



## **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

### **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

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

#### **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 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0930 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

#### **3 COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS**

As per NoR 3.

#### **4 CODE OF CONDUCT**

[DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

#### **5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the club's flagpole at the end of the pier.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes race signal AP.

## 6 SCHEDULE

6.1 Racing: Five Races are scheduled:

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

6.2 One additional race may be run on Saturday at the discretion of the Race Committee. To signal an additional race is to be run, the race committee will display Numeral 4 on the finish boat at the last scheduled race of the day.

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 signal at least 5 minutes before a warning signal is made.

## 7 CLASS FLAGS

The Class flag for all boats will be the Code Flag A.

## 8 RACING AREA

As per NoR 9.

## 9 COURSES

9.1 The courses to be sailed will be indicated by a board on the committee vessel. W indicates Windward/Leeward. T indicates a Windward/Leeward with a Triangle. All courses use an offset mark at M1. Laps are indicated by the numeral 2 or 3 with each designated board.

9.2 The diagrams in Addendum A show the course, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be passed.

9.3 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

9.4 In addition to RRS 32 the course may be shortened for any reason by displaying Flag F at a rounding mark with repeated sound signals. Boats shall round the mark and sail directly to the finish line and finish by crossing the line from the direction of the last mark.

## 10 MARKS

10.1 Marks 1, 1A and 2 will be Orange LOMO buoys. The start mark/3 will be a yellow buoy; the finish mark will be a grey buoy.

## 11 OBSTRUCTIONS

Does not apply.

## 12 THE START

12.1 The starting line will be between a red and white striped mast on the committee vessel displaying an orange flag at the starboard end and the course side of a port end starting mark

12.2 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and 5.2

12.3 A spherical buoy may be set as an inner distance mark approximately on the starting line and if this is set, no boat shall pass between the inner distance mark and the committee boat.

## 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

13.2 Minor course changes may not be signalled.

## 14 THE FINISH

14.1 The finishing line will be between a pole/mast displaying a blue flag on the committee boat at the port end of the line and a grey starboard end finishing mark. *See Addendum 1 - Courses*

14.2 In addition to the procedure for shortening the course in RRS 32, the race committee may also award a finishing score to a boat that is still racing by displaying code flag W to her from a safety boat (which may be in motion) with one sound signal. A boat so notified is no longer required to sail the course (amending the requirement to follow rule RRS 28.1), shall stop racing and shall return to the starting area, or return ashore if there is no more racing. A finishing score under this sailing instruction will be the score she would have received had she sailed the course and finished within any time limit, without gaining or losing any place. However, when two or more boats that are overlapped are notified, they will be scored as if they were tied. The decision by the race committee to use this procedure or not to use it shall not be grounds for requesting redress. This changes RRS 28.1, 60.1(a) and 61.4(b).

## 15 PENALTY SYSTEM

As per NoR 14.

## 16 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

16.1 The time limit for each race is 90 minutes.

16.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rule 35, A4 and A5.

## 17 HEARING REQUESTS

17.1 Boats intending to protest for an incident on the race course shall inform the Race Committee vessel at the finish line. This changes RRS 60.2.

17.2 The protest time limit for protests about an incident observed in the racing area is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the later. The protest time limit for other protests is 60 minutes after the relevant information is available to the protestor. This changes RRS 60.3(b) and 61.2(b)(1).

17.3 Hearing Request forms are available at the clubhouse.

17.4 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 clubhouse.

## 18 SCORING

As per NoR 15.

## 19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

19.1 [DP] [NP] 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 will not be allowed without prior approval of the race committee.

20.2 [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

## 21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

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

**22 SUPPLIED BOATS**

Does not apply.

**23 OFFICIAL VESSELS**

Committee Vessel will be confirmed at Registration.

**24 SUPPORT TEAMS**

[DP] [NP] As per NoR 16.

**25 TRASH DISPOSAL**

[DP] Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

**26 BERTHING**

See NoR 18.

**27 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

Does not apply.

**28 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

Does not apply.

**29 PRIZES**

See NoR 24

**30 RISK STATEMENT**

See NoR 22

**31 INSURANCE**

See NoR 23

## Addendum 1 - Courses

### Windward / Leeward

Course W2: Start, 1, 1a, 3, 1, 1a, 3, Finish

Course W3: Start, 1, 1a, 3, 1, 1a, 3, 1, 1a, 3, Finish

*Note: All marks left to port apart from the finish mark*



### Triangle Course

Course T2: Start, 1, 1a, 3, 1, 2, 3, Finish

Course T3: Start, 1, 1a, 3, 1, 2, 3, 1, 1a, 3, Finish

*Note: All marks left to port apart from the finish mark*

