

FELPHAM SAILING CLUB
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR CLUB RACING
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1. RULES

1.1. Racing shall be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association and Class Rules , except as changed by these Sailing Instructions.

2. ENTRIES AND ELIGIBILITY

2.1. To be eligible for entry to a race a competitor must be a Sailing Member or a Cadet Member of Felpham Sailing Club (FSC), or a visitor to FSC provided that a visitors fee has been paid.

2.2. Visiting boats are not eligible to be presented with a FSC perpetual trophy, except in Open events. Other than in Open events, a FSC perpetual trophy shall be presented to the highest placed FSC member in the overall results.

2.3. The safety of a boat and her entire management, including insurance (minimum £2,000,000 third party risk), shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/ person in charge, who must also ensure that the boat and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the race. Neither these Sailing Instructions nor any inspection of the boat limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/ person in charge for the crew, the boat or her management. FSC and the race organisers shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/ person in charge or crew, as a result of their taking part in the race or races. Moreover, every owner/ person in charge warrants the suitability of the boat for the race or races.

2.4. All boats shall comply with their Class Rules, except that equipment manufactured by a non- Class manufacturer may be used provided it is closely similar to that designated by the Class.

2.5. The minimum number of starters to constitute a race shall be 3.

2.6. To enter a race, competitors shall sign on before the race on the sheet provided in the FSC Clubhouse.

2.7. All competitors under the age of 18 shall wear personal buoyancy at all times whilst on the water. Flag Y will not be flown. This changes RRS 40.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Notice Board located in the FSC Clubhouse.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1. Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at least 30 minutes before the first race to which the change applies.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed either via the lighting system on the front of the Race Office, the sequence can be found in the race office, or on the Club Signal Mast.

5.2. Flag AP displayed ashore means “racing is postponed”. If flown ashore, flag AP will be lowered with 1 sound signal and the warning signal for the postponed race will be made not less than 20 minutes after AP is lowered.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1. Races are scheduled as shown in the official FSC race programme. If a scheduled Club Trophy is not sailed due to conditions, the race(s) will be re-scheduled as soon as possible afterward, but not before two weekends later, and a Notice posted in the Clubhouse.

7. CLASS FLAGS

7.1. When not using the lighting system, the Class flags will be as described on the official Course Board in the FSC Clubhouse.

8. RACING AREA

8.1. The racing area shall be off Felpham beach to the south of the FSC Clubhouse. Unless a Long Distance Race is scheduled when the racing area will be as described on the official Course Board.

9. THE COURSE

9.1. The course will be displayed on the official Course Board.

10. MARKS

10.1. Marks will be as described on the official Course Board.

11. THE START

11.1. Shore line start

The Starting Line is defined as the line between two transits on the shore. An Outer Distance Mark may be used, if so it will be as described on the official Course Board.

11.2. Committee Boat start

The Starting Line is defined as the line between the main mast of the Committee Boat and the Outer Distance Mark as described on the official Course Board.

12. THE FINISH

12.1. Shore line finish

The Finish Line is defined as the line between two transits on the shore. An Outer Distance Mark may be used, if so it will be as described on the official Course Board .

12.2. Committee Boat finishes

The Finish Line is defined as the line between the main mast of the Committee Boat and the Outer Distance Mark as described on the official Course Board.

12.3 Shortening Course

When Flag S is flown or as displayed via the lighting system on the front of the Race Office, all boats will finish on the first occasion they subsequently cross the Finish Line.

12.4 Handicap Races

12.4.1 The current published RYA Portsmouth Yardsticks will be used to calculate the results of Handicap Races, except where amended by the FSC Sailing Committee in which case a Notice will be posted.

12.4.2 The finishing order for all Handicap Races will be based on the Corrected Time of each boat. The winner will be the boat with the lowest Average Corrected Lap Time. Corrected Time will be determined by calculating the Elapsed Time between the starting signal and the finish of each boat and then correcting by using RYA Portsmouth Yardsticks and for the number of laps completed by each boat.

13. TARGET TIMES AND TIME LIMITS

13.1. The target time shall be 40 minutes.

13.2. The time limit shall be 50 minutes. When no boat has finished within the specified time limit the race may, at the discretion of the Race Officer, be abandoned.

13.3. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat will be scored Did Not Finish.

14. DECLARATIONS

14.1. No declarations are required.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1. Protests shall be written on forms available from the Race Office.

15.2. The Protest Time Limit is 30 minutes after the last boat has returned to the beach.

15.3. Protests will be heard as soon as practicable for all parties.

16. SCORING

16.1. Scoring shall be in accordance with the Low Points System of Appendix A, unless otherwise specified in these Sailing Instructions.

16.2. **Discard profile:** The number of races to count for each Series shall be the total of a boat's race scores, discarding its worst scores as set out in the following Table:

Races Sailed	1-2	3-4	5-6	7-8	9-10	11-12
Discards	0	1	2	3	4	5

in accordance with the formula: (50% of races sailed [rounded down to the nearest whole number] +1).

17. OUTSIDE HELP

17.1 A boat may receive outside help. This changes Rule 41

However, a boat that gains a significant advantage in the race from help received may be protested and penalised.