



**Willowbrook Organic Farms 2024 Flying Fifteen Championship of the British Isles  
Strangford Lough Yacht Club 19 to 22 June 2024**

## Notice of Race

The Organising Authority is Strangford Lough Yacht Club (SLYC) in conjunction with the United Kingdom Flying Fifteen Association (UKFFA).

### 1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta is governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing, the Prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) and the Flying Fifteen International Class Rules.
- 1.2. The Organising Authority implements the RYA Racing Charter. Competitors will be expected to sail in compliance with it.
- 1.3. The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the Notice of Race (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. [DP] RRS 40.1 applies at all times while afloat.
- 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.
- 1.7. RRS Appendix T (Arbitration) will apply.

### 2. Sailing instructions

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available online at [www.slyc.co.uk/ff2024](http://www.slyc.co.uk/ff2024) from at least three days prior to the event.

### 3. Communication

- 3.1. Sailing instructions will be available from the event website at [www.slyc.co.uk](http://www.slyc.co.uk).
- 3.2. The official notice board will be in the main foyer at SLYC.

### 4. Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1. The regatta is open to all boats of the Flying Fifteen Class. Owners and helmspersons shall be current members of their relevant National Flying Fifteen Class Association.
- 4.2. Eligible boats may enter online at [www.slyc.co.uk/ff2024](http://www.slyc.co.uk/ff2024).
- 4.3. To be considered an entry for the event, a boat shall complete all entry requirements and pay all fees.

- 4.4. All competitors under 18 years of age on the first day of the event are required to complete the Parent/Guardian Consent details as part on the online entry process.

## 5. Fees

- 5.1. The fee for the entries submitted and paid by 15 May 2024 is £250.00. For entries submitted and paid after that date and by 29 May 2024, the fee is £300.00. The fee for entries after 29 May 2024 is £350.00. Entries will close on 12 June 2024.
- 5.2. The entry fee includes, for the helm and crew, attendance at the social events referred to in the Event social programme and meals which will be provided each evening.

## 6. Advertising

- 6.1. [DP] Boat shall display such advertising as required by the organisers. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies.

## 7. Schedule

- 7.1. Registration will be at SLYC from 1730 to 1930 on 18 June and also from 0800 to 1000 on 19 June.
- 7.2. The event will consist of 10 races, with a maximum of three races per day.
- 7.3. The first warning signal on 19 June will not be before 1200.
- 7.4. The last warning signal on 22 June will not be after 1430.

## 8. Equipment Inspection

- 8.1. Each boat shall complete online an UKFFA Championship Scrutineer & Registration Sheet. This can be accessed via the Fixtures and Results page of the UKFFA website, or directly at: <https://www.cognitofirms.com/UKFlyingFifteenAssociation/ScrutineerAndRegistrationSheetNationals2024>. To assist organisers, please complete this at least one week before attending the championship.
- 8.2. Measurement certificates will be required at registration (RRS78.2) and may be required for measurement spot checks or to resolve protests under RRS.
- 8.3. Boats may be inspected at any time.
- 8.4. [DP] Boats shall comply with RRS 78.1 when presented for inspection.
- 8.5. 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.
- 8.6. All competing boats should hold a valid measurement certificate, which may be inspected at any time during the event.
- 8.7. All sails used at this event must be measured and endorsed on the boat's measurement certificate in accordance with the rule 13.8.2 of the International Flying Fifteen Association. 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 helmsperson.

Both these certificates may be examined by the Organising Authority, and such sail numbers as used shall be declared at registration.

- 8.8. 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 will include an inspection of the required safety equipment in accordance with International Flying Fifteen Association Rule 15.
- 8.9. The UKFFA has no obligation to have an official class measurer available for the purpose of measurement of new equipment at events; competitors requiring new sails measured at the event should make their own arrangements with a class measurer prior to the event.
- 8.10. A buoyancy aid of an “International Standard Approved Type” shall be worn by each crew member during racing at this event, this supersedes International Flying Fifteen Association Rule 15.4.

## **9. Venue**

- 9.1. The venue is Strangford Lough Yacht Club, Whiterock Bay, Killinchy, Co Down, BT23 6QA.
- 9.2. The sailing area will be the waters of Strangford Lough off SLYC.

## **10. Courses**

- 10.1. The courses to be sailed may comprise combinations of windward, leeward, and reaching legs.

## **11. [DP] Support Persons Vessels**

- 11.1. All support boats will register with the Race Office at SLYC.
- 11.2. 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.
- 11.3. During the event, support boats shall not tow boats participating in the event unless the race committee have signalled that towing is allowed.
- 11.4. 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.

## **12. Facilities & Berthing**

- 12.1. Boats will be “slipped” (dry sailed) during this championship.
- 12.2. [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned spaces whilst in the boat park.

## **13. Data Protection**

- 13.1. 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.

#### **14. Right to use names and likeness**

- 14.1. 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.

#### **15. Risk statement**

- 15.1. 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.'
- 15.2. 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.

#### **16. Insurance**

- 16.1. 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.

## 17. Prizes

- 17.1. Prizes will be awarded according to the total number of entries.
- 17.2. Annual challenge trophies will be awarded in accordance with the championship regulations but shall not be taken outside the British Isles.
- 17.3. The UKFFA Championship annual challenge trophies are as follows: -
- The Championship Trophy:** 1st yacht overall after discards are applied
  - Owners Association Trophy:** 1st yacht 7 years or older on 31 December 2023 (4054)
  - The Dimple Trophy:** 1st Female Helm or Crew
  - Island Sailing Club Trophy:** Aggregate age of helm and crew 80 – 99 years
  - Kempner Trophy:** Aggregate age of helm and crew at least 100 years
  - Junior Prize:** 1st person under 21 as helm or crew
  - The Sarah Hornby Painting:** 1st family team (Parent & Child, Partners, Siblings)
  - Ulster Cup:** Overall Day 1
  - Calypso Cup:** Overall Day 2
  - John Clark Trophy (Swordfish Class):** Overall Day 3
  - Restronguet Bowl (replaced):** Overall Day 4
  - Laing Viking Warrior:** Blue Fleet
  - City of Plymouth Cup:** Green Fleet
- 17.4. Prize Keepers. Where awarded, equal prizes will be given to the helm and crew of prize-winning boats.

## End of Notice of Race

### Further Information

For further information please contact [office@slyc.co.uk](mailto:office@slyc.co.uk)

Information on accommodation, campervan sites and Stena Line Group travel discount for the event can be found at [www.slyc.co.uk/ff2024](http://www.slyc.co.uk/ff2024)