



# Flying Fifteen Southern Championship and Gul Golden Dolphin Fireball Open

Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2021

## Notice of Race (NoR)

The Organising Authority is the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA) in conjunction with the UK Flying Fifteen Association (UKFFA) and the UK Fireball Association (UKFA)

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 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 NoR 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 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. RRS 63.7 is changed so that in the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

### 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available online at: <https://www.wpnsa.org.uk/events/flying-fifteen-southern-championship-fireball-open-2021>, from at least three days prior to the event.

### 3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The official notice board is located at: <https://www.wpnsa.org.uk/events/flying-fifteen-southern-championship-fireball-open-2021>.
- 3.2. [DP] 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 communication that is not available to all boats.
- 3.3. [DP] Competitors should note that it is anticipated that all communication for this event will be online. Competitors should note that the WPNSA WIFI system may not be accessible, and they may wish to have a device which can connect to the internet via an alternative means. This does not apply to race signals.

#### 4. ELIGABILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to all boats and sailors of the Flying Fifteen and Fireball Classes that meet with their relevant UK Class Association membership rules.
- 4.2. Eligible boats may enter online at <https://www.wpnsa.org.uk/events/flying-fifteen-southern-championship-fireball-open-2021>.
- 4.3. To be considered an entry for the event, a boat shall complete all entry requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.4. The closing date for entries is midnight on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021. Entries after this date are at the discretion of the Organising Authority, contact [sally.reynoldson@wpnsa.org.uk](mailto:sally.reynoldson@wpnsa.org.uk) to request a late entry.
- 4.5. A WPNSA Parent/Guardian Consent and Supervision Form must be completed by the Parent or Guardian of any competitor under the age of 18 on the first day of the event. The forms are available online at <https://www.wpnsa.org.uk/parentguardian-consent-and-supervision-form>. The form shall be submitted by 09:30 on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

#### 5. FEES

- 5.1. The entry fee is £50.00 per boat.
- 5.2. It is not clear whether or in what capacity social functions may be permitted for this event. The Organising Authority would like to hold a social function on the Saturday night and after racing on the Sunday. If it is feasible to do this, details will be circulated to all entries and posted on the event website with details of how to purchase tickets.

#### 6. ADVERTISING

- 6.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority. See World Sailing Advertising Code.

#### 7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1. The schedule is:

Date	Time	Item	First Warning Signal
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	08:00 – 09:30	Online Registration	
	Posted by 09:00	Online Competitors Briefing	
		Three races	12:25
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> June		Two Races	10:25

- 7.2. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:00.

#### 8. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 8.1. For the Flying Fifteen Class, each boat shall complete online an UKFFA Championship Scrutineer & Registration Sheet. This will be found at: <https://www.flying15.org.uk/championship-registration>. Please ensure you complete this at least one week before attending the championship. Choose the appropriate championship from the drop down list. Please bring your measurement certificate to each event as this may be required for measurement spot checks or to resolve protests under RRS.
- 8.2. Boats may be inspected at anytime.
- 8.3. Boats shall comply with RRS 78.1 when presented for inspection. [DP].

#### 9. VENUE

- 9.1. The venue is the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy, Osprey Quay, Portland, Dt5 1SA.
- 9.2. The race area will be in Portland Harbour or Weymouth Bay.

#### 10. COURSES

- 10.1. The courses to be sailed will be as an inner or outer loop of a trapezoid.

## **11. SCORING**

- 11.1. Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.2. A boat's series score will be calculated as follows:
  - 11.2.1. When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
  - 11.2.2. When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst scores.

## **12. SUPPORT PERSONS VESSELS [DP]**

- 12.1. All support boats will register with the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy by completing an online Event Support Boat Registration Form at <https://www.wpnsa.org.uk/event-support-boat-registration-form>. Once submitted, a member of staff will contact you to take the payment of £10 by card.
- 12.2. RRS 37 will be used. Except when responding to the signal in RRS 37, support boats, coaches and other support persons shall stay at least 100 metres outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start on that course until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 12.3. During the event, support boats shall not tow boats participating in the event unless the race committee have signalled that towing is allowed.
- 12.4. In order to prevent fuel spillage, refuelling of boats/tanks is not permitted on the pontoons at WPNSA. Boats may refuel at the Portland Marina fuel pontoon or removable tanks may be taken offsite to be refuelled at a service station.
- 12.5. Kill cords shall be worn at all times whilst engines are running. The Course Safety Leader will be looking out for compliance on this issue, there are no excuses and boats will be requested to leave the race area immediately if kill cords are not being used appropriately.

## **13. BERTHING**

- 13.1. Boats shall be kept in their assigned spaces whilst in the boat park. [DP].

## **14. DATA PROTECTION**

- 14.1. The personal information you provide to the organising authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the Organising Authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

## **15. RIGHTS TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESS**

- 15.1. Competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event.

## **16. COVID STATEMENT [DP] [NP]**

- 16.1. By taking part in any of the events covered by this notice of race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with the WPNSA and Organising Authority COVID-19 procedures. Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

## 17. RISK STATEMENT

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 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 the 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 in 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 own responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- (g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any competitors briefing held for the event or view the online briefing.

## 18. INSPECTIONS

- 18.1. The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this notice of race.

## 19. INSURANCE

- 19.1. 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.

## 20. PRIZES

- 20.1. For the Flying Fifteen Southern Championship:
- 20.1.1. Annual challenge trophies will be awarded in accordance with UKFFA Championship Regulations but shall not be taken outside the British Isles.
  - 20.1.2. The Southern Championship trophies are:
    - Championship Trophy – Overall winner
    - Medway Fleet Trophy – 1<sup>st</sup> race
    - Y&Y Rose Bowl (replacing Pitsford Salver) – 2<sup>nd</sup> race
    - The Silver Fox – 3<sup>rd</sup> race
    - The Broxbourne Chiller – 4<sup>th</sup> race
    - The Rutland Trophy – 5<sup>th</sup> race
    - Marine Consultants Half Hull – 1<sup>st</sup> Lady
- 20.2. For the Gul Golden Dolphin Fireball Open, prizes will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Gold, Silver and Bronze fleets. Prizes will be in the form of Gul vouchers sent electronically to the recipients.

## 21. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact Sally Reynoldson, Events Supervisor, WPNSA at [sally.reynoldson@wpnsa.org.uk](mailto:sally.reynoldson@wpnsa.org.uk)

Information on campervan bookings, local accommodation etc. may be found on the WPNSA website: [www.wpnsa.org.uk](http://www.wpnsa.org.uk).