



Flying Fifteen International Western Australia (Inc.)
62nd Western Australian
State Championship

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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***on behalf of Flying Fifteen International Western Australia (Inc.)
Saturday 23rd to Sunday 24th September 2023***



1 RULES

As described in the Notice of Race.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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 1800 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 near the flag pole.
- 3.2 The Regatta Office is located at the front entrance to the club.
- 3.3 On the water the race committee will monitor and communicate via VHF radio on channel 72.
- 3.4 Whilst racing, except in an emergency, from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

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 flag pole located at the South East corner of the club.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1	DAY	DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME (hrs)
	Friday	22 Sept 2023	Registration and Measurement	1500 – 1700
	Saturday	23 Sept 2023	Registration and Measurement	0800 – 1000
	Sat PM	23 Sept 2023	State Championship Racing	1200
	Sunday	23 Sept 2023	State Championship Racing	TBA

- 6.2 There will be a maximum number of 7 races for the State Championship. No more than 5 races may be sailed back-to-back in any one session, with a short delay between each race.
- 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 is made.
- 6.4 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15.30 hrs.

7 CLASS FLAGS

The class flag is a white flag with a red “ff” logo.

8 RACING AREA

The racing area will be as described in the Notice of Race.

9. COURSES

- 9.1 The diagram(s) in SI Addendum 1 shows the courses, 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.
- 9.2 The course to be sailed will be designated by displaying a numeral pennant from the race committee signal vessel no later than the warning signal.
- 9.3 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Marks 1, 2, 3s and 3p will be pink inflatable cylindrical buoys. Mark 1a will be a red pimple buoy.
- 10.2 The start pin will be an orange cylindrical buoy
- 10.3 The finish pin will be a black and white chequered cylinder buoy.
- 10.4 The change of course mark will be an orange inflatable cylindrical buoy.

11 THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.
- 11.2 The starting line is between a staff on the race committee boat displaying an orange flag and the course side of the port end starting mark.
- 11.3 A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

12 CHANGE TO THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

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.

13 THE FINISH

The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port end finishing mark.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 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.
- 14.2 In RRS 44.2 insert after the first sentence: "However, if Mark 1a (spreader mark) is set, a boat may take a penalty for an incident in the zone around mark 1 or on the leg between mark 1 and mark 1a, as soon as possible after leaving the zone around mark 1a."

15 TIME LIMITS

- 15.1 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 90 minutes.
- 15.2 The Finishing Window is 15 minutes and 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 DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.
- 15.3 The target time is 50 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1 (a).

16 HEARING REQUESTS

- 16.1 The protest time limit is 90 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.
- 16.2 Hearing request forms are available from the Regatta Office located near the front entrance to the club.
- 16.3 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 regatta office.

17 SCORING

- 17.1 The Low Point System of the RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 17.2 Three races are required to be completed to constitute the State Championship series.
- 17.3 (a) When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of

her race scores.

- (b) When from five (5) to seven (7) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 18.1 Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the event measurer. Requests for substitution shall be made to the event measurer at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 19.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.
- 19.2 When instructed by the event measurer, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

20. OFFICIAL VESSELS

Official vessels will be identified as follows:

Category	Flag
Race Committee vessels	White flag with RC
Support vessels	White flag with SAFETY

21. SUPPORT BOATS

- 21.1 Support boats shall comply with local regulations which can be found at <https://www.transport.wa.gov.au/imagine/marine-information.asp> and shall maintain a listening watch on VHF channel 72.
- 21.2 Support boats shall keep 150m downwind of the start line from the warning signal until after the start and 150m from boats whilst they are racing.
- 21.3 Unless requested by the race committee, support boats shall not enter the area bounded by the start line, marks 1, 1a and 2 and the finish line.

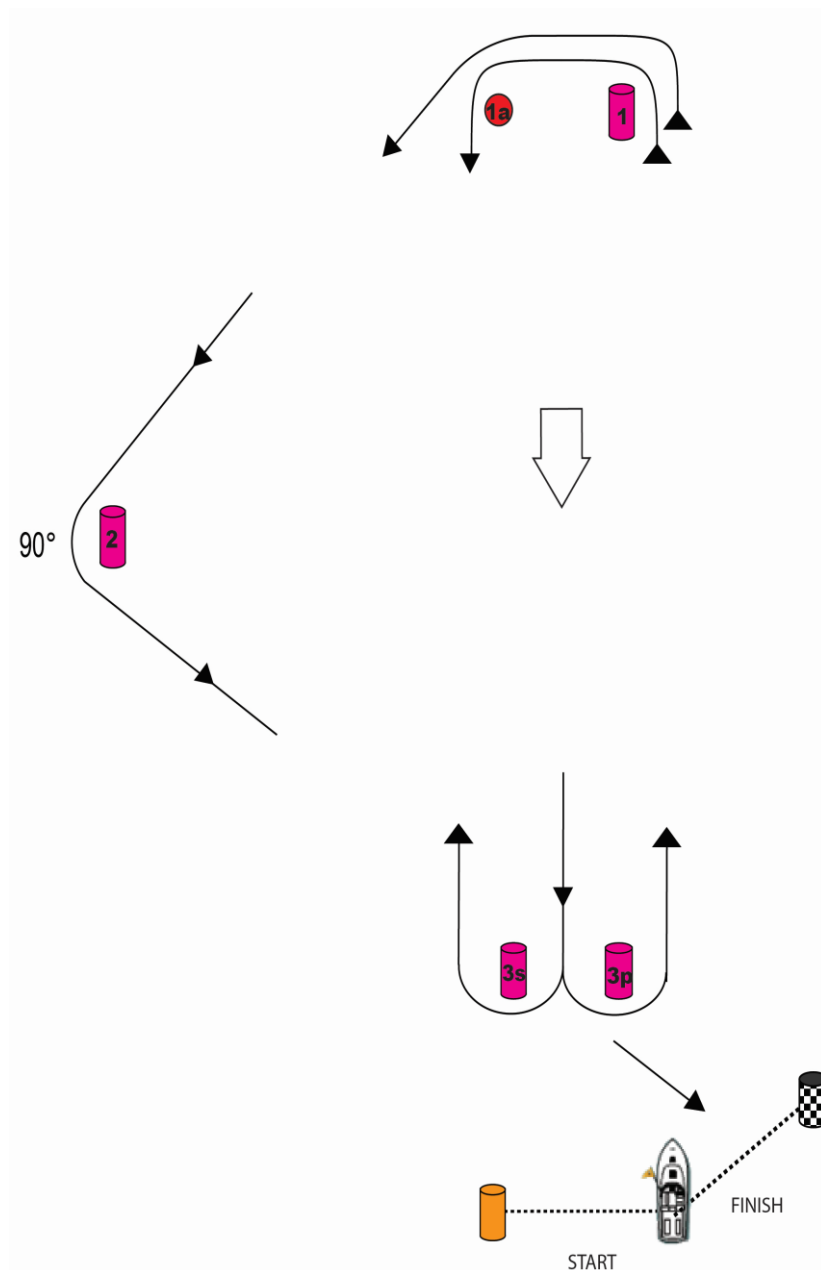
22. BERTHING

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the boat park.

23. RISK STATEMENT

- 23.1 As per RRS Rule 3 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone'.
- 23.2 The Organising 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.

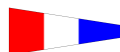
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ADDENDUM 1
COURSES 1, 2 and 3 – Downwind Finish



Course 1: Start – 1 – 1a – 3s/3p – 1 – 1a – 2 – 3p – Finish



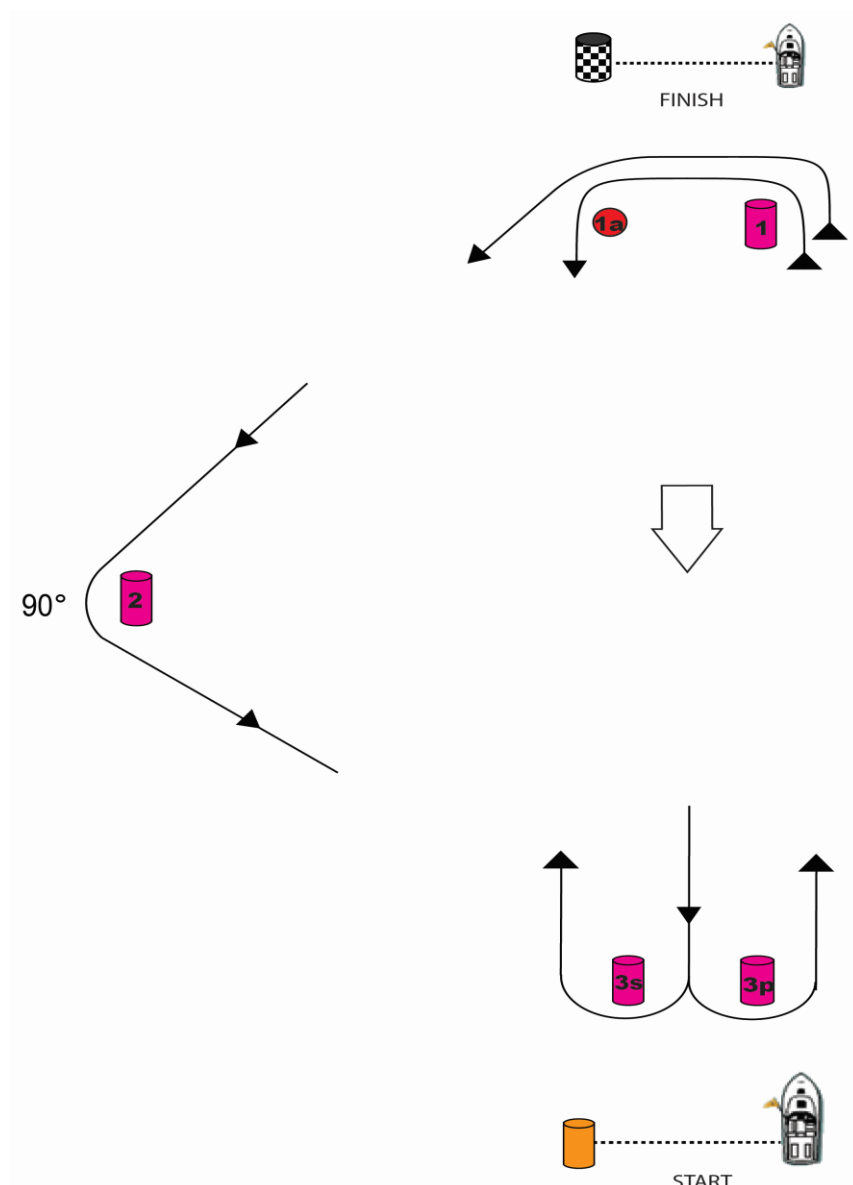
Course 2: Start – 1 – 1a – 3s/3p – 1 – 1a – 2 – 3p – 1 – 1a – 3p – Finish



Course 3: Start – 1 – 1a – 3s/3p – 1 – 1a – 3p – Finish

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COURSES 4 and 5 – Upwind Finish



Course 4: Start – 1 – 1a – 3s/3p – 1 – 1a – 2 – 3p – Finish



Course 5: Start – 1 – 1a – 3s/3p – 1 – 1a – 2 – 3p – 1 – 1a – 3s/3p – Finish



Course 6: Start – 1 – 1a – 3s/3p – 1 – 1a – 3s/3p – Finish