



Felixstowe Ferry S A I L I N G C L U B

Catamaran Open & Dart 16 National Championship

31st July & 1st August 2021

Felixstowe Ferry Sailing Club, Ferry Road, Felixstowe, IP11 9RZ

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 RRS 40 is changed as follows: Rule 40.1 (Personal floatation devices) shall apply at all times when afloat. Flag Y will not be displayed on shore.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the lobby of *Felixstowe Ferry Sailing Club*.
- 3.2 The race office is located at *Felixstowe Ferry Sailing Club, Ferry Road, Felixstowe, IP11 9RZ*, telephone 01394 283785, email sailing@ffsc.co.uk.
- 3.3 A competitor briefing will be held at 11:00am on Saturday 31st July on the patio area outside the clubhouse

- 3.5 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole of the crows nest on the river side of the clubhouse.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.
- 5.3 [DP] Flag D with one sound means 'Boats shall not leave the shore until this signal is made. The warning signal will not be made before the scheduled time or less than 60 minutes after flag D is displayed.'

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1

		Start 1	Start 2
		Fast Fleet <i>F18 TT</i>	Slow Fleet <i>Dart 16 National Championships Shearwater TT & Handicap Fleet</i>
Sat 31st July	Race 1	12:35	12:45
	Race 2 & 3	<i>Back to back with Race 1&2</i>	
Sun 1st Aug	Race 4	10:35	10:45
	Race 5 & 6	<i>Back to back with Race 4&5</i>	

- 6.2 One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that no class becomes more than one race ahead of schedule and the change is made according to SI 2.1.
- 6.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 6.5 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 14:00.

7 CLASS FLAGS

7.1 The class flags are:

FLEET	FLAG	
Fast Handicap	F	
Slow Handicap	J	

8 RACING AREA

8.1 The location of the race area will be seaward of the Deben bar.

9 COURSES

9.1 The diagram(s) in SI Addendum *B* show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The approximate course duration is *45 minutes*.

9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

10 MARKS

10.1 Marks and courses are as detailed in SI Addendum *B*.

11 OBSTRUCTIONS

11.1 The following area is designated as an obstruction:

The area between the markers on the end of the groynes and the shore

11.2 Boats shall not sail through the moorings other than when necessary to launch or recover the boat.

11.3 Boats are recommended to follow the navigation marks when exiting or returning to the river.

12 THE START

12.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

12.3 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

- 12.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 12.6 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 12.7 A boat that does not start within 3 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position.

14 THE FINISH

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

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.2 For all classes, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

16 TIME LIMITS

- 16.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
<i>20 minutes</i>	<i>90 minutes</i>	<i>25 minutes</i>

- 16.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 16.3 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalised, or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
- 16.4 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

17 HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat in that class finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 17.2 Hearing request forms are available from the registration desk or the official notice board.
- 17.3 Notices will be posted no later than 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 Riverside training room, located adjacent to the clubhouse, beginning at the time posted.

18 SCORING

- 18.2 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.5 (a) When fewer than 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores.
(b) When from 4 to 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

- 18.6 Rule A5.3 applies.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1 [DP] A tally board will be located on the patio outside the club adjacent to the training room. All boats must collect wristbands matching their allocated tally number prior to going afloat, separate bands are provided for crew and helm. Upon returning to shore all competitors must post their tally in the appropriate box to indicate if they have completed the races or retired. Failure to return tallies within 1 hour of the final race of the day will result in a boat being scored DNF.

- 19.2 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity. Promptly after returning to shore, the boat shall notify the beachmaster.

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 20.1 [DP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the *Race Committee*.
- 20.2 [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorised in writing by the *Race Committee*. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 21.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.
- 21.2 [DP] When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

22 SUPPLIED BOATS

- 22.1 For the Dart 16 class only boats may be supplied by the organizing authority. See SI Addendum A.

23 OFFICIAL VESSELS

- 23.1 Official vessels will be identified as follows:

Committee Boat - White 32' motor launch "Moonboom"



Safety Boats (RIB's): Miss Deben

Giles

Beryl T

Jubilee

Mark Boats

Annie T - White wheelhouse motor launch

Blue Hardy 18 wheelhouse motor launch

24 [DP] SUPPORT TEAMS

- 24.2 Team leaders, coaches and other support persons other than official mark laying and safety boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

25 TRASH DISPOSAL

- 25.1 Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.

26 BERTHING

- 26.1 [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the boat park.

29 PRIZES

- 29.1 Prizes will be given in each class for *the first 3 places*.

30 RISK STATEMENT

- 30.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury.
- Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

31 INSURANCE

- 31.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million per incident or the equivalent.

SI ADDENDUM A

DART 16's ONLY

WHERE BOATS ARE SUPPLIED BY THE ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

A1 BOATS

- A1.1 Boats may be supplied under the terms of the FFSC boat hire agreement. Competitors using FFSC boats shall not modify them or cause them to be modified in any way except that
- (a) a compass may be tied or taped to the hull or spars;
 - (b) wind indicators, including yarn or thread, may be tied or taped anywhere on the boat;
 - (c) hulls, centreboards and rudders may be cleaned, but only with water;
 - (d) adhesive tape may be used anywhere above the water line; and
 - (e) all fittings or equipment designed to be adjusted may be adjusted, provided that the class rules are complied with.
- A1.2 All equipment supplied with the boat for sailing purposes shall be in the boat while afloat.
- A1.3 The penalty for not complying with one of the above instructions is disqualification from all races sailed in which the instruction was broken.
- A1.4 Competitors shall report any damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the organizing authority's representative immediately after securing the boat ashore. The penalty for breaking this instruction, unless the protest committee is satisfied that the competitor made a determined effort to comply, is disqualification from the race most recently sailed.
- A1.5 Class rules requiring competitors to be members of the class association do not apply.
- A1.6 Boats must not go afloat when wind speed exceeds 20knots.

SI ADDENDUM B

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Fast Handicap (F18)

Windward/Leeward course with spreader and leeward gate.

2 Laps	Start - 1 - 1a - 2p/2s - 1 - 1a - 2p/2s - Finish
3 Laps	Start - 1 - 1a - 2p/2s - 1 - 1a - 2p/2s - 1 - 1a - 2p/2s - Finish
4 Laps	Start - 1 - 1a - 2p/2s - Finish

Slow Handicap (Dart 16, Shearwater, SCHRS greater than 1.19)

Triangle / Sausage course, always pass through start/finish line on windward leg

1 Laps	Start - 3 - 4 - 5 - Line - 3 - 5 - Finish
2 Laps	Start - 3 - 4 - 5 - Line - 3 - 5 - Line - 3 - 4 - 5 - Line - 3 - 5 - Finish
3 Laps	Start - 3 - 4 - 5 - Line - 3 - 5 - Line - 3 - 4 - 5 - Line - 3 - 5 - Line - 3 - 4 - 5 - Line - 3 - 5 - Finish

MARK DESCRIPTIONS

Mark Number	Description
1	Black Cylindrical Inflatable
1a	Yellow stick mark
2s	Green Cylindrical Inflatable
2p	Red Cylindrical Inflatable
3	Yellow Cylindrical Inflatable
4 & 5	Orange Cylindrical "Scandia"
Start	Orange Stick Mark