



# Felixstowe Ferry

## SAILING CLUB

### Open Regatta and Dart 16 National Championships



*Kindly sponsored by Billie Box*



#### Six races at sea over two days

**Saturday 26** (first start 13.00) and **Sunday 27** (first start 10.30) **August 2023**,  
Felixstowe Ferry Sailing Club (FFSC), Ferry Road, Felixstowe, IP11 9RZ

#### Notice of Race (NOR) and Sailing Instructions (SIs)

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the [Racing Rules of Sailing \(RRS\)](#) and [RYA Prescriptions](#), except where varied by these NOR/SIs. *Individual points of variance are not listed.*
- 1.2 The Equipment Rules of sailing (ERS) shall apply, except where varied by Class Rules.
- 2 Competitors should note that the FFSC implements the [RYA Racing Charter](#) and that they will be expected to sail in compliance with it.
- 3 **Entry Classes:** Cat handicap SCHRS 1.429 or less, Monohull dinghy handicap PR 1208 (ILCA 4.7) or less. Dart 16 and other classes if numbers permit will be given separate results.  
**Entry fees:** FFSC Members: FREE  
Visitors: One crew - £40, Two crew - £50  
[Enter online](#) by 14.00 Thurs 24 August. Late entry fee £5. Single day entries are welcome.
- 4 For FFSC **Boat Hire**, camping and campervan parking details, see entry form.
- 5 Felixstowe Ferry has limited launching so for events with large numbers of boats we ask competitors not to block access points to the beach when launching and recovering. Launching will take place on the beach and slipway at the front of the club. Boats shall not be launched from the public slipway adjacent to the jetty.
- 6 The bar will be open Friday and Saturday evenings. Breakfast will be available Saturday and Sunday mornings, and competitors are welcome to join us for a meal on Saturday evening, bookable at registration.
- 7 **Insurance.** Each boat must have minimum third party cover of £3 million per incident.
- 8 **Registration** will be at FFSC from 09.00 on Saturday 26 August and Sunday 27 August.
- 9 **Communication with Competitors**
  - 9.1 Notices to Competitors (NTC) will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) in the Club lobby area.
  - 9.2 The **Race Office** is at Felixstowe Ferry Sailing Club, Ferry Road, Felixstowe, IP11 9RZ, telephone 01394 283785, email [sailing@ffsc.co.uk](mailto:sailing@ffsc.co.uk)

- 10 **Changes to SIs** will be posted on the ONB at least 1 hour before the scheduled start time of the first race of the day. Flag 'L' will be displayed. Changes will refer to specific SIs where appropriate.
- 11 Adequate **Personal Buoyancy** shall be worn by all competitors at all times when afloat except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet and dry suits do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy.
- 12 **Signals made ashore** will be displayed from the mast adjacent to the Race Box. When flag 'AP' is displayed ashore it will be removed not less than 45 minutes before the postponed start.
- 13 **Briefing** for competitors will be at 11.30 at the Club on Saturday 26 August.

14 **Class Flags**


Cats Dart Class flag



Monohull Numeral Pennant 1



15 **Race Schedule:**

Day	Race	Warning signals Cats	Warning signals Monohulls	Tide times <a href="#">UKHO Easytide Woodbridge Haven</a>
Sat	1	12.55	13.00	LW 13.09 1.16m
26 August	2	asap after race 1	asap after race 1	
	3	asap after race 2	asap after race 2	
Sun	4	10.25	10.30	LW 14.44 1.05m
27 August	5	asap after race 1	asap after race 1	
		6	asap after race 2	asap after race 2

Starts may be combined or re-allocated if numbers dictate.

16 **Mandatory Tally System**

- 16.1 A Tally Number will be allocated to each boat at registration. This number will also be attached to the boat's launching trolley.
- 16.2 The Beachmaster will be in charge of the Tally Board, situated near where boats are launching. Competitors shall follow instructions issued by the Beachmaster or assistants. In the event of a conflict of instructions, those issued by the Beachmaster shall prevail.
- 16.3 Flag D will be displayed not less than 45 minutes before the first warning signal of the day. Tallies will not be issued before flag D is displayed.
- 16.4 Competitors, both helm and crew, shall wear their tally wrist bands before going afloat.
- 16.5 Tally bands shall be returned to their correct hooks on the Tally Board as soon as competitors return ashore, and no later than 30 minutes after the last boat returns.
- 16.6 Failure to tally out or tally in will result in a Fine Penalty of £10 to the RNLI. Failure to pay the fine will result in disqualification without a hearing from all races that day. The Race Office must be notified immediately of the acceptance of the Fine Penalty.

## 17 Race Area

- 17.1 Racing will take place within 2 nautical miles of the club to the east, seaward of the Knolls shingle banks. The tide here runs parallel to the coast at up to 2 kn, SW flood and NE ebb.
- 17.2 There is no significant commercial traffic, but numerous leisure vessels, possibly with limited manoeuvrability, especially in the narrow marked channel, use the River.
- 17.3 Access the Racing Area by the marked channel to SE of the Club ([Imray Navigation Chartlet](#)).
- 17.4 If conditions dictate races will be held inside the River.
- 17.5 Groyne and pier end markers and areas between these and the shore are obstructions.
- 17.6 Boats should not sail through the moorings except for launching and recovery.

## 18 Official Boats

- 18.1 Committee Boat (CB), will be notified at the briefing and ONB.
- 18.2 Safety Boats (SB), RIBs *Miss Deben*, *Giles*, *Beryl T*, *Jubilee*, will also act as mark boats.

## 19 Marks

- 19.1 The Start line marks are described in SI 21.1,
- 19.2 Windward rounding mark 1 will be a black cylindrical inflatable buoy,
- 19.4 Rounding wing marks 2 and 3, will be green, yellow or red cylindrical inflatable buoys,
- 19.5 Lee rounding mark 4 will be yellow "Scandia" inflatable buoy,
- 19.6 The Finish line marks are described in SI 22.1.

## 20 Course (see also diagram para 30)

- 20.1 The course will be a trapezoid; windward, reaching, leeward, reaching, windward.
- 20.2 The Start/Finish line will be on the windward leg approx 25% upwind from the lee mark.
- 20.3 All marks will be left to port, except for the CB on the start/finish line.
- 20.4 The approximate compass bearing of the first mark may be displayed on a board on the CB.
- 20.5 Boats must pass through the start/finish line on every lap, so completing that lap.
- 20.6 There will be no set number of laps displayed or to be sailed.

## 21 Start will use rule 26 (5-4-1-off) procedure:

Warning signal	Class Flag displayed	1 sound	- 5 minutes
Preparatory signal	Blue Peter P displayed	1 sound	- 4 minutes
One minute signal	Blue Peter removed	1 sound	- 1 minute
START	Class Flag removed	1 sound	0, START

- 21.1 The Start Line will lie between a staff displaying an orange flag on the CB, starboard end, and an orange cylindrical inflatable buoy, port end.
- 21.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the start sequence for other races.
- 21.3 The Warning Signal for Start 2 will coincide with the Start 1 Starting Signal.
- 21.4 If a boat is OCS at its start, Flag X will be displayed with 1 sound signal. The Race Committee (RC) will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, or if a hail is not heard, or the order of hails, will not be grounds for a request for redress.
- 21.5 For a general recall First Substitute will be displayed with 2 sound signals.
- 21.6 A general recall start will be 5 minutes after the second start, or a previous recalled start.
- 21.7 A boat starting more than 5 minutes late will be scored 'Did Not Start' (DNS).
- 21.8 For a recalled rule 30.4 (Black Flag) start, identified OCS/BFD numbers will be displayed at the stern of the CB for a minimum of 3 minutes after a long sound signal.

## 22 **Finish**

- 22.1 The Finish Line will coincide with the Start Line. The Orange station flag on the CB *may* be replaced with a blue flag.
- 22.2 The Race will end after 45 to 60 minutes when Flag S is displayed with 2 sound signals. Each boat will finish the next time it crosses the Finish Line after S is displayed.
- 22.3 As boats may not sail the same number of laps, average lap times will be used for handicapping.
- 22.4 After finishing races 1 and 2 boats **must** keep clear of the Finish Line and boats not yet finished, waiting to starboard of CB for the next race start.

23 A boat that **retires** shall notify CB/SB/MB as soon as possible.

24 **Penalties.** Cats may use a one turn penalty; monohulls must take a two turn penalty except for hitting a mark which incurs a one turn penalty, asap, clear of the mark and other boats.

25 There are no set **time limits**, which are at the RO's discretion without grounds for redress.

## 26 **Protests and requests for redress**

- 26.1 Protest forms will be available at the Race Office or ONB.
- 26.2 Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit, which is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. This same protest time limit applies to protests by the race committee or protest committee.
- 26.3 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.
- 26.4 Notices of protests by the RC or Protest Committee (PC) will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 26.6 On Sunday a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered either: a) Within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision the previous day, or b) No later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.
- 26.7 On Sunday a request for redress based on a PC decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted.
- 26.8 Notices of Protests and Redress hearings posted on the ONB shall be considered sufficient notice to all parties and witnesses. It is the responsibility of parties to consult the ONB at or before notice expiry time before leaving the venue for the day.
- 26.9 The Exoneration Penalty and RYA Arbitration of the [RYA Rules Disputes Procedures](#) will be available. The Exoneration Penalty will be a 30% placing penalty with a minimum of 3 places, but not greater than DNF, and will be scored DPI. The Arbitration Penalty will be the same as the Exoneration Penalty, scored DPI.

27.1 **Scoring** The event will use the Low Point Scoring System.

27.2 Six races are scheduled; three completed will constitute a series.

27.3 If only 3 races are completed, a boat's series score will include all three race scores. If four or more races are completed, the boat's worst score will be discarded.

28 **Prizes.** The winner of the Dart 16 National Championships will receive The Dart 16 National Championship Trophy. Other prizes will depend on the number of entries.

## 29 **Replacement of Crew or Equipment**

Any request to substitute a nominated crew shall be submitted at the Race Office before going afloat. The full name of the replacement crew must be provided. Substitution of a crew must not be used for the purpose of gaining an advantage in the race series.

30 **Equipment and Measurement Checks**

Boats may be measured or checked at any time to monitor compliance with the Class Rules. Each boat must possess a measurement certificate or have good evidence of such.

31 **Outside Help**

Any boat that receives outside help, whether permitted by rule 41 or not, shall report the facts to the RC within the time period for protests.

27 **Rubbish** may be placed aboard support or official boats, except the Committee Boat.

Breaches of RRS 55 may incur a penalty less than disqualification at the discretion of the PC.

28 **Radio Communication**

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

29 **Risk Statement.** 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 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.

30 **Course diagram**

## Trapezoid Course

- All marks to Port
- Cross line on each lap
- No set number of laps
- Flag S + 2 sounds after 45-60 mins
- Finish at next line crossing

