



United Kingdom Flying Fifteen Association Southern Championship

Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th May 2016

Notice of Race

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

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013 – 2016*.
- 1.2. The UKFFA Championship Regulations and the Flying Fifteen International (FFI) Class Rules will apply.
- 1.3. Competitors shall sail in accordance with the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Racing Charter.
- 1.4. Racing rules will be changed as follows:
 - 1.4.1. Competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times while afloat, except briefly while adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Flag Y will not be displayed. This changes RRS 40 and FFI Class Rule 15.4.

2. ADVERTISING

Advertising is permitted in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20 and Rule 17 of the FFI Class Rules.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The regatta is open to all boats of the Flying Fifteen class.
- 3.2. All boats must hold a valid measurement certificate, which will need to be shown at Registration.
- 3.3. Entry will open on Tuesday 1st March 2016.
- 3.4. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online registration and paying the relevant fee via the WPNSA website: <http://www.wpnsa.org.uk/events/uk-flying-fifteen-association-southern-championships>. This is a new entry system, so if you have any queries please do contact WPNSA direct on 01305 866000.
- 3.5. Any competitor under the age of 18 on 7th May 2016 will be required to complete a Parent Guardian Consent & Supervision Form (which may be downloaded from the event website as in SI 3.4) and submit it by email to sally.reynoldson@wpnsa.org.uk.
- 3.6. All competing helms must be current members of the UKFFA or another national class association affiliated to the FFI. Evidence of membership will be required at Registration.

4. FEES

- 4.1. The entry fee is £75.00 per boat before midnight on Monday 25th April 2016.
- 4.2. There will be an additional late entry fee of £20.00 for entries submitted after Monday 25th April 2015.
- 4.3. The entry fee includes a ticket for each helm and crew to attend the Competitors Meal on Saturday 7th May and prize giving tea on Sunday 8th May. Additional tickets for the dinner may be purchased during Registration at £10 per person.

5. SCHEDULE

Day/Date	Time	What	Where
Saturday 7 th May	09:00 – 11:30	Registration	Room 4
	11:00	Competitors' Briefing	Spinnakers
	12:40	Race 1 Warning Signal	
	ASAP after Race 1	Race 2 Warning Signal	
	ASAP after Race 2	Race 3 Warning Signal	
Sunday 8 th May	18:30 – 19:30	Buffet Supper	Spinnakers
	10:25	Race 4 Warning Signal	
	ASAP after Race 4	Race 5 Warning Signal	
	ASAP After Racing	Prize Giving & Tea	Spinnakers

6. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 6.1. All sails at this event must be measured and endorsed on the boat's measurement certificate in accordance with FFI Rule 13.8.2 and UKFFA Championship Regulation 11. The boat shall race only with sails endorsed on her certificate except that, in the case of a borrowed boat, the boat may race with any combination of the sails endorsed on the certificate of the boat or on the certificate of another boat owned by the helms person. Both these certificates must be shown at Registration and will be examined by the Organising Authority.
- 6.2. The Race Committee reserves the right to require any boat or sail to be submitted for measurement at any time before or during the series. This includes an inspection of the required safety equipment in accordance with FFI Rule 15.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available online at least three days prior to the start of the regatta and at Registration.

8. VENUE

- 8.1. The venue is the Weymouth and Portland Sailing Academy, Osprey Quay, Portland, Dorset, DT5 1SA, UK.
- 8.2. Racing will be in Weymouth Bay or Portland Harbour.

9. SCORING

- 9.1. The low points system as provided in RRS Appendix a will apply.
- 9.2. Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 9.3. Series scores:
- 9.3.1.** When three races or less have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 9.3.2.** When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

10. SUPPORT BOATS

Upon arrival, support boats must report to the WPNSA Reception, pay the appropriate berthing fee and receive directions on where to launch and berth.

11. BERTHING

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

12. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Boats may carry VHF radios, however, 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 and other mobile devices.

13. PRIZES

- 13.1. Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority depending on entry numbers.
- 13.2. Annual challenge trophies will be awarded in accordance with UKFFA Championship Regulations but shall not be taken outside the British Isles.
- 13.3. The Southern Championship trophies are:
Championship Trophy – Overall winner
Medway Fleet Trophy – 1st race
Pitsford Salver – 2nd race
The Silver Fox – 3rd race
The Broxbourne Chiller – 4th race
The Rutland Trophy – 5th race
Marine Consultants Half Hull – 1st Lady
The Rydon Trophy – 1st Home Boat, which for the purposes of this regatta is Parkstone Yacht Club

14. RIGHTS TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESSES

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

15. RISK STATEMENT

Rule 4 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;

16. INSURANCE

Each boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per incident.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 17.1. Accommodation:
WPNSA has onsite facilities for campervans and caravans which may be booked via the website at:
<http://www.wpnsa.org.uk/campervans-and-caravans>
Nearest accommodation is at RYA Portland House:
<http://www.rya.org.uk/contactus/portland/Pages/RYAHouse-Portland.aspx>
Details for other accommodation may be found at <http://www.visit-dorset.com/>.
- 17.2. The WPNSA cafeteria will be open from 08:00 for breakfast, lunches, snacks and drinks on the Saturday and Sunday.
- 17.3. For further information please contact Sally Reynoldson, WPNSA Events Coordinator via sally.reynoldson@wpnsa.org.uk.