clyde, UK

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

*The notation [DP] in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of a rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.*

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024*.

### 2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 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.

### 3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at <https://www.rncyc.com/official-noticeboard>.
- 3.2 The race office is collocated with the Club Main Office at the Clubhouse, Rhu G84 8NG; 01436-820322; mail@rncyc.com.
- 3.4 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

### 4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials. Failure to comply may be misconduct.

### 5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Rhu Marina Flagpole.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

## 6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

### 6.1

Date	Open Fleet		Classic & Silver Fleet	
	Races per Day Scheduled	Races Per Day Maximum	Races per Day Scheduled	Races Per Day Maximum
Thursday 24 June	2	3	1	2
Friday 25 June	3	3	2	3
Saturday 26 June	2	3	1	2
Sunday 27 June	1	2	1	2

6.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on Thursday 24th June is 12.55hrs, on the remaining days it is 10.25 hrs. If the Classic Fleet and Silver Fleet have a separate start, their warning signal should coincide with the starting signal of the first race each day for the Open Fleet.

6.3 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.

6.4 On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 13.00 hrs or, in the case of the Classic Fleet and Silver Fleet if they have a separate start, 13.10 hrs.

## 7 CLASS FLAGS

7.1 The class flags are:

Open Class	Code Flag O (Oscar)
Silver & Classic Fleet	Code flag D (Delta)

## 8 RACING AREA

8.1 Racing will take place in the upper Firth of Clyde, with the start area between Helensburgh and Greenock and up to approximately 2 miles from Rhu Marina. Admiralty Chart 1994 refers. Competitors' attention is drawn to the area of rocks inshore of Clyde Navigation Buoy No 24 off Rosneath Point. When racing, yachts must leave Buoy No 24 on the correct hand. In exceptional weather conditions, racing may be inside the Gareloch. A map detailing the position of the RNCYC clubhouse and the racing area is available on the RNCYC website – [www.rncyc.com](http://www.rncyc.com)

## 9 COURSES

9.1 The diagram(s) in SI Addendum 1 show(s) the course(s), including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

## 10 **MARKS**

### 10.1 Marks are:

Marks S, 1,2,3, 4S and 4P are large orange inflatables.

Mark 1a is a yellow buoy.

Mark F is a White buoy.

## 11 **OBSTRUCTIONS**

### 11.1 The following object is designated as an obstruction:

The wreck at 55° 58.601' N, 4° 44.512' W

## 12 **THE START**

12.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

12.2 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

12.3 [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

12.4 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

12.5 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

## 13 **CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position.

## 14 **THE FINISH**

14.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing mark at the starboard end and the course side of the port end finishing mark.

## 15 **PENALTY SYSTEM**

15.1 The Post-Race Penalty and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes procedures shall apply.

15.2 Post-Race Penalty: A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 of the RRS or rule 31 may, after finishing and before the start of any related protest hearing, notify the race committee that she accepts a Post-Race Penalty – a 30% scoring penalty calculated as in rule 44.3(c), except that the minimum penalty is three places and she shall not be scored worse

than the number of boats that came to the starting area. However, if the boat caused injury or serious damage or, despite taking a penalty, gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach, her penalty shall be to retire.

When a Post-Race Penalty is accepted:

- (a) Neither the boat nor protest committee may revoke or remove the penalty.
- (b) The boat shall not be penalised further in a protest hearing when the protest committee decides that it was appropriate to the facts found and applicable rules.

- 15.3 RYA Arbitration: When a protest is lodged, a boat may request RYA Arbitration, or the protest committee may offer it.

If the parties and a member of the protest committee agree that RYA Arbitration is suitable, an arbitrator (who may be that member of the protest committee) will call an arbitration. When it is the arbitrator's opinion that a boat that is a party to the arbitration has broken a rule for which the Post-Race Penalty is available, the party will be invited to accept that penalty and, if accepted, the protesting boat will be allowed to withdraw the protest, changing rule 63.1.

When there is not agreement to RYA Arbitration or when, after arbitration, a protest is not withdrawn or the Post-Race Penalty is not applicable to the facts, there will be a protest hearing at which the arbitrator may be a member of the protest committee. Rules 66 and 70 (reopening and appeal) do not apply to an arbitration since this is not a protest committee decision or procedure. A boat may still accept a Post-Race Penalty at any time before the start of a protest hearing and receive protection from further penalisation. She may also retire.

## 16 **TIME LIMITS [AND TARGET TIMES]**

- 16.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
30 minutes	2 hours	30 minutes

- 16.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 16.3 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalised or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This

changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

16.4 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## 17 HEARING REQUESTS

17.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat in that class finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.

17.2 Hearing request forms are available from the race office, or in the marquee at Rhu Marina or online at <https://www.rncyc.com/documents>.

17.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of arbitrations or protest hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, which is in Room 'Majesta' in the RNCYC Clubhouse.

## 18 SCORING

18.2 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

18.5 (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores.

(b) When from 5 to 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

(c) When 8 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

## 19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

19.2 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## 20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

20.1 [DP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.

## 21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

21.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.

## 23 OFFICIAL VESSELS

23.1 The main committee vessel may stream a buoy or other inflatable object astern. This is an extension of the committee vessel.

## 25 TRASH DISPOSAL

25.1 Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.

## 26 BERTHING

26.1 [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the boat park or

harbour.

## 27 **HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

27.1 [DP] Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

## 28 **DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

28.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the last race of the event.

## 29 **PRIZES**

29.1 Prizes will be given in each class as per the Notice of Race.

## 30 **RISK STATEMENT**

30.1 Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.

'Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held at the venue;

## INSPECTIONS

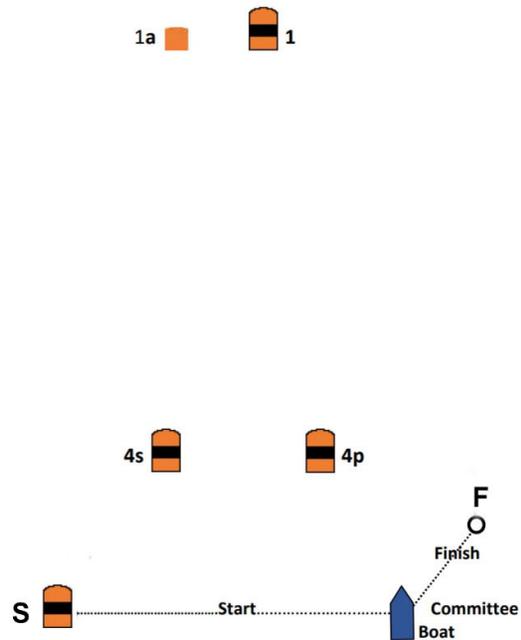
The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in the notice of race.

## 31 **INSURANCE**

- 31.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

## APPENDIX A - COURSE DIAGRAMS

### WINDWARD/LEEWARD

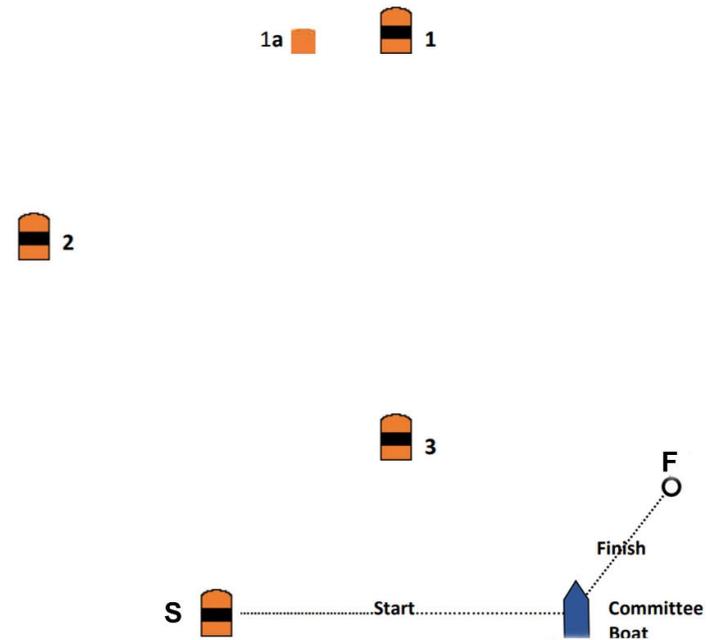


#### Windward/Leeward Course

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
<b>L 2</b>	Start - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4p - Finish
<b>L 3</b>	Start - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4p - Finish

Marks 1 and 1a to be rounded to Port,  
Mark 4s to be rounded to Starboard, OR Mark 4p to Port.

### TRIANGULAR



#### Windward/Leeward - Triangle Course

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
<b>LT 2</b>	Start - 1 - 1a - 3 - 1 - 2 - 3 - Finish
<b>LT 3</b>	Start - 1 - 1a - 3 - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 1a - 3 - Finish

All Marks to be rounded to Port