



Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club

On behalf of



Flying Fifteen International Western Australia

63rd Western Australian 2024 State Championship

Friday 29 March to Sunday 31 March 2024

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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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 regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2 The Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 for Off The Beach shall apply.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official online notice board, located at <https://rfbyc.asn.au/flying-15-state-championship>

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than 90 minutes before the warning signal for the first race on the day that it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by the end of protest time or 1800 hrs, whichever is the later on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the main flagpole to the west of the Dinghy Training Centre.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, one minute is replaced with not less than 60 minutes in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Registration, measurement and inspection will be conducted at Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club between 1600 hours and 1800 hours on Thursday 28 March and between 0800 hours and 1100 hours on Friday 29 March 2024.
A competitors' meeting will be conducted at the Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club Dinghy Training Centre on Friday 29 March 2024 at 1115 hours.
- 5.2 The event will comprise seven championship races as scheduled below. The dates and times of racing are as follows:

Race Scheduled	Day	Date	Time of First Race Warning Signal
Afternoon Racing Session	Friday	29 March 2024	1330
Afternoon Racing Session	Saturday	30 March 2024	1230
Morning Racing Session	Sunday	31 March 2024	1000

- 5.3 No more than three races may be sailed in each Championship Racing Session, sailed back-to-back with a short delay between each race
- 5.4 To alert competitors that another race is to be sailed in a session, code flag Q will be displayed as boats are finishing the previous race. This flag will be removed with multiple sound signals one minute before the warning signal is displayed for the ensuing race
- 5.5 No warning signal will be made after 1400 hours on Sunday 31 March 2024.

6 CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be the Flying Fifteen International Class flag (i.e. the class insignia in red on a white background)

7. RACING AREAS

The racing area will be Melville Water West.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The diagram in Appendix A indicates the course to be sailed, including the approximate angles between the legs and the order in which each mark is to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Marks 1, 2, 3, 4s and 4p will be yellow inflatable buoys.
9.2 The starting and finishing mark will be White and Black chequered cylindrical buoy.
9.3 Change of Course marks provided in 11.1 below will be a yellow inflatable buoy with a red band.

10 THE START

- 10.1 The start line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and the course side of a black and white chequered inflatable buoy at the port end.
10.2 A boat starting later than ten minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 In the event of a minor change in wind direction, the race committee may relocate the existing marks without signalling a Change of Course. This changes RRS33.
11.2 If a greater change in wind direction, 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 will be replaced by an original mark.
11.3 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes RRS 28.
11.4 The race committee may change the length of a leg of the course without signalling a Change of Course. This changes RRS33 (b).

12 THE FINISH

Course 1 and 2 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a Race Committee boat at the port end and the course side of the starboard end finishing mark.
Course 3 The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a Race Committee boat at the starboard end and the course side of port end finishing mark.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 The first two sentences of RRS 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or RRS 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.' 13.2 In RRS 44.1, insert after the first sentence: "However, a boat may take a penalty for an incident in the zone around Mark 1 or on the leg between Mark 1 and Mark 2, as soon as possible after leaving the zone around Mark 2".

14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 14.1 The time limits and target times in minutes are as follows:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Time Limit</u>	<u>Finish Window</u>	<u>Target Time</u>
Single Races	120	15	75
Back to Back Races	100	15	60

Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

- 14.2 Boats failing to finish within the finish window time after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protest forms are available at the Sailing Office located in Training Room 3 in the RFBYC Dinghy Club.
- 15.2 Protests shall be delivered to the Regatta Office within 60 minutes of the docking time of the Race Committee Start Boat after the last race of the day. The protest limit will be posted on the Official online Notice Board.
- 15.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in Training Room 3 inside the RFBYC Dinghy Club on the day of the protest lodgement (unless otherwise advised) starting as soon as possible after the notice has been posted on the official notice board
- 15.4 Notice of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted on the official online notice board to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 15.5 Breaches of SI, 17, 21, and 24 and shall not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This amends RRS 60.1(a).
- 15.6 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2

16. SCORING

- 16.1 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2 a) When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
b) When from five to seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 16.3 Series scores for the 63rd Western Australian State Championship shall be based on a fleet inclusive of all competing boats. The Silver and Classic Divisions will also be scored as separate fleets.
- 16.4 The Championship handicap results will be determined by back calculation using the "Finishing Line" scoring program. Points will be awarded for handicap results in accordance with 17.2 above. A boat that finishes in the first three places in either the State Championship will be ineligible to win the handicap trophy.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible. **[DP]**

18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 18.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee. Substitute crew shall not helm the boat. **[DP]**
- 18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity. **[DP]**

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a Race Committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

20 OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be identified by a Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club Burgee.

21 SUPPORT BOATS

Unless otherwise advised or requested by the Race Officer Team Leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the warning signal for the start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. The penalty for the infringement of this Instruction will be at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may include disqualification of boats connected with the coach. **[DP]**

22 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard support and Race Committee boats.

23 BERTHING

Boats shall be kept within their established places in the Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club boat park directly adjacent to the boat launching ramp. **[DP]**

24 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Radio communication shall be in accordance with the Flying 15 Class Rules 14.5. **[DP]**

25 PRIZES

The trophies to be awarded are listed in the Notice of Race.

26 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

27 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall have third-party liability and public liability insurance cover of not less than \$10,000,000 per event.

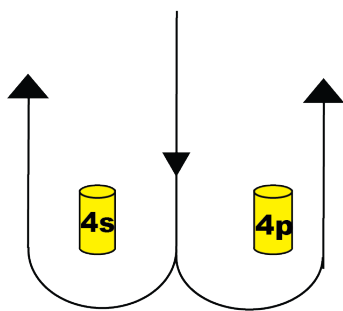
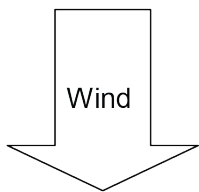
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COURSE 1 

Start - 1 - 2 - Finish

COURSE 2 

Start - 1 - 2 - 4s/4p - 1 - 2 - Finish



COURSE 3 

Start - 1 - 2 - 4s/4p - 1 - 2 - 3 - 4p - Finish

