

RS FEVA FINAL FLING
Royal North of Ireland Yacht Club
Sat 7 October 2023

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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.

1 RULES

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 – 2024*.
- 1.2. The prescriptions of the RYA shall apply.
- 1.3. International RS Feva Class Association class rules shall apply.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors may be posted online on www.rniyc.org and on the official notice board located at the clubhouse – bar window.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not later than two hours before the scheduled start time of the first race, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water by a committee vessel by communicating with a boat verbally. Code flag L will be displayed on the race committee vessel.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the club flag pole.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

<i>Date</i>	<i>Race</i>	<i>Warning Signal</i>	<i>Low Water BST</i>	<i>High Water BST</i>
7 October	1	14:25	12:00	18:00
	2	as soon as possible after race 1		
	3	as soon as possible after race 2		

- 5.2 An additional race may be run at the discretion of the race committee.
- 5.3 To alert boats that a race will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least one minute before a warning signal is displayed. This will be known as the attention signal.

6 CLASS FLAG

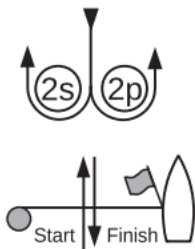
The Class Flag will be RS Feva Class Flag on a white background.

7 RACING AREAS

Racing will take place on Belfast Lough. Roughly in front of the yacht club, or north-east from the yacht club. To be confirmed at briefing.

8 THE COURSE

8.1 The course will be windward/leeward.



- 8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee may display the No.2 or the No. 3 on a board on the committee vessel indicating the number of laps of the course to be completed. If no board is displayed, then 2 laps are to be completed.
- 8.3 If 2 laps are to be sailed the marks shall be rounded in the following order:
Start 1, 2P(or 2S), 1, Finish.
- 8.4 If 3 laps are to be sailed marks shall be rounded in the following order:
Start 1, 2P(or 2S), 1, 2P(or 2S), 1, Finish.
- 8.5 Boats must round mark 1 to port. Marks 2S and 2P form a gate and mark 3S is to be left to starboard or mark 3P to port. A gate may be replaced by a single mark to be left to port (2P).
- 8.6 If it is necessary to shorten the number of laps indicated for a race, a race committee boat will display Flag 'F' in the vicinity of the leeward gate while making repetitive sound signals. Boats shall pass through the leeward gate as normal and proceed to the finish line. This is an additional instruction and changes rule RRS 32.2.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Marks 1, 2S and 2P will be spherical orange buoys.
- 9.2 The start/finish mark will be a spherical red buoy.

10 THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a pole on the committee vessel displaying an orange flag and a spherical red buoy at the port end of the line.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark to a new position.
- 11.2 Minor course changes may not be signalled. This changes RRS 33.

12 THE FINISH

The finish line will be between a pole with a blue flag on the committee vessel and the course side of a spherical red finishing mark.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 14.1 The time limit will be 70 minutes.
- 14.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 14.3 The race committee may also award a finishing score to a boat that is still racing by displaying to her from a committee vessel (which may be in motion) code flag W —*Whiskey* – with one sound signal. A boat so notified is no longer required to sail the course (this changes RRS 28.1), shall stop racing and shall return to the starting area, or return ashore if there is no more racing.
- 14.4 The target time for the lead boat in each race will be thirty-five minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 15.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

16 SCORING

- 16.1 The Low Points System of Appendix A will apply.
- 16.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.3 (a) When three or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, this changes RRS A2.
(b) When more than three races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 A boat that retires from a race should, where possible, notify the race committee as soon as possible. [DP]
- 17.2 Competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times when afloat, except when changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wetsuits and drysuits are not considered to be adequate. This changes RRS 40.

18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 18.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior approval of the race committee. [DP]

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

20 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

21 PRIZES

Prizes will be given for first, second and third overall. There will also be a number of other prizes.

22 RISK STATEMENT

Risk Statement is as published in the Notice of Race.

23 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per event or the equivalent.