Felpham Sailing Club

FSC Solo Southern Area Series Open 5th July, 2025.

Organizing Authority: Felpham SC (FSC)

Venue: FSC, Blakes Road, Felpham, West Sussex, PO22 7EE

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS Predicted Tides - BST	High Water Felpham	Low Water Felpham
Saturday 5th July	07:28hrs (4.19m)	13:31hrs (1.77m)

1. Rules

1.1. Racing shall be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing*

2021-2024 (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA and Class Rules, except as changed by these Sailing Instructions.

1.2 Competitors shall comply with the RYA Racing Charter. www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules/racing-charter.

Competitors sailing under the charter are expected:

a) to show courtesy and respect to other competitors, officials and to other users of the water; to compete in compliance with the rules and to take a penalty when required by the rules:

b) Use the provided services to resolve disputes.

1.2. The Exoneration Penalty, Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available at this event. The Exoneration Penalty is 20%.

1.3. RRS 40.1 will apply at all times whilst afloat but flag Y will not be displayed

2. Entries and Eligibility

2.1. 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 3 races. Moreover, every owner/ person in charge warrants the suitability of the boat for the race or races

2.2. 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.

2.3. Only Solo class dinghies are eligible to enter

2.4 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. Changes to Sailing Instructions

3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 30 minutes before the first race to which the change applies.

4. Signals Made Ashore

4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the club mast and communicated by the official Notice Board.

4.2. When flag AP is displayed 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.

5. Schedule of Races

5.1. There will be a briefing for competitors at 11:00AM, 5th July, outside the FSC Clubhouse.

5.2. Racing programme:

5.2.1 Four races in total are scheduled, all be sailed back-to-back.

5.2.2 The warning signal for the first race will not be before 11:55 5th July

5.2.3 No warning signal will be made after 16:00 5th July.

6. Class Flags

6.1. The Class Flags will be shown at the Briefing.

7. Racing Areas

7.1. The racing area shall be off Felpham Beach to the South of the FSC Clubhouse.

8. The Courses

8.1. The provisional course to be sailed will be advised at the briefing

8.2 The actual course to be sailed will be displayed on the official Course Board outside the FSC Clubhouse

9. Marks

9.1. The marks will be described at the competitors briefing.

10. The Start

10.1. Races will be started using RRS 26.

~~10.2 There maybe different starts for different fleets depending on number of boats.~~

10.3 The starting will be described at the briefing

10.4 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

11. The Finish

11.1. The finishing line will be described at the briefing

12. Time Limits and Target Times

12.1 The target time for each race shall be 35 - 40 minutes.

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

12.3 Boats failing to finish within 25 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

12.4 Where necessary, the Race Committee may shorten course for boats at an incomplete number of laps or score boats with a finish relative to their position/time on the course, in order to expedite the series.

13. Protests and Requests for Redress

13.1. Protest forms will be available from the registration desk. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

13.2. The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat has returned to the beach.

13.3. 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.

14. Scoring

14.1. The Low Point System of RYA Appendix A will apply.

~~14.2. All boats will start as one fleet. Finishing positions will be calculated on an Average Lap Time basis using Portsmouth Yardsticks to correct elapsed time.~~

14.3 When 3 or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

15. Safety Regulations

15.1. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible either on the water or on coming to shore.

16. Replacement of Crew or Equipment

16.1. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will be permitted so long as the Race Committee is informed of any changes to sail numbers and this designation remains unique.

17. Radio Communication

17.1. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

18. Disclaimer of liability

18.1 RRS 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: 'The responsibility for a boats decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone'. Sailing is by nature 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 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 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 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 responsibilities;

(f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can practically be provided in the circumstances.

19. Trash disposal

19.1 RRS 47 is at the discretion of the Race Management Team and may be less than disqualification. As sailors, we seek to protect and restore our oceans and coastal waters. Boats shall not intentionally put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and officials' boats. The penalty for breaking RRS 47 is at the discretion of the Race Management Team and may be less than disqualification.

~~**20. Prizes**~~

~~20.1 Prizes will be awarded for Fast and Medium fleets, and for class fleets at the discretion of the organising authority.~~