



OPEN REGATTA 2026

Fireball & 420 Class

and

Flying Fifteen Southern Area Championship

Saturday 16th to Sunday 17th May 2026

Royal Torbay Yacht Club

12 Beacon Terrace, Torquay, England, TQ1 2BH

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Royal Torbay Yacht Club (RTYC)

Times stated in these Sailing Instructions (SI's) or in any other instructions concerning the races are in British Summer Time (UTC + 1).

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

The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule.

This changes RRS 60.1.

1 RULES

1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 and as stated in the Notice of Race.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 09:00 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 hours on the day before it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the respective official notice boards on the event website <https://rtyc.org/event/fireball-420-flying15-openregatta/>

3.2 [DP] While racing, 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.
This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and watches with GPS.

- 3.3 Applicable to the Flying 15 class only ,when on the water, the race committee may make broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio Channel 77 to advise OCS boats and course changes. Failure to receive such communications shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).
- 3.4 A competitor’s WhatsApp group will be used, providing notifications and Race Committee communications whilst ashore. Failure to receive WhatsApp messages shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

4 CODE OF CONDUCT [DP]

- 4.1 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 at the inshore end of Haldon Pier.
- 5.2 When Flag AP is displayed ashore, 1 minute is replaced with not less than 45 minutes in Race Signals AP.
- 5.3 [DP] From Saturday 16th May to Sunday 17th May boats shall not leave the harbour until Flag D is displayed with one sound signal. The warning signal will not be displayed before the scheduled time or less than 45 minutes after flag D is displayed.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES



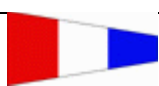
6.1 Dates and Number of Races:

Date	Activity	Time	Number of Races
Friday 15 th May	Early Arrivals - Haldon Pier Registration at RTYC	From 12.30 15.00 – 17.00	
Saturday 16 th May	Registration at RTYC Competitor Briefing – Corinthian Room RTYC First Warning Signal - Fireball & 420 Classes First Warning Signal - Flying Fifteen Class	08.30 - 10.00 10.00 11.55 12.55	Up to 4 races.
Sunday 17 th May	First Warning Signal - Fireball & 420 Classes First Warning Signal - Flying Fifteen Class	09.55 10.55	Up to 4 races.

- 6.2 It is intended that six(6) races will be sailed over 2 days.
- 6.3 On Sunday 17th May there will be no warning signal will be displayed after 15.00.

7 CLASS FLAGS

7.1 The Class flags will be

Fireball Class Flag or Numeral Pennant One	
420 Class Flag or Numeral Pennant Two	
Flying Fifteen Class Flag or Numeral Pennant Three	

8 RACING AREA

- 8.1 The racing area will be as Addendum 1 of Notice of Race.

9 THE COURSES

- 9.1 The course diagrams and configuration are shown in Addendum A.
- 9.2 No later than the warning signal, the main RC vessel will display on a board the course to be sailed and the approximate bearing and distance to the first mark

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Marks 1, 1a, 2, 2s, 2p, 3, 3s, 3p will be Orange inflatables.
- 10.2 The change mark for Mark 1 will be a Black inflatable.
- 10.3 If one of the gate marks or the spreader mark is missing and has not been replaced as described in RRS34, the remaining mark shall be rounded to port.
- 10.4 The start marks will be Race Committee vessel with a mast displaying an Orange flag and a Race Committee vessel or a danbuoy displaying an Orange flag
- 10.5 The finish marks will be a Race Committee vessel with a mast displaying a Blue flag and a danbuoy displaying a Blue flag.

11 OBSTRUCTIONS [DP]

- 11.1 The following is an obstruction – A yellow buoy with associated trailing buoys serving as a wave monitor located at approximately 050°43N 003°51W.

12 THE START

- 12.1 The starting line will be between the mast on the main Race Committee vessel displaying an Orange flag and a RC vessel displaying an Orange flag or a danbuoy displaying an Orange flag.
- 12.2 To alert boats that a race will soon begin, the Orange starting line flags will be displayed with one sound at least 5 minutes before a class warning signal is displayed.
- 12.3 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored 'Did not Start' without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
- 12.4 [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1 To change the next leg of the course the RC will either lay a new mark (or move the gate or the finishing line) and remove the original marks as soon as practicable.
- 13.2 When Mark 1 is moved the original Mark 1a will be repositioned, where practicable.
- 13.3 When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 13.4 The RC may move a mark up to approximately 100m without signalling the change. This changes RRS 33. If a new mark is laid, the change will be signalled.

14 THE FINISH

- 14.1 The Finish Line will be between the staff displaying a Blue flag on the Race Committee vessel and a danbuoy displaying a Blue flag
- 14.2 [NP][DP] Boats which have finished shall not re-cross the line in either direction until the Blue flag is removed.
- 14.3 [NP][DP] When a race committee vessel (which may be in motion) displays flag W with two sounds, boats that have not yet finished may be given a finishing place. A boat so notified is no longer required to sail the course, shall stop racing and shall return to the starting area, or return ashore if there is no more racing.
- 14.4 The finishing place given in 14.3 shall match the boat's race position in the race at that time.

14.5 The decision by the race committee to use this procedure, or not to use it, shall not be grounds for requesting redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b).

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

15.1 RRS 44.3 does not apply.

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

16 TIME LIMITS and TARGET TIMES

16.1 The target time for each race of each class is 40 minutes. Failure to meet the target time shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a)

16.2 The Mark 1 Time limit is 20 minutes. If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 time limit, the race will be abandoned. This shall not be grounds for redress and changes RRS 61.1(a)

17 HEARING REQUESTS

17.1 Hearing request forms are available from the Race Office at RTYC or on the event website.

17.2 The Protest Time Limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day for that class or, the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the later. The time will be posted on 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 take place in a Protest Room located at the Royal Torbay Yacht Club, beginning at the time posted.

17.4 Appendix T (Arbitration) applies.

17.5 Rules in the Sailing Instructions marked [NP] shall not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1.

18 SCORING

18.1 See NoR 15

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP][NP]

19.1 The tally control point to check-out and check-in will be located at the top of the slipway on Haldon Pier.

19.2 All helms and crews shall individually check-out before racing by personally advising Tally control of their sail number.

19.3 All helms and crews shall also individually check-in immediately on returning to shore after racing, but no later than the protest time limit, by personally advising Tally control of their sail number.

19.4 A boat that retires from a race shall notify a RC boat as soon as soon as possible or the race office immediately after returning to the harbour.

19.5 When returning to the harbour, boats may be held outside the harbour entrance to avoid unnecessary congestion in the harbour. All boats are required to follow the instructions of the safety ribs supervising this process.

19.6 The race committee may protest a boat for a breach of these safety regulations

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT [DP]

20.1 Substitution of competitors is not allowed without the prior written approval of the RC.

20.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed without the written approval of the RC. Requests shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity.

21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS [DP]

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

22 SUPPLIED BOATS

Does not apply

23 OFFICIAL VESSELS

- 23.1 The main Race Committee vessel is identified by blue spray dodgers with white letters RTYC.
- 23.2 Mark Layers will display Yellow Flags with the letter M.
- 23.3 Safety boats will display Yellow Flags.
- 23.4 The Photography boat will display a White Flag.

24 SUPPORT TEAMS [DP]

- 24.1 Support person vessels are not allowed. See NoR 16.1

25 TRASH DISPOSAL

- 25.1 Trash may be placed aboard official vessels.

26 BERTHING [NP] [DP]

- 26.1 Flying Fifteen boats shall be kept in the assigned area on the Haldon Pier pontoon.

27 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 27.1 Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

28 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 28.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the last race of the event.

29 PRIZES

- 29.1 See NoR 24

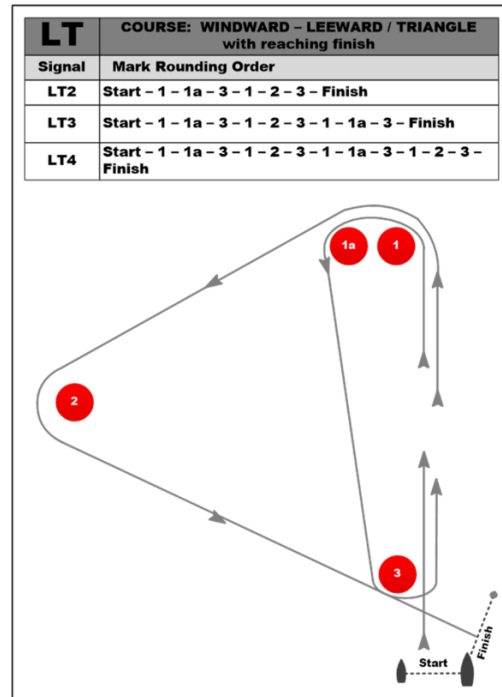
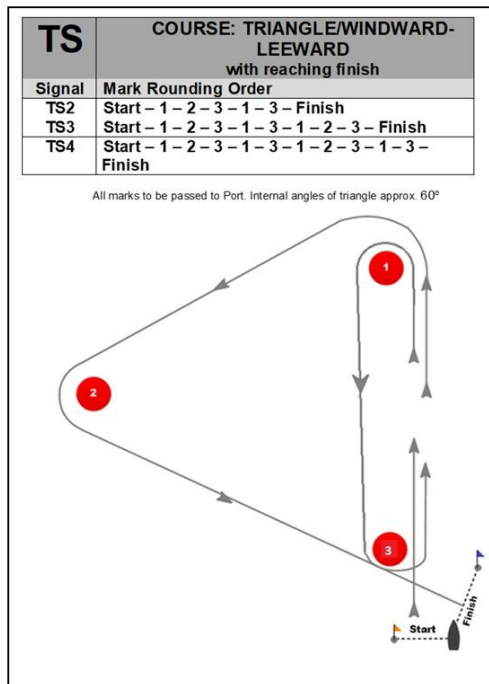
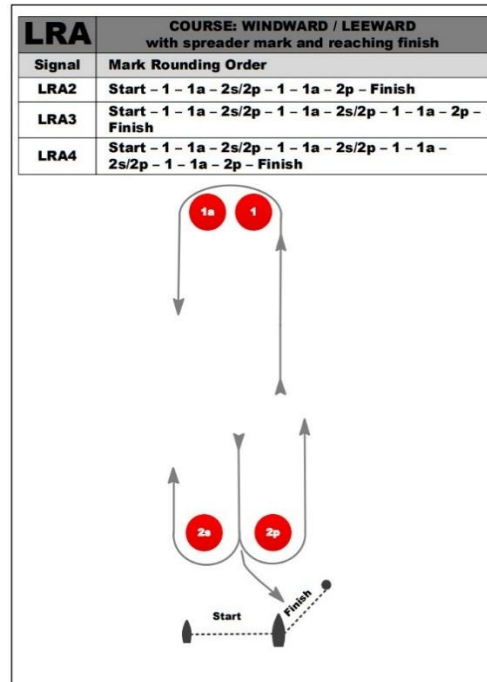
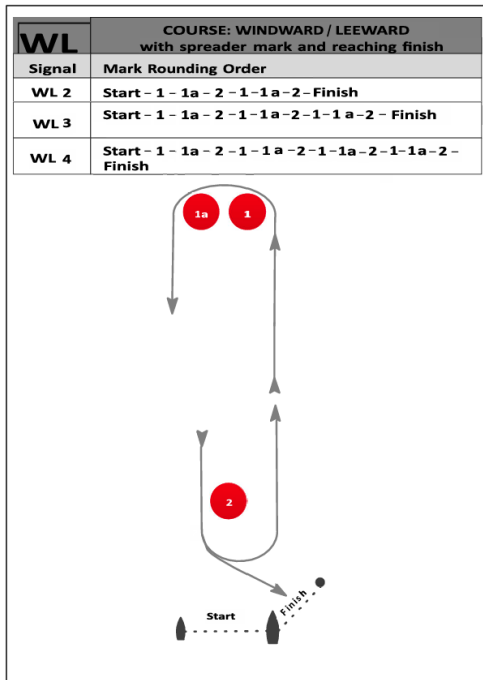
30 RISK STATEMENT

- 30.1 See NoR 22

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.

ADDENDUM A – COURSE DIAGRAMS



O	COURSE: OUTER TRAPEZOID with finish at committee vessel
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
O2	Start - 1 - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3p - Finish
O3	Start - 1 - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3p - Finish

