

Bassenthwaite Sailing Club
Flying Fifteen Northern Championship
& Lakeland GP
7th – 8th September 2024
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



The organising authority is Bassenthwaite Sailing Club in conjunction with the United Kingdom Flying Fifteen Association (“UKFFA”)

1 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta is governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Flying Fifteen International Class Rules and the UKFFA Championship Regulations.
- 1.2 The Organising Authority implements the Royal Yachting Association (“RYA”) Racing Charter. Competitors shall undertake to sail in accordance with the charter.
- 1.3 The notation ‘[DP]’ in a rule in the Sailing Instructions (Sis) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.
- 1.4 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)
- 1.5 RRS 40.1 applies at all times while afloat. [DP]
- 1.6 International Flying Fifteen Class Rule B15.3 is deleted, as permitted by that rule. No anchor need be carried.
- 1.7 The RYA Rules disputes Procedures shall apply. The outcome of an RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee but and arbitrations cannot be re-opened or appealed. This changes RRS 63.1.
- 1.8 RRS 63.7 is changes so that in the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the sailing instructions shall prevail.

2 Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 2.1 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any changes to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3 Communication with Competitors

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the clubhouse foyer.
- 3.2 [DP][NP] While racing, from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, 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

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5 Signals made ashore

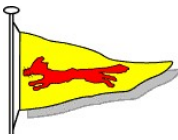
- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole next to the clubhouse.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 45 minutes’ in race signals AP.

6 Schedule of races

- 6.1 Registrations will be in the clubhouse bar area from 0900 to 1030 on Saturday the 7th of September 2024.
- 6.2 Each boat shall complete online an UKFFA Championship Scrutineer & Registration Sheet (see NoR 7.1). Physical measurement certificates may be inspected at any time.
- 6.3 A competitor briefing will take place at 1030 on Saturday 7th September 2024 at Bassenthwaite Sailing Club. Location will be advised in the Sailing Instructions.
- 6.4 The series will be made up of 6 races.
- 6.5 The first warning signal on 7th of September will not be before 1155.
- 6.6 The first warning signal on the 8th of September will not be before 0955.
- 6.7 The last warning signal on the 8th of September will not be made after 1430.
- 6.8 Each day, succeeding races will be started as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race.

7 Class Flag

- 7.1 The class flag will be Naval Numeral 6



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8 Racing Areas

8.1 The racing area is Bassenthwaite Lake

9 The Courses

- 9.1 The diagrams in Appendix A show the courses, the course designations, 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. The course is to be repeated until the shortened course flag is shown as detailed in, finishing.
- 9.2 The gate 2S-2P may be replaced by a single mark to be left to port.
- 9.3 No later than the warning signal, the race committee vessel will display the course designation

10 Marks

- 10.1 Marks 1, 1a, 2s, 2p & 3 are inflatable buoys.
- 10.2 Mark S is a dan buoy with flag.
- 10.3 Mark CB is the committee boat which is a blue motor boat.

11 Obstructions

- 11.1 There are no obstructions in the sailing area. However, the lake is part of the Lake District National Park and is a significant wildlife habitat. Competitors are asked to keep clear of the reed backs on the right of the main slipway and not to land on the lakeshore other than on the sailing club slipways.

12 The start

- 12.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made five minutes before the starting signal.
- 12.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the starboard end orange flag will be displayed with one sound at least two minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 12.3 The starting line is between the mast of the committee boat and the outer limit mark (S) displaying an orange flag.
- 12.4 An inner limit mark displaying a white flag will be laid and boats passing between it and the committee boat (CB) and any time will be liable to disqualification, at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 12.5 A boat that does not start within four minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS 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 move the original mark or the finishing line.
- 13.2 Minor mark moves (up to approximately 100m) may be made without signalling the change. This changes RRS 33.

14 The finish

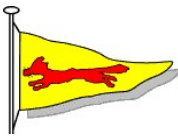
- 14.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel and the finishing mark.
- 14.2 The finish of a race shall be signalled with the display of flag S with 2 sound signals. Boats shall finish upon crossing the start/finish line S/CB at their next crossing.
- 14.3 The course may be shortened at a mark of the course. The finish is between the boat displaying flag S and the mark. In the case of 2S/2P the finish will be between those two buoys.

15 Time limits and target times

15.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), Target Time, and the Finishing Window for all races are shown in the table below:

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Target Time	Finishing Window
25 minutes	75 minutes	40 minutes	15 minutes

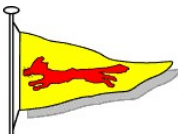
- 15.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 15.3 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).



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- 15.4 A tail-end boat that has lost contact with the body of the fleet may be informed on the water, towards the end of the race, that she need not complete that lap, but may return to the starting area for the start of the next back-to-back race. An appropriate finishing position will be recorded by the Race Committee. Failure to take advantage of this provision may result in any following back-to-back race being started before that competitor has returned to the starting area. This shall not be the basis for a redress request under Rule 62.1(a). This alters Rule 35.
- 16 Hearing requests
- 16.1 Any boat wishing to lodge a protest shall inform a race official of her intention to lodge a protest and the identity of her protestee boat(s) at the finishing line immediately after finishing the race concerned. This adds to RRS 61.1(a).
- 16.2 Hearing request forms are available from the committee room.
- 16.3 The protest time limit after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later, is 60 minutes. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 16.4 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, and the location where hearings will take place.
- 16.5 RRS 62.2(a) and 66.2(a) do not apply.
- 17 Scoring
- 17.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2 A boat's series score will be calculated as follows:
- 17.2.1 (a) When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 17.2.2 (b) When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 18 Penalty System
- 18.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that outside a mark zone, the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 18.2 Any penalties incurred within the mark zone of mark 1 may be taken after rounding mark 1a as per RRS 44.2. Competitors are reminded to be aware of Rule 44.1 (b) "if the boat...despite taking a penalty, gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach her penalty shall be to retire".
- 19 Safety Regulations
- 19.1 RRS 40.1 applies at all times while afloat. [DP]
- 19.2 [DP][NP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify a race official as soon as possible.
- 20 Replacement of crew or equipment
- 20.1 [DP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 20.2 [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorised in writing by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.
- 21 Equipment and measurement checks
- 21.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.
- 22 Trash disposal
- 22.1 [DP][NP] Rubbish is not to be thrown in the water. Rubbish may be placed aboard official or support vessels.
- 23 Support vessels
- 23.1 As detailed in the Notice of Race 12.



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24 Boat Storage

24.1 As details in Notice of Race 13.

25 Prizes

25.1 As detailed in the Notice of Race 15.

26 Risk statement

26.1 Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.” Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in any event at PYC, each participant agrees and acknowledges that:

26.1.1 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 such events.

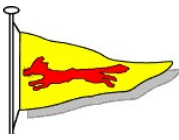
26.1.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore. They accept responsibility for any injury, loss or damage to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.

26.1.3 They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extreme weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather and that their safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.

26.1.4 The provision of race management teams, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the organisers does not relieve the Participant of their own responsibilities. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance as can be practically provided in the circumstances, particularly in extreme weather conditions. Further, in the event that any assistance is rendered to a Participant, no liability for any loss, damage or injury to the Participant, and/or the boat and its equipment is accepted either by the club or the crew of such patrol craft.

27 Insurance

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



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Appendix A

Course A
 Windward/Leeward



Course B
 Sausage/Triangle



A	Course: Windward / Leeward With spreader mark	B	Course: Sausage / Triangle With spreader mark
	Mark Rounding Order		Mark Rounding Order
	S/CB – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p (Repeat course)		S/CB – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – S/CB – 1 – 1a – 3 – 2p (Repeat course)