

## **Flying Fifteen Small Boat Race Sailing Instructions**

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Fleet of Flying Fifteens and  
Saltspring Island Sailing Club

November 10<sup>th</sup> and November 24<sup>th</sup>  
Saltspring Island Sailing Club  
Salt Spring, BC

*The Fleet of Flying Fifteens and Saltspring Island Sailing Club hosts this event for sailors who take responsibility for their own safety and the safety of others; who are good sports on and off the water; who respect the traditional territory of the Coast Salish Peoples, which is the traditional land of multiple Indigenous communities, including the Cowichan, Tsawwassen, Tsawout, Malahat and Tseycum peoples on which they compete; and who care for our environment and oceans.*

### **1. RULES**

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the RRS (racing rules of sailing).
- 1.2. RRS 40.1, Personal Flotation Devices, Basic Rule, applies.

### **2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be given verbally during the competitors meeting before racing each day.

### **3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**

- 3.1. All communication with competitors will take place during the competitors meeting or during the daily debrief.

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

- 4.1. Competitors shall comply with reasonable requests from the race committee.

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

- 5.1. No signals will be made ashore, all communication with regards to postponement will be done verbally during competitors meeting.

## **6. SCHEDULE**

- 6.1. The schedule may be changed, all changes will be posted during competitors meeting.
- 6.2. Competitors meeting (Skippers and Crew) 0945 hrs at F Dock (Breakwater Dock).
- 6.3. First start 1030 hrs.
- 6.4. Off the water 1400 hrs.
- 6.5. There will be a debrief in club house at 1430 hrs after each day of racing.

## **7. RACING AREAS**

- 7.1. Racing will be held in the vicinity of Ganges Harbour and Captains Pass.

## **8. COURSES AND MARKS**

- 8.1. The diagrams in References A and B show the courses and marks, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2. The course on November 10th will be an Olympic triangle course. (Reference A)
- 8.3. The course on November 24th will be a windward/leeward course. (Reference B)

## **9. THE START**

- 9.1. The starting line will be between a coach boat displaying an orange flag on the starboard end of the line, and an orange buoy or one of the permanent mooring buoys normally used as a start/finish line.
- 9.2. The start sequence for each race will be identified using either a Flying 15 class flag, or numerical pennant #1.
- 9.3. All flag signals used in the regatta are shown, and explained in (Reference C)

## **10. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 10.1. The Race Committee is not required to signal the change, where the mark for the next leg of the course is moved less than 20 degrees in angle or less than 100 metres in length. This changes RRS 33.
- 10.2. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark.

## **11. THE FINISH**

- 11.1. The finishing line for all courses will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and the course side of the designated finish mark.
- 11.2. If a competitor is told they are 'Scored/finished on Course' by an official vessel, they shall return to the starting area. That boat will be scored in its last known position. This changes RRS 28.1, A5.1 and A5.2.

## **12. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

- 12.1. Time limit for each race will be 90 minutes, with a target of 60 minutes.
- 12.2. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## **13. HEARING REQUESTS AND REQUESTS OR REDRESS**

- 13.1. Protest time limit 1430 hrs.
- 13.2. Hearing requests and requests for redress must be given verbally to the Race committee within the protest time limit.
- 13.3. All hearing requests and requests for redress will be used for educational purposes, and all competitors will be encouraged to attend.
- 13.4. Hearings will be held either on the dock, or in the clubhouse.

## **14. DIRECT JUDGING OR COACHING**

- 14.1. If the race committee decides any competitor has broken any of the RRS, they may issue a penalty. If the competitors do not take the penalty, they shall be scored DSQ without a protest hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.
- 14.2. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty.
- 14.3. All competitors are subject to coaching from the race committee.

## **15. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 15.1. All competitors are required to perform daily checks before and after racing, to ensure the safe operation of the vessel.
- 15.2. Vessel must be Transport Canada compliant.
- 15.3. All competitors must wear appropriate safety gear and clothing.
- 15.4. Helmets are recommended.

## **16. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 16.1. Substitution of competitors will be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 16.2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment including boats will be allowed unless otherwise indicated by the race committee.

## **17. TRASH DISPOSAL**

- 17.1. As sailors, we seek to protect and restore our oceans and coastal waters. See RRS 47. Trash may be placed aboard support and official boats or stored on competing boats to be discarded after racing.
- 17.2. All participating boats and support personal shall not throw trash in the water.
- 17.3. Littering will be grounds for disqualification from the event.

## Reference A: Course Diagrams & Information

- Olympic Triangle Course - VHF Channel 72

All Courses - Windward/Leeward

<i>Course ID</i>	<i>Course to Sail</i>	
<b>L1</b>	Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - Finish All marks left to port	
<b>L2</b>	Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1- 3- Finish All marks left to port	

MARKS	
<b>Start Boat</b>	<b>SISC coach boat</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Orange buoy</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Orange buoy</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Farthest club starting flag</b>
<b>Start</b>	<b>Farthest club starting flag + Coach boat</b>
<b>Finish</b>	<b>Orange buoy + coach boat</b>

## Reference B: Course Diagrams & Information

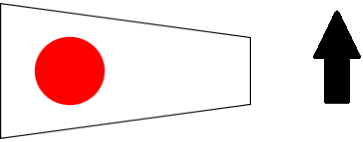
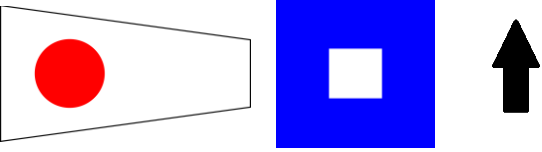
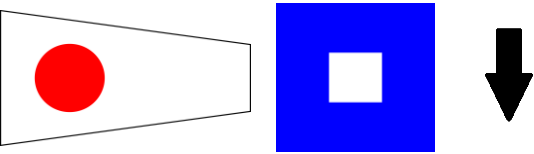
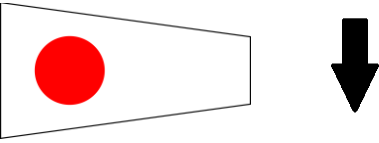
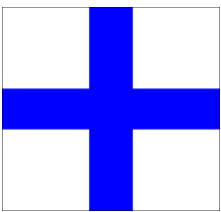
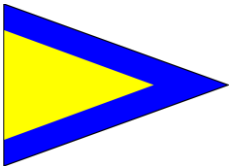
- Windward-leeward - VHF Channel 72

All Courses - Windward/Leeward

<i>Course ID</i>	<i>Course to Sail</i>	
<b>L1</b>	Start - 1 - 2p/2s - Finish  All marks left to port  2p/2s is a gate	
<b>L2</b>	Start - 1 - 2p/2s - 1 - 2p/2s - Finish  All marks left to port  2p/2s is a gate	

<b>MARKS</b>	
<b>Start Boat</b>	<b>SISC coach boat</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Orange buoy</b>
<b>2p</b>	<b>Farthest club starting flag</b>
<b>2s</b>	<b>Closest club starting flag</b>
<b>Start</b>	<b>Farthest club starting flag + Coach boat</b>
<b>Finish</b>	<b>Orange buoy + coach boat</b>

**Reference C: Start Sequence and Recall Signals**

<b>Start Sequence</b>	
	Class flag raised, 5 minutes to race start.
	Preparatory flag raised, 4 minutes to race start.
	Preparatory flag lowered, 1 minute to race start.
	Class flag lowered at minute zero, race starts.
<b>Recall signals</b>	
	<p>Individual recall.</p> <p>One or more boats did not start correctly and must return and do a proper start. The X flag is displayed until the earliest of the following: all boats over the line early have returned correctly, 4 minutes from the start or until one minute before the next start.</p>
	<p>General recall.</p> <p>All boats are to return and then a new start sequence will begin. Signaled when there are unidentified boats over the line or subject to one of the starting penalties, or there has been an error in the starting procedure. The new warning signal for the recalled class will be made 1 minute after the 1st substitute is removed</p>

