

Felixstowe Ferry Sailing Club

Sailing Instructions

Catamaran Open

UKCRA Junior Cat Championships, F18 TT, Spitfire TT & Dart 16 National Championships
23rd & 24th of June 2018

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. Entrants and authorised guests are temporary members of Felixstowe Ferry Sailing Club during the period of the event and shall comply with Club Rules and Bylaws. Failure to observe these may result in exclusion from the club premises.
- 1.3. Rule 40 (Personal Floatation Devices) shall apply at all times whilst afloat. Flag Y will not be displayed on the shore. This changes RRS 40.
- 1.4. Sail Numbers
 - 1.4.1. Where a boat has the same sail number as a boat already registered, she shall inform the Race Committee who will advise on appropriate alternate identification.
 - 1.4.2. A boat shall not race with an incorrect sail number unless she has notified the Race Committee at registration.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located inside the sailing club.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than 45 minutes before the start of any race affected.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole of the crows nest on the river side of the clubhouse.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in the race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

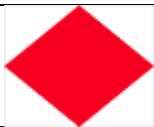

- 5.1. Dates, Number of Races and Scheduled Start times

		Start 1	Start 2
		Fast Handicap <i>F18 TT</i> <i>Spitfire TT</i>	Slow Handicap <i>UKCRA Junior Championships,</i> <i>Dart 16 National Championships</i>
Sat 23 Jun	Race 1	13:00	13:04
	Race 2 & 3	<i>Back to back with Race 1</i>	
Sun 24 Jun	Race 4	10:30	10:34
	Race 5 & 6	<i>Back to back with Race 4</i>	

- 5.2. At the discretion of the Class Representatives and the Race Officer, Race 4 may be brought forward to Saturday to allow for any inclement weather forecasts. This decision will be announced at the briefing and on the official notice board.
- 5.3. To alert boats that a race will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with multiple sound signals at least one minute before the warning signal is made.
- 5.4. On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1400hrs.

6. FLEET FLAGS

6.1. Test

FLEET	FLAG	
Fast Handicap	F	
Slow Handicap	J	

7. RACING AREAS

The racing area will be displayed on the official notice board.

8. THE COURSES

Course diagrams are shown in Attachment A including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9. MARKS

Description of marks is included in Attachment A.

10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

Boats are not to:

- sail between the beach and markers at the end of the groynes.
- Fly spinnakers in the moorings

Attention should be paid to the current state of the bar in order to prevent damage to boats. The best way out to the race area will be explained at the briefing.

11. THE START

11.1. Races will be started using a three minute start sequence. This changes RRS 26.

Minutes before starting signal	Visual Signal	Sound	Means
3	Class Flag	One	Warning Signal
2	U, or black flag	One	Preparatory Signal
1	Preparatory flag removed	One long	One Minute
0	Class flag removed	One	Starting Signal

The warning signal for each succeeding fleet shall be made no less than one minute after the previous fleet start.

- 11.2. The starting line will be between the staff of the committee boat displaying an orange flag and the port end starting mark, which will be a yellow pillar buoy.
- 11.3. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 11.4. A boat starting later than 3 minutes after her starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start" without a hearing. This changes rule A4.
- 11.5. Fleets may be started in any order but will normally be started as stated in instruction 5 above.

11.6. General recalls go to the end of the sequence. This modifies RRS 26 and 29.2.

12. THE FINISH

12.1. Each race will be approximately 45 minutes duration, at the discretion of the race committee.

12.2. SHORTEN COURSE – The meaning of Flag 'S' is changed to the extent that when flag 'S' is displayed on the Committee Boat the course for all boats (regardless of the number of laps they have completed) is to sail directly to the Finish Line after they sail the course and next sail through gate 2s/2p.

12.3. The Finish Line will be between the mast displaying a BLUE flag and the finish mark as defined in ATTACHMENT A – COURSE. This changes Rule 32.2.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1. A one turn (360 degree) penalty will replace the “two turns” penalty. This modifies RRS 44.

13.2. Boats which fail to start or finish correctly or to sail the course as set and thus fail to comply with Rule 28 may be disqualified without protest. This changes RR2 63.1

14. TIME LIMIT

14.1. If no boat has passed Mark 1/1A within 20 minutes, the race for that class will be abandoned.

14.2. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in her start sails the course and finishes will be scored “Did Not Finish”. This changes RRS 35 and A4 and A5.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1. Protest forms are available at the race office. Protest and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

15.2. For each fleet the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat in the class has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the later.

15.3. Notices will be posted on the official notice board no later than 30 minutes after of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the jury room, located on the ground floor down the stairs to the left of main entrance to the Club house beginning at the time posted.

15.4. Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

15.5. RYA Arbitration - The exoneration Penalty and the RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. Decisions from RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed. See the official notice board for details.

16. SCORING

16.1. The handicap fleets will race on SCHRS handicaps

16.2. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series for the cat open. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series for the Dart 16 Nationals, F18 TT, Spitfire TT and UKCRA Junior Championships.

16.3. When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races scores.

When four or more races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race score, excluding her worst score.

17. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

Unless otherwise specified in class rules, for the series of races comprising this event only the helm named on the entry form will be eligible. For two person classes:

- the registered helm may swap with the registered crew.
- the registered helm may sail with different crews.
- the registered crew may sail in the registered boat with a crew other than the registered helm but must seek approval of the Race Committee. This will be deemed a separate entry: no additional entry fee will be charged and their results cannot be combined with the registered helm's results.

18. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

A boat that does not finish or retires after finishing shall sign to this effect against her sail number on the Declaration Sheet no later than 30 minutes after the last boat finishes that race (or the last race before going ashore if races are sailed back-to-back).

20. PRIZES

Prizes will be allocated as decided by the organising committee and class associations.

21. RADIO COMMUNICATION

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 phones.

22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

RISK STATEMENT

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or continue racing is hers alone." Sailing is by 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 to themselves, their crew, their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part;
- (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 a patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances
- (g) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3,000,000 against third party claims
- (h) 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 safety briefing held for the event

23. BRIEFING

There will be a briefing in the outside area in front of the portacabin or inside the club in the bar area on Saturday the 23rd of June at noon.

Attachment A – Course and Marks

