



Flying Fifteen Open Meeting  
Royal Corinthian Yacht Club, in association with the United Kingdom  
Flying Fifteen Association  
June 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> 2023  
Burnham on Crouch Essex

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) 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 in the SI 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 is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 RRS 35, A4 and A5 is changed as follows: Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored DNF

#### 2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 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 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the ground floor East end RCYC
- 3.2 The race office is located at RCYC main office telephone 01621 782105 email [info@royalcorinthian.co.uk](mailto:info@royalcorinthian.co.uk)
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 72/77.
- 3.4 The following communications may be made by the race committee on VHF

channel 72 /77Courses and time checks

If the race committee displays flag V, alternate VHF channel 37 will be used.

- 3.5 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication unavailable to all boats.

#### 4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.2 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall place advertising provided by the organising authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

#### 5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the RCYC Race box

#### 6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

##### 6.1

Dates	Race numbers	Races per day scheduled	Races per day maximum
17 <sup>th</sup> June	1,2,3,	3	4
18 <sup>th</sup> June	4,5,6,7	4	5

- 6.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race Saturday is 12:55h  
Sunday 10.25h

- 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.

- 6.4 On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 15:00h

#### 7 CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 The Flying Fifteen Class flag is A



#### 8 RACING AREA

- 8.1 The racing area is rivers Crouch and Roach

## 9 COURSES

- 9.1 The diagram 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 Mark(s) are Orange inflatable buoys. The WWL spreader mark, if laid, will be a Black inflatable buoy.
- 10.2 New marks, as provided in SI 13, are Orange inflatable buoys.

## 11 OBSTRUCTIONS

### 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 and an Orange buoy displaying an orange flag.
- 12.3 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 after 30 seconds. 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).
- 12.4 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 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 lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change, a new mark is replaced, it may be replaced by an original mark.

### 14 THE FINISH

- 14.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a Blue flag on the signal vessel and an Orange buoy displaying a blue flag

### 15 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.1, applies

### 16 TIME LIMITS

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

#### Racing

	Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
WWL	20	45	15
River Racing	30	60	15

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 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 at RCYC

17.3 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 protest room, located on RCYC first floor, beginning at the time posted

#### 18 SCORING

18.1 The scoring system is as follows: A4 low points system.

18.2 2 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

18.3 No discards

18.4 Rule A5.3 applies.

#### 19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

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

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

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

21.2 [DP] When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

22 SUPPLIED BOATS

22.1 n/a

23 OFFICIAL VESSELS

23.1 Official vessels will be identified as follows: RCYC burgee

24 [DP] SUPPORT TEAMS

24.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay 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.

24.2 Support person vessels shall be identified with Support.

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 moorings

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 PRIZES

28.1 Prizes will be given: After racing.

30 RISK STATEMENT

30.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning,**

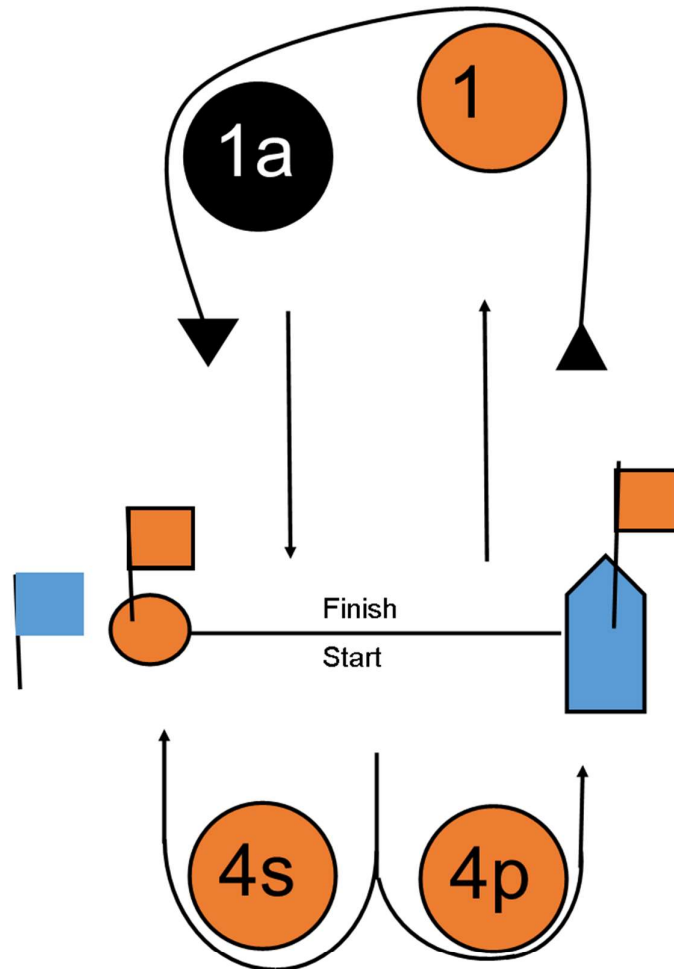
trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

31 INSURANCE

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

# Sailing Instructions Addendum, No 1

Windward leeward course



The diagram shows the direction of rounding mark 1 and 1a when the red board is shown by the Committee boat (Port rounding)

If a green board is displayed by the Committee boat the direction of mark 1 will be to starboard. Mark 1a to Starboard. Marks 3&4 will form a gate at the leeward end of the course you must pass between Mark 3 & 4 and round either of the marks. Boats must pass through the start finish line on each windward leg.

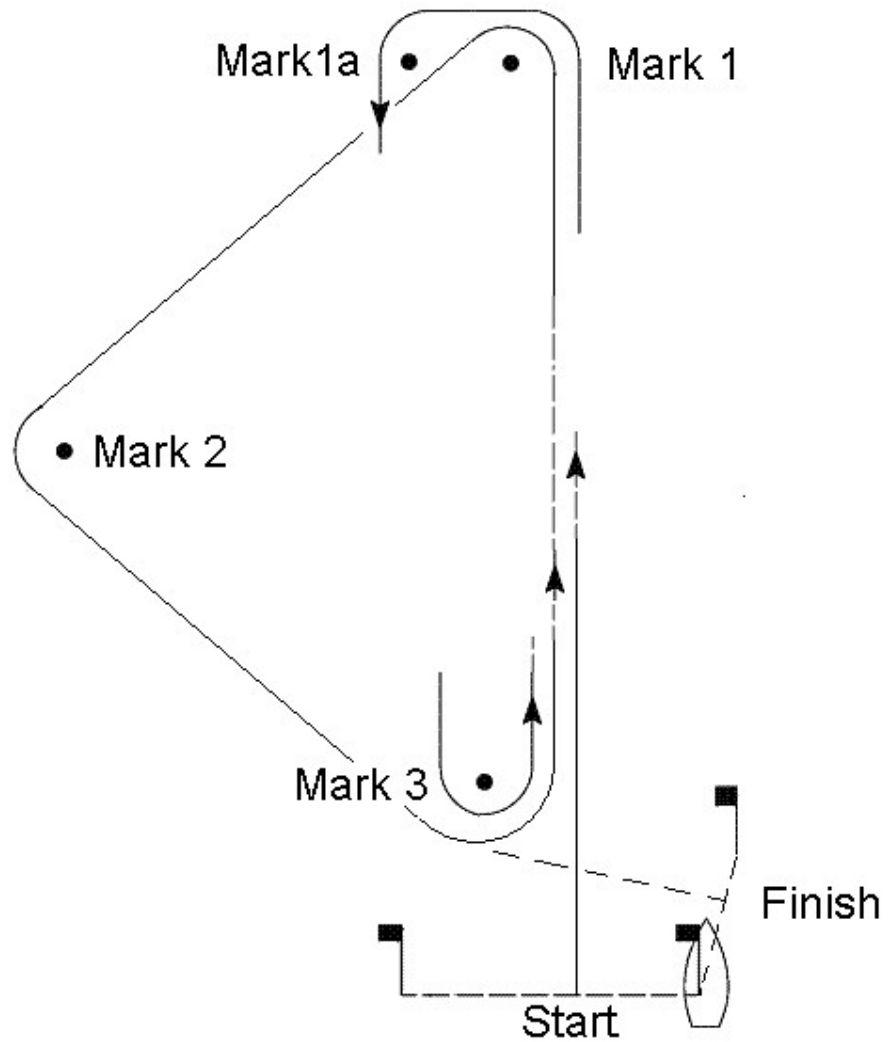
**All Boats must pass through the Start/ Finish gate on each windward leg**

The race will finish on a windward leg when the leading boat passes through the start finish gate for the first time after the race has been in progress for the time displayed on a board at the stern of the Committee Boat. If however the conditions are extreme the race may be shortened sooner. **Marks 1, 4s and 4p are orange buoys. Mark 2 a black buoy. Pin orange buoy**



Flag C plus number 1,2,3, or 4 is for Triangle Sausage

### TRIANGLE (SHORT FINISHING LEG)



Signal	Mark rounding order
C 1	Start, 1, 2, 3, Finish
C 2	Start, 1, 2, 3, 1, 1a, 3, Finish
C 3	Start, 1, 2, 3, 1, 1a, 3, 1, 2, 3, Finish
C 4	Start, 1, 2, 3, 1, 1a, 3, 1, 2, 3, 1, 1A, 3, Finish



