Flying Fifteen
Championship of Ireland 2026

Carrickfergus Sailing Club

Friday 4th, Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th September 2026

Notice of Race – Including Amendment 1- NOR 9.1, 9.3 & 18

[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee
[NP] denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a boat

1 RULES

1.1 The Championship will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and by the rules and prescriptions of the ISA.
1.2 The rules of the Flying Fifteen Class will apply, in so far that they do not conflict with the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions.
1.3 The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.
1.4 Racing rule(s) Signal AP, 32, 35, 44.1, 60.2, 60.3(b), A5.1 and A5.2 will be changed. The changes are detailed in this notice of race or the sailing instructions.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 The sailing instructions will be available on-line at www.carrickfergussc.org and on the Official Notice Board.

3 COMMUNICATION

3.1 The Official Notice Board is located in the clubhouse.
3.2 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that is not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Flying Fifteen Class.
4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form using Eventbrite on www.carrickfergussc.org together with payment of the required fee.
4.3 The helmsman of any eligible entered boat will by default become a member of the Flying Fifteen Association of Ireland, by way of a capitation fee included in the entry fee.
4.4 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
4.5 All Helms and crews who are under 18 must submit an Under 18 Consent form signed by their parent or guardian at Registration.

5 CLASSIFICATION

5.1 The WS Sailor Classification Code will not apply.
5.2 The allocation to Gold/Silver/Bronze fleets will be made with regard to the FFAI current ranking list, however the OA have the right to reallocate competitors to a different fleet.

6 FEES

6.1 The Full Entry Fee is £147.50 which will include a barbeque after sailing on Friday, a formal Class Dinner on Saturday and soup/roll after sailing on Sunday. The cost of marina berthing (£22.50) is also included in the entry fee.

7 CREW LIMITATIONS

7.1 Helms may not change their crew during the event without prior permission of the OA.

8 ADVERTISING

8.1 [DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

9. SCHEDULE

9.1 Registration will be at Carrickfergus Sailing Club on Friday 4th September 09:00 to 12:00. A briefing for competitors shall be held at 12:00.

9.2 Dates of racing: from Friday the 4th September to Sunday 6th September inclusive.

9.3 7 races are scheduled:

Date	Warning Signal
Friday 4th	First warning signal 14:25 Race(s) to follow
Saturday 5th	First warning signal 10:55 Race(s) to follow
Sunday 6th	First warning signal 10:55 Races to follow

9.4 No more than 3 races shall be sailed per day.

9.5 On Sunday 6th September no first warning signal for a race will be made after 14:30hrs.

10 MEASUREMENTS

10.1 Each boat shall produce, if requested, a valid measurement certificate at registration. Only certified sails may be used.

10.2 Equipment may be inspected or measured upon arrival or at any time during the Championship.

11 VENUE

11.1 The venue is Carrickfergus Sailing Club, County Antrim.

11.2. The sailing area will be on Belfast Lough.

12 COURSES

12.1 The courses to be sailed will be as defined in the Sailing Instructions and will be Windward Leeward type.

13 SCORING

13.1 7 Races are scheduled. 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

13.2 When 4 or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 Appendix T applies to this event.

14.2 RRS 44.1 is changed so that for incidents that occurred outside a mark zone, the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn penalty.

14.3 Any penalties incurred within the mark zone of mark 1 may be taken after rounding mark 1a as per RRS 44.2

14.4 Competitors are reminded to be aware of RRS 44.1 (b) "if the boat caused injury or serious damage or, despite taking a penalty, gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach her penalty shall be to retire".

15 BERTHING

15.1 The boats will be launched from Carrickfergus Sailing Club on Friday before racing and retrieved from the same slipway on Sunday after racing; in the interim the boats will be berthed in the adjacent Carrickfergus marina (i.e. this is a "wet regatta").

16 RADIO COMMUNICATION [DP]

16.1 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.

17 PRIZES

17.1 Overall prizes are 1st, 2nd and 3rd overall for the gold fleet and for the winners of the silver and bronze fleets.

17.2 The winner of the first race that counts in the championship will be awarded the annual Gerry Donleavy Memorial Cup.

17.3 The Jack Roy trophy will be presented to the best Dun Laoghaire boat overall. In addition, other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organisers.

18 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 other 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.

19 INSURANCE [DP] [NP]

19.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 3 million pounds sterling (or equivalent).

20 TEMPORARY MEMBERSHIP

20.1 All helms and their crews competing in the Event will be granted Temporary Membership of Carrickfergus Sailing Club for the duration of the event and will be bound by the rules of the Club. The Club reserves the right to withdraw such temporary membership.

Further Information

Further information from Carrickfergus Sailing Club, event directors Trevor D'Arcy 07739516817 or Alan McLernon 07778629869