

# Flying Fifteen British Isles & Classic National Championships

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Royal Northern & Clyde Yacht Club

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Upper Clyde, UK

## Notice of Race (NoR)

*The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).*

*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 (RRS).
- 1.2 Class Rules of the International Flying Fifteen Class, available at <https://flying15.org>, apply.

### 2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available on-line at <https://www.rncyc.com> from 27<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

### 3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at <https://www.rncyc.com/official-noticeboard>
- 3.2 Attention to posting of notices on the official noticeboard may be notified by SMS messaging to all competitors who register for the service.

### 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The championship is open to all International Flying Fifteen Class boats that have a valid measurement certificate.
- 4.2 Helmspersons must be current members of the UK Flying Fifteen Association (UKFFA) or of another association affiliated to Flying Fifteen International (FFI). **Membership status will be checked by the association against class records**
- 4.3 Competitors under the age of 18 years at the time of the event will be required to complete the parental/guardian's consent form and lodge this with the Race Committee at or prior to registration.
- 4.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing the Entry Form, available at [rncyc.com](http://rncyc.com), and submitting it as specified on the Entry Form, together with the required fee, by 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021.
- 4.5 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.6 Late entries will be accepted on payment of the late entry fee.

## 5 FEES

### 5.1 Entry fees including marina fees are as follows:

	Entry Fee until 4th June 2021	Late Entry Fee
Open Fleet Boats	£140	£180
Classic and Silver Fleet Boats	£105	£145

## 6 ADVERTISING

6.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

6.2 By participating in the event, competitors automatically grant to the organising authority, the sponsors and UKFFA, without payment, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and video or film images of or relating to the event.

## 7 SERIES

7.1 Open Fleet: The series will consist of a maximum of 8 scheduled races.

7.2 Classic Fleet and Silver Fleet: The series will consist of a maximum of 5 scheduled races.

## 8 SCHEDULE

8.1 Registration:

No later than 24:00 hrs on 23rd June 2021 on-line at [www.rncyc.com](http://www.rncyc.com) as detailed on the Entry Form

8.2 If a combined total of eight or more Classic Fleet boats and Silver Fleet Boats enter, they will have a separate start. If fewer than eight boats enter, they will start with the Open Fleet.

8.3 Schedule of races

Date	Open Fleet		Classic and 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

8.4 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June is 12:55hrs, on the remaining days it is 10:25 hrs. If the Classic Fleet and Silver Fleet have a separate start, the warning signal shall coincide with the starting signal of the first race each day for the Open Fleet.

**8.5** On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1300 hrs or, in the case of the Classic Fleet and Silver Fleet if they have a separate start, 1310 hrs.

## **9 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

**9.1** [DP] At registration, competitors will be required to produce a valid measurement certificate and shall present or have presented a completed UKFFA Championship Scrutineer & Registration Form. The form will be available with the Entry Form and may be completed electronically.

**9.2** [DP] Boats shall race only with sails endorsed on the boat's measurement certificate except that, in the case of the helmsperson sailing a borrowed boat, the boat may race with any combination of the sails endorsed on the certificate of the borrowed boat or on the certificate of a boat owned by the helmsperson. Both these certificates must be shown at registration and will be examined by the organising authority and such sail numbers as used will be declared at registration.

**9.3** The Race Committee reserves the right to require any boat or sail to be submitted for measurement at any time before, during or at the end of the series. This includes an inspection of the required equipment in accordance with FFI Class rule B15.

**9.4** A personal flotation device of an "International Standard Approved Type" will be worn by both helm and crew at all times when afloat at this event. This changes FFI Class rule B15

## **10 VENUE**

**10.1** 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)

## **11 COURSES**

**11.1** The courses will be either windward-leeward or a combination of windward-leeward and triangular legs

## **12 PENALTY SYSTEM**

**12.1** The Post-Race Penalty and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures shall apply (for full information on the procedures, go to; <https://www.rya.org.uk/SiteCollectionDocuments/Racing/RacingInformation/RacingRules/Rules-Disputes.docx>) The outcome of an RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee, but an arbitration cannot be reopened or appealed.

## **13 SCORING**

**13.1** Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

**13.2** Discards to apply to the series of 8 scheduled races for the open fleet as follows:

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

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

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

**13.3** Discards to apply to the series of 5 scheduled races for the Classic Fleet and Silver Fleet as follows: - When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

**13.4** There will be no discard for the Owners Association Trophy (see Prizes & Trophies below). The sail number of the newest boat eligible for this trophy is 4033.

**13.5** For the purposes of scoring for the Classic National Championship trophies referred to in paragraph 19.3, Classic Fleet boats shall be scored separately from all other boats. For the purposes of scoring for the Royal Torbay Silver Trophy referred to in paragraph 19.4, Silver Fleet boats shall be scored separately from all other boats.

**13.6** There will be a prize for the winner of the Classic Fleet and Silver Fleet combined and, for the purposes of scoring for this prize, the boats in both these fleets will be scored as a combined fleet separately from all other boats.

## **14 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

**14.1** [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.

## **15 DATA PROTECTION**

**15.1** The personal information you provide to the organising authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organising authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

**15.2** The organising authority's privacy policy may be viewed [here](#)

## **16 RISK STATEMENT**

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 inherently 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 and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme 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 for the event.

[Competitors notice is drawn to the Declaration in the Entry Form which they are required to acknowledge.]

## **17 INSURANCE**

- 17.1** 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.

## **18 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 18.1** Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio communications whilst racing. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## **19 PRIZES**

- 19.1** Annual challenge trophies will be awarded in accordance with UKFFA Championship Regulations but shall not be taken outside the British Isles.

- 19.2** The British Isles Championship trophies are:

Championship Trophy Overall winner

Owners Association Trophy The boat registered not later than 31 December 7 years prior to the year in which the event is held with the lowest aggregate points.

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Ulster Cup	1st race day, 1st scheduled race
Calypso Cup	1st race day, 2nd scheduled race
John Clark Trophy	2nd race day
Restronguet Bowl	3 <sup>rd</sup> race day, 1 <sup>st</sup> scheduled race
Laing Viking Warrior	3rd race day, 2 <sup>nd</sup> scheduled race
City of Plymouth Cup	4th race day
Dimple Trophy	1st lady overall as helm or crew
Island Sailing Trophy	Combined ages helm & crew 80-99 years
Kempner Trophy	Combined ages helm & crew at least 100 years
Youth Prize	1st person under 21 as helm or crew as of 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2021

**19.3** The Classic National Championship trophies are:

Classic National Championship Trophy	Overall winner
Ladies Classic National Championship Trophy	1st lady overall as helm or crew
Royal Torbay Classic Trophy	1st race day
Llangorse Pennant	2nd race day
The SCYC Bowl	3rd race day
Coweslip Trophy	4th race day
Veterans Trophy	Oldest combined age of helm & crew
Youth Prize	1st person under 21 as helm or crew as of 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2021

**19.4** The Silver Fleet trophy is:

Royal Torbay Silver Trophy	1st boat overall in Silver Fleet
Youth Prize	1st person under 21 as helm or crew as of 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2021

**19.5** Prizes will be awarded according to the total number of entries in the Open Fleet. Prizes will be awarded to the winners of Classic and Silver Fleets and to the first boat in the Classic and Silver Fleets combined.

**19 FURTHER INFORMATION**

**19.1** For further information please contact the RNCYC's Regatta Convenor;

Neill Ross: [neill@neillross.co.uk](mailto:neill@neillross.co.uk)

-- END OF NOTICE OF RACE --

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

### **Eligibility for Classic and Silver Fleet**

Full details of the sail numbers eligible for the Classic Fleet and the Silver Fleet are available on the UKFFA website under the heading [“Classic & Silver F15s”](#)

### **Covid-19**

Currently RNCYC is working on the assumption that restrictions will be eased sufficiently to allow the regatta to proceed. Scotland is guided by a different set of rules and guidance than other parts of the UK. The Scottish Government’s policy is detailed here;

<https://www.gov.scot/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-scotlands-route-map/>

There are also simple graphic charts explaining the basic restrictions.

[Level 0](#)

[Level 1](#)

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Effectively, Scotland will require to be in Tier 0 or Tier 1 to enable the regatta to proceed but, even under these more relaxed conditions, there will still be constraints. It should be entirely feasible to manage the sailing element under the field of play bubble principle, but large “gatherings” and socialising ashore may be subject to restrictions. This is likely to mean that traditional briefings, prizegiving ceremonies and indoor social functions may not be possible. RNCYC has, therefore, based its planning on the assumption that this will be the case. Importantly, if it is not possible to hold traditional briefings, we shall have to facilitate these by other means. All briefing notices, and any other useful information, will be posted on the official noticeboard and it is intended that attention be drawn to this by SMS text message. Competitors wishing to register for this service will be required to provide relevant numbers on the entry form.

Additionally, as it is not clear whether social functions, such as the Championship Dinner will be permitted, there is currently nothing advertised at this time.

As we get closer to the date of the regatta, if it transpires that the scope of socialising can be extended, RNCYC will endeavour to include additional events/activity in line with more usual arrangements and, should this be the case, details including ticket prices shall be circulated and booking forms posted on the RCNCY web-site.

This information will be updated when further details become available.

### **Accommodation.**

Details of accommodation and attractions can be found on the RNCYC website [www.rncyc.com](http://www.rncyc.com)  
The Club is able to accommodate a limited number of camper vans but pre booking is essential via the club office.