



## Flying Fifteen Northern Championship 2026

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May to Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026  
Strangford Sailing Club, Seafront Road, Castleward Estate, Strangford, BT30 7LS  
Sponsored by McAdam Design

### NOTICE OF RACE

#### ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The event will be organised by Strangford Sailing Club in association with the Flying Fifteen Association of Ireland.

*The notation [NP] in a rule of the notice of race means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.*

#### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The event 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 The International Flying Fifteen Class Association rules will apply.
- 1.4 Racing rule(s) Signal AP, 28.1, 32, 34, 35, 44.1, 60.1, 60.2 60.3(b), 61.4(b), A2, A5.1 and A5.2 will be changed. The changes are detailed in this notice of race or the sailing instructions.

#### 2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on-line at [www.strangfordsailingclub.com](http://www.strangfordsailingclub.com) and on the Official Notice Board.

#### 3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board is located in the clubhouse, central hallway.
- 3.2 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that is not available to all boats.

#### 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats of the Flying Fifteen Class.
- 4.2 The helmsman of any eligible entered boat will by default become a member of the Flying Fifteen Association of Ireland, by way of a capitation fee included in the entry fee.
- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and paying via the online system: <https://www.itsplainsailing.com/org/strangford/entry?e=67754&c=324633>
- 4.4 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.5 Boats must enter before midday on the Wednesday of the week of the event (Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June). Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Committee, subject to the payment of a late entry surcharge.

- 4.6 All Helms and crews who are under 18 must submit an Under 18 Consent form signed by their parent or guardian at Registration.
- 4.7 Each boat will be allocated into the gold, silver or bronze fleet for the purposes of the award of the prizes described in NOR 24. This will be based on the FFAI ranking system which includes results from the previous 4 ranking events ([ranking protocol](#)). Any boat not included in the ranking system will be invited to self allocate into the most appropriate fleet.

## 5 FEES

£100 Entry Ends midday Wednesday 27 May 2026

## 6 CREW LIMITATIONS

Helms may not change their crew during the event without prior permission of the Organising Authority.

## 7 ADVERTISING

[DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

## 8 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

Does not apply.

## 9 SCHEDULE

9.1 Registration: Friday 29th May 1700 to 2000, Saturday 30th May 0900 to 1010. (Clubhouse)

9.2 Five Races are scheduled:

| Date                          | Race        | First Warning Signal | High Water |
|-------------------------------|-------------|----------------------|------------|
| Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> May | Races 1,2,3 | 1130                 | 1322       |
| Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> May   | Races 4,5   | 1200                 | 1358       |

9.3 One additional race may be run on Saturday at the discretion of the Race Committee.

## 10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

Each boat shall have a valid class measurement certificate, which must be available for inspection at the Event. Flying Fifteen International Class Rule 15.3 is amended such that the anchor, chain and associated line need not be carried.

## 11 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat.

## 12 VENUE

The sailing area will be Lower Strangford Lough

## 13 COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be (W/L) Windward/Leeward or (W/L) with a Triangle

## 14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 Appendix T and the Exoneration Penalty apply to this event. Decisions from Arbitration can be referred to the protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed.

14.2 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.

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

14.4 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".

## 15 SCORING

15.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.2 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.

15.3 When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## 16 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS [DP] [NP]

16.1 Support person vessels shall register with the Organising Authority at registration and if required carry identification flags provided by the Organising Authority.

16.2 Support person vessels shall have an operating VHF marine radio and maintain a watch on the dedicated working channel in the event they are called by the Event Safety Officer to assist in the case of an emergency.

16.3 Support teams, including all support persons and support person vessels shall stay 100m outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

16.4 All persons on a support vessel, shall wear a personal flotation device and while the engine is running the support vessel driver shall use a kill cord.

## 17 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

Subject to the approval of the OA a boat chartered or loaned for the event may declare at the time of entry or registration a sail number which may be different from the registered number of the hull provided that the number declared shall not be the sail number of any other boat competing in the event - RRS 77 & Appendix G.

## 18 BERTHING

[DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the dinghy park.

## 19 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Does not apply.

## 20 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOL

Does not apply.

## 21 DATA PROTECTION

The data processing policy is available on the class website.

## 22 RISK STATEMENT

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

Sailing by its nature is 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 organiser 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 or information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

### **23 INSURANCE**

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

### **24 PRIZES**

Perpetual Class Prizes will be awarded. Other prizes will be awarded as follows:  
Flying Fifteen class prizes for Gold Fleet (1st, 2nd and 3rd Place), Silver Fleet (1st Place) and Bronze Fleet (1st Place). Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Host Club.

### **25 FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact the Event Organisation Team

**END OF NOTICE OF RACE**