



Cumann Bádóireachta agus Seoltóireachta An Cheathrú Rua, Co. na Gaillimhe

Flying Fifteen Western Championships
Ros A Mhíl Harbour, Ros A Mhíl, Galway, H91 903H

Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd August 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Organising Authority & Rules

The 2026 Flying Fifteen Western Championships will be organised by Flying Fifteens Chonamara

1.1 The championship will be governed by the 'Rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

1.2 Racing Rule 61.1(a) – a red flag, international code flag B, will be required for a boat protesting.

1.3 Rules of the International Flying Fifteen Class Association will apply.

1.4 Racing rule(s) 32, 35, 44.1, 60.2, 60.3(b), A5.1 and A5.2 will be changed. The changes are detailed in this notice of race or the sailing instructions.

2. Notices to competitors.

Notices to competitors will be posted on the WhatsApp group and on the pier.

3. Alteration to Sailing Instructions or Schedule

Changes to sailing instructions will be posted before 09:30 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. Entries

Eligible boats may be entered by completing registration on the official entry form before the regatta begins. All boats must enter their sail number and must display that number on their mainsail throughout the race

5. Safety

All competitors must wear personal flotation devices at all time when afloat. Wetsuits and drysuits are not adequate personal buoyancy.

A Check out and Check in system may be operated.

A boat that retires from a race shall inform the race committee as soon as possible.

6. Schedule of Races

Date	Races	First Warning Signal
22 nd August	1,2,3	11:55
23 rd August	4,5	10:25

Where more than one race is to be sailed on a day, to alert boats that the next race is about to begin, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound for at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed. One extra race per day may be sailed.

On the last day of the Regatta no warning signal will be displayed after 1500.

7. Racing Area

The racing area will be inside or outside of Casla Bay at the discretion of the race officer

8. Courses

The diagram in Appendix A displays the course. The course will be a windward/leeward course

9. Marks

Marks 1 and 2 shall be large yellow cylindrical marks.

Mark W shall be a red/pink spherical mark.

10. The Start

The starting line will be that formed by a pole on the Committee Boat and a buoy with a flag.

A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing.

11. Change of the Next Leg of the Course

To change the next leg of the course, an official boat will move the original mark to a new position.

12. Shortening Course

If Flag F is displayed on an official boat in the vicinity of mark 1, making repetitive sound signals, all boats after rounding that mark and mark W, will sail directly to the finish line.

If Flag F is displayed on an official boat in the vicinity of mark 2, making repetitive sound signals, all boats after rounding that mark will sail directly to the finish line

A shortened race may also be finished at any mark by a boat flying a blue flag and an S flag, giving the appropriate sound signal.

13. The Finish

The finishing line will be that formed by a pole on the Committee Boat and a buoy with a flag

14. Time Limit

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 alters Rules 35, A4 and A5.

15. Protests and Requests for Redress

Protests forms will be available from the Race Office located in the amenity building in the harbour. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

Notices shall be posted no later than 30 minutes after the time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room in the amenity building canteen.

Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under Rule 61.1(b). Breaches of instruction 19 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. Penalties for this breach 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.

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 will be the Low Point System of Appendix A of RRS

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

16.3 When three races or less have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores. 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.

17. PENALTY SYSTEM

17.1 Appendix T applies to this event.

17.2 RRS 44.1 is changed so that for incidents that occurred outside a mark zone, the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn penalty.

17.3 Any penalties incurred within the mark zone of mark 1 may be taken after rounding mark 1a as per RRS 44.2

17.4 Competitors are reminded to be aware of RRS 44.1 (b) "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".

18. Replacement of Crew or Equipment

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

19. Trash Disposal

Boats shall not put trash into the water. Trash may be deposited aboard support and official boats.

20. Radio Communication

The Committee boat will operate on channel 69. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make VHF transmissions while racing nor receive VHF communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile devices.

21. Insurance

As stated in the Notice of Race.

22. BERTHING

See NoR 11

23. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

See NoR 11

24. PRIZES

See NoR 13

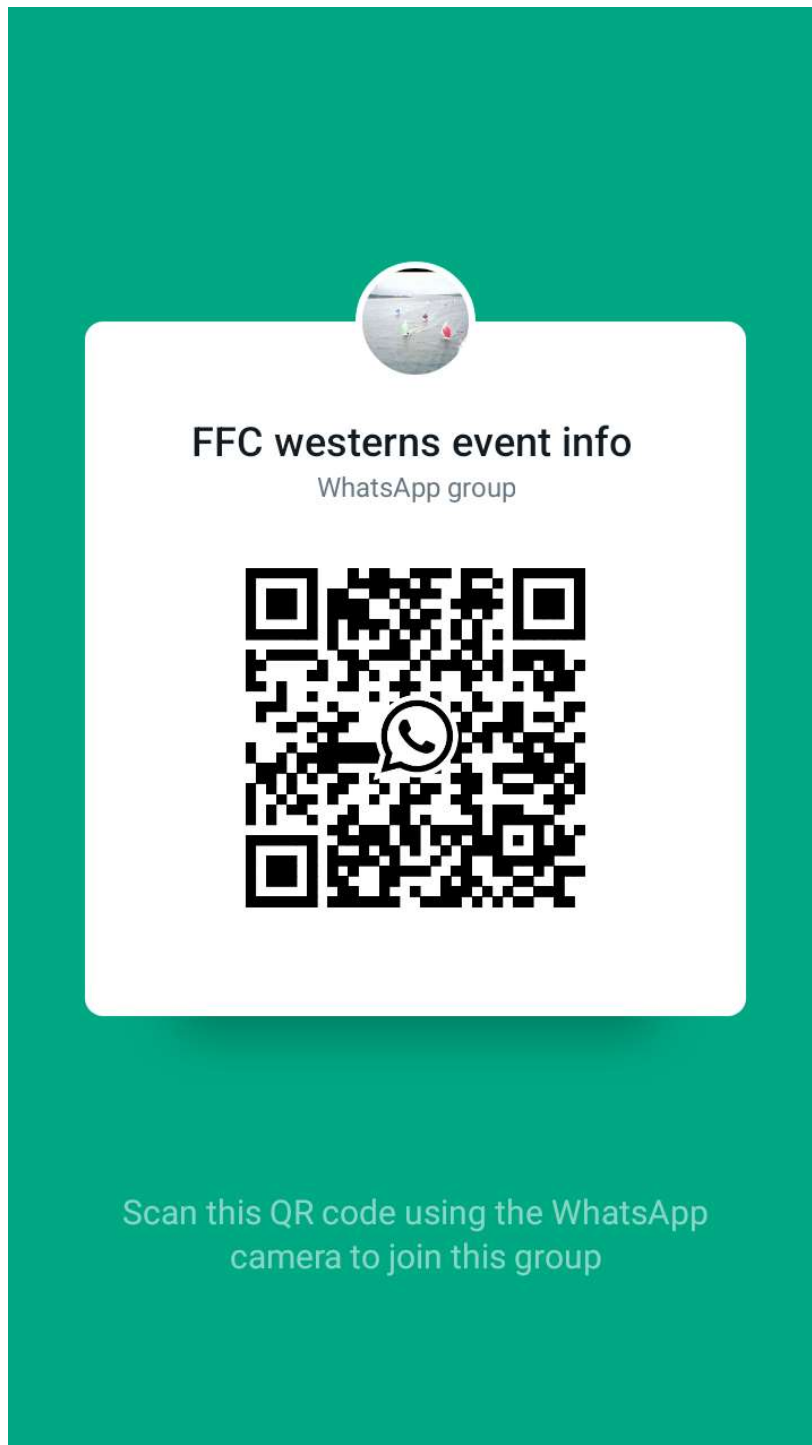
25. FURTHER INFORMATION

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Join the Event WhatsApp page.

Event Organisers will be posting all relevant information, social event details etc. We will also have the Race Officer posting race information and results. All are welcome. It will be Admin only posting.

To join, open your WhatsApp app on your mobile.
Open any group or chat and open the camera. Take a picture of the below QR code. You will then be asked to join the group.



APPENDIX A – Windward Leeward Course

Windward Leeward Course - Course A

Display Mark Rounding Order

1. **B1** Start-1-W-2-Finish
2. **B2** Start-1-W-2 -1-W-2-Finish
3. **B3** Start-1-W-2 -1-W-2-1-W-2-Finish

Mark 2 will be two gate marks



