



2020
FLYING FIFTEEN
AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS
ROYAL QUEENSLAND YACHT SQUADRON, MANLY QLD



Sailing Instructions

12 - 18 January 2020

Organising Authority

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The notation '[DP]' in a Rule in the Sailing Instructions means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification.
The notation '[SP]' in a Rule in the Sailing Instructions means that a Standard Penalty applies for a breach of that Rule.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The prescriptions and special regulations (SR) of Australian Sailing Part 2 will apply.
- 1.3 The Class Rules of the Flying Fifteen International (FFI) will apply.
- 1.4 RRS Appendix T – Arbitration will apply.
- 1.5 Where there is a conflict between the Notice of Race (NOR) and the Sailing Instructions (SI), the SI shall take precedence.
- 1.6 If there is a conflict between languages the English text shall take precedence.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors shall be posted on the [Official Online Notice Board](#).

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions shall be posted at least ninety (90) minutes before the earliest warning signal on the day it shall take effect; except when any change to the schedule of races it shall be posted by 1800 hrs on the day before it shall take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore shall be displayed on the official flagpole located adjacent to the RQYS main rigging lawn.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes'. This changes race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1. The schedule for the Regatta is shown in Attachment 1.
- 5.2. Two (2) races per day for four (4) championship race days, and one (1) race per day for one (1) championship race days, are scheduled for this regatta.

- 5.3. A maximum of three (3) races per day may be raced, providing the racing does not go more than one (1) day ahead of schedule.
- 5.4. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races shall begin soon, the orange starting line flag shall be displayed with one (1) sound at least five (5) minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 5.5. On the last day of the regatta, no warning signal will be made after 1530 hrs.
- 5.6. After a race, subsequent races are scheduled to start as soon as possible.

6. CLASS FLAG

The class flag to be used will be a white flag with a red Flying Fifteen insignia on it.

7. RACING AREAS

The location of racing is shown in Attachment 2.

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1. The course diagrams are shown in Attachment 3, including the order in which marks are to be passed.
- 8.2. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

9. MARKS

Marks, including starting and finishing marks, are described in Attachment 3.

10. THE START

- 10.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the start vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 10.2. A boat starting later than ten (10) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This amends RRS A4.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark or move the finishing line and remove the old mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced it will be replaced by an original mark.

12. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end finishing mark.

13. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 13.1. The target time for all races will be sixty (60) minutes.
- 13.2. The time limit for all races will be eighty (80) minutes.
- 13.3. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a)
- 13.4. Boats failing to finish within twenty (20) minutes of the first boat sailing the course and finishing will be scored DNF without a hearing.
- 13.5. This section 13, changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4.1 and A5.

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1. Protest forms are available online through the Official Online Notice Board or at the Regatta Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 14.2. For each class, the protest time limit is sixty (60) minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 14.3. Notices will be posted no later than thirty (30) minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, beginning at the time posted.
- 14.4. Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 14.5. The time and place of the arbitration hearing will be decided by the arbitrator and such advice may be given verbally. One (1) representative of each boat shall attend the arbitration hearing and no witnesses shall be allowed. The arbitrator shall decide the manner in which testimony is given.
- 14.6. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than thirty (30) minutes after the decision was posted. This amends RRS 62.2.
- 14.7. Breaches of Sailing Instructions marked [DP] and [SP] will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This amends RRS 60.1 (a).

15. SCORING

- 15.1. The score discards in this regatta will be as per below:

- i) When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of all her race scores.
- ii) When five (5) to seven (7) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.
When seven (7) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst two (2) scores.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1. All skippers shall SIGN ON before racing each day and SIGN OFF at the earliest possible time after the completion of racing (but not later than the end of protest time). The sign on will be available near the rigging lawn two (2) hours prior to the first warning signal scheduled on the day of racing. [DP]
- 16.2. The skipper of a boat that retires or does not intend to continue racing is required to SIGN OFF immediately on return to shore. [DP]
- 16.3. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. [DP]
- 16.4. Competitors shall comply with the following harbour bylaws:
 - i) All sailing vessels must give way to powered vessels at all times whilst inside the Manly Boat Harbour. Once outside the Manly Boat Harbour, competitors are to as soon as possible stay outside of the main channel. [DP]
 - ii) No spinnakers shall be flown in harbour. [DP]

17. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 17.1. The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 shall be a one-turn penalty (one tack and one gybe in the same direction) except that for infringements within the zone, as defined in the RRS, shall be a two-turns penalty (two tacks and two gybes in the same direction). This changes RRS 44.1 and 44.2.
- 17.2. A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 44.1 shall complete the acknowledgement form at the Regatta Office within the Protest Time Limit.

18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT [DP]

- 18.1. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee, and any substitution thus granted shall not helm the boat.
- 18.2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made in writing to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS [DP]

- 19.1. All boats shall be available for measurement checks during scheduled Registration and Measurement (see NOR 6.5).
- 19.2. No more than two (2) mainsails, two (2) headsails, and two (2) spinnakers shall be registered for use in the regatta. All sails must have been measured prior to arrival at the regatta. A boat's entry shall not be deemed complete until these checks have been satisfactorily completed.
- 19.3. In the event that a sail or spar is lost or damaged during the course of the championship to such an extent that it cannot be used, the Race Committee may authorise the use of a replacement sail or spar when a written request is made on a Request for Equipment Substitution form, available from the designated Regatta Office.
- 19.4. Measurement checks and inspections may be carried out at any time. A boat notified of inspection shall follow the instructions of the Race Committee.

20. EVENT ADVERTISING [DP]

Boats shall display any event advertising supplied by the organizing authority.

21. OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be marked with the letter RC, J or Media.

22. SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

- 22.1. It is a requirement of Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron that all coach and team boats are registered with the RQYS Sailing Office. Only registered boats will be allowed to launch, retrieve, berth and/or refuel at RQYS.
- 22.2. Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay 100m outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 22.3. Support boats shall be marked with an identifying sign or sticker incorporating a number. Support boats are required to register with the RQYS Sailing Office to acquire this sign or sticker and to supply the skipper's details, boats call sign, contact number and competitor they are representing.
- 22.4. When code flag 'W' is flown on the Start Vessel support boats are required by the race committee to remain afloat and assist all sailors.

23. TRASH DISPOSAL [DP]

Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

24. RADIO COMMUNICATION [DP]

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio communications whilst racing. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

25. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participation in an event, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority and the sponsors of the event, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at the discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition for said event in which the competitor participated and in all material related to the said event without compensation.

26. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

27. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000AUD per incident or the equivalent.

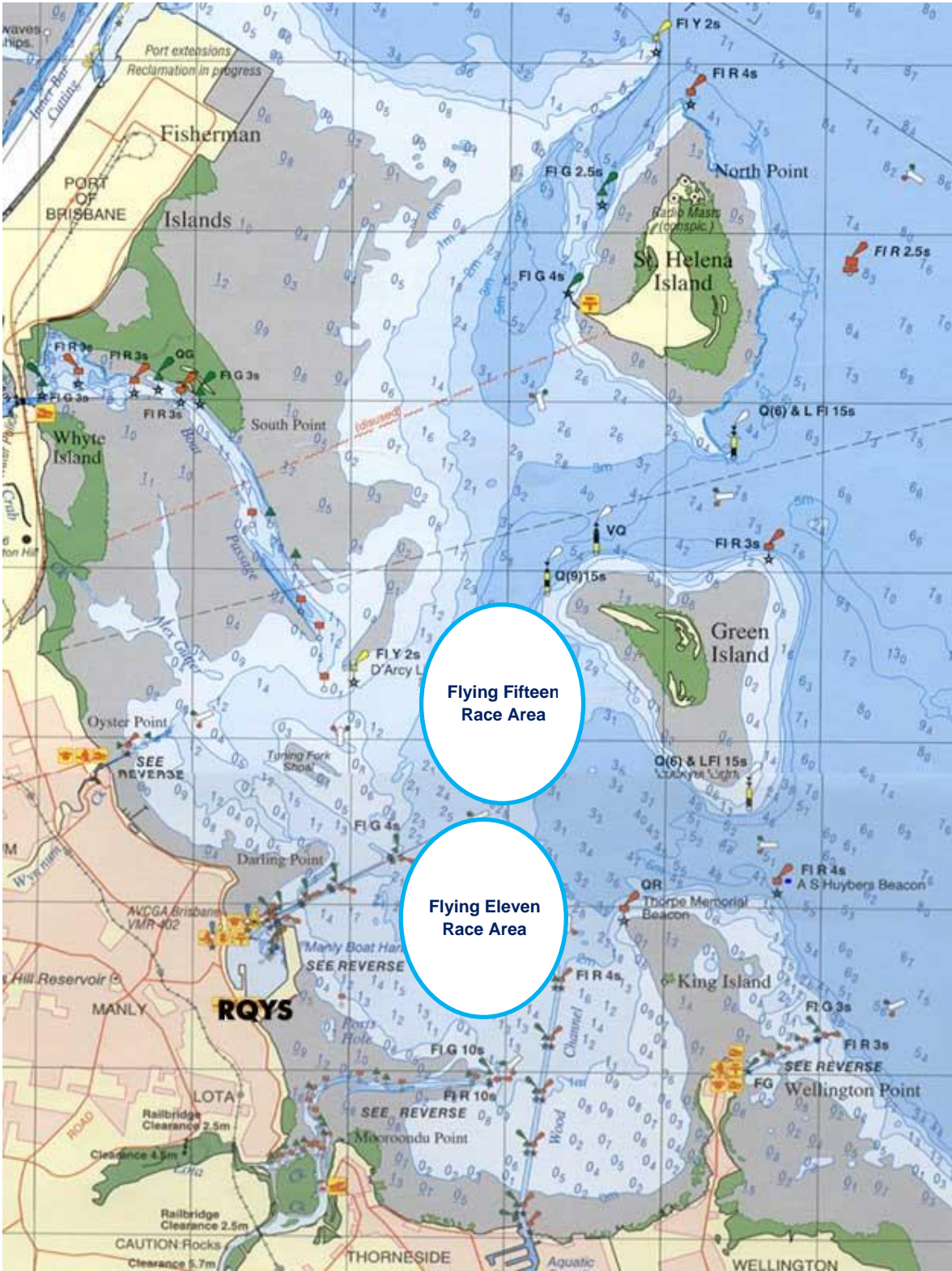
ATTACHMENT 1

SCHEDULE

NOTE: Registration shall be held at the Regatta Office (new Sailing Academy classroom) which is located adjacent to the RQYS Girdis Function Room on the Southern side of the Main Rigging Lawn.

Date	Event	Time / First Warning Signal
Sunday 12 January 2020	Measurement Commences	0800 hrs
	Crane Inductions at the Marina Slipway	0930 – 1230 hrs
	Registration	0930 – 1230 hrs
	Competitor Briefing in the Auditorium	1230 hrs
	Invitation Race	1400 hrs
	Competitors' Social on the Boardwalk*	1700 hrs
Monday 13 January 2020	Championship Racing	1330 hrs
Tuesday 14 January 2020	Championship Racing	1330 hrs
Wednesday 15 January 2020	FFIA AGM in the Auditorium	1000 hrs
	Championship Racing	1330 hrs
Thursday 16 January 2020	Lay Day	
Friday 17 January 2020	Championship Racing	1330 hrs
Saturday 18 January 2020	Championship Racing	1300 hrs
	Presentation Function**	1800 hrs

ATTACHMENT 2 RACING AREA



Flying Fifteen
Race Area

Flying Eleven
Race Area

ATTACHMENT 3

COURSE DIAGRAMS

CODE	COURSE	MARKS DESCRIPTION
L2	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – Finish	Marks 1, 1a, 4s, 4p: Orange Inflatables Mark 2: Purple Inflatable
L3	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – Finish	Start & Finish Pins: Orange Teardrops Change Mark: Yellow Inflatable Mark
T2	Start – 1 – 1a – 2 – 4p – 1 – 1a – Finish	
T3	Start – 1 – 1a – 2 – 4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 2 – Finish	

