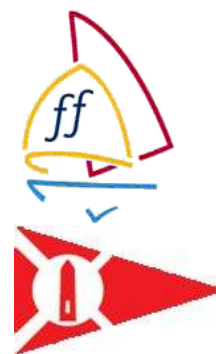


Flying Fifteen Northern Championships 2017

Saturday 17th to Sunday 18th June 2017

Lough Neagh Sailing Club



NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Flying Fifteen Northern Championships 2017 will be organised by Lough Neagh Sailing Club.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the RYA will apply.
- 1.3 Racing rules Race Signals AP, 32, 35, 40, 60.1(b), 61.3, 62.1(a), 62.2, A2 A4 and A5 will be changed. The changes will appear, in full, in the sailing instructions.
- 1.4 Rules of the International Flying Fifteen Class Association will apply.
- 1.5 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 Entry is open to all boats of the International Flying Fifteen Class.
- 2.2 Helms shall be a member of the Flying Fifteen Association of Ireland (FFAI) or affiliated associations.
- 2.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing and sending in the attached entry form or by entering online at <https://www.loughneaghsailingclub.org/index.php/flying-fifteen-northern-championships-event-registration>

3 FEES

- 3.1 The entry fee will be £ 55.00

4 SCHEDULE

- 4.1 Registration: Friday 16th June 1900 to 2030. Saturday 17th June 0900 to 1030
- 4.2 Briefing – A Briefing will be held at 1000 on Saturday 16th June 2017.
- 4.3 Racing:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Race</i>
Saturday 16 th June	Races 1, 2 and 3
Sunday 17 th June	Races 4 and 5

- 4.4 Five Races are scheduled.
- 4.5 The scheduled time of the warning signal on Saturday 16th June is 1155. The scheduled time of the first warning signal on Sunday 17th June is 1055.

5 MEASUREMENT

- 5.1 Each boat shall produce at registration a valid measurement certificate, if requested.
- 5.2 Only Certified Sails may be used.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1 The sailing instructions will be available at registration and may also be available on the club web site at www.loughneaghsailingclub.org

7 VENUE

- 7.1 The venue will be Lough Neagh Sailing Club, Kinnego Marina, Oxford Island Craigavon, BT66 6NJ.

8 THE COURSES

8.1 The courses to be sailed will be Old Olympic Triangle and/or Windward Leeward.

9 PENALTY SYSTEM & ARBITRATION

9.1 Scoring Penalty 44.3 shall not apply.

9.2 The Exoneration Penalty and the RYA Arbitration Procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. See the official notice board for details. Decisions from Arbitration can be referred to the protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed.

10 SCORING

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

10.2 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.

10.3 When from four to five races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

10.4 Boats will all start together but may be scored in Gold, Silver and Bronze divisions. Division will be allocated by the ranking available at www.flyingfifteen.ie/ffai/results.html.

11 SAFETY REGULATIONS

11.1 Competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times when afloat. This changes RRS 40. Wetsuits and drysuits are not considered to be adequate.

12 RADIO COMMUNICATION

12.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

13 PRIZES

13.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

First, Second and Third Overall.

First in Silver Fleet.

First in Bronze Fleet.

Further Prizes including prizes for the Classic fleet may be awarded at the discretion of the organisers.

14 RISK STATEMENT

14.1 Rule 4 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.

14 INSURANCE

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

15 MEDIA RIGHTS, CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

15.1 By participating in this event a competitor automatically grants to the organisers and its sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him or her during the period of the competition without compensation.

END OF NOTICE OF RACE

FURTHER INFORMATION

Lough Neagh Sailing Club

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ACCOMMODATION

Camping and caravan parking is available beside the club contact:

<http://www.craigavonactivity.org/kinnego/camping-caravanning>

Other accommodation can also be found at

<http://www.discovercraigavon.com/section/Accommodation>

FOOD

Breakfast will be available on both Saturday and Sunday morning.

There will be a Bar-B-Que on Saturday evening and Soup will be available after sailing on Sunday.