



Davey's Bay Yacht Club  
(Established 1909)

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 52<sup>nd</sup> VICTORIAN FLYING FIFTEEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Friday 6th March – Monday 9 March 2015

#### Organising Authority

Daveys Bay Yacht Club (DBYC)  
on behalf of;  
Flying Fifteen International – Victoria Inc (FFI-V)



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Sponsoring the 52<sup>nd</sup> Victorian Flying Fifteen Championships

# **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

## **1. RULES**

The event will be governed by the current ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 (RRS), the relevant Class Rules and the Yachting Australia (YA) Prescriptions and Special Regulations Part 2 for off-the-beach boats will apply, except as any of these are changed by this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions. ,

## **2. ADVERTISING**

As part of the registration process Competitors may be required to display event sponsors logos and identifying numbers on the port and starboard bows of their boats and may also be required to affix sponsors logos on the Port or Starboard side of their boats boom. Those sponsors' logos are to remain on until the event concludes.

## **3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official race notice board located in the Daveys Bay Yacht Club Club Rooms.

## **4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted 1 hour before the first scheduled Race Session of the day it will take effect, except any change in the schedule of races will be posted by the end of protest time or 1800hrs, whichever is the later, on the day before it will take effect.

## **5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole on the DBYC Tower

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes'.

## **6. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

6.1 Registration and Measurement

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
Friday 6 March 2015	1800 – 2100 hrs
Saturday 7 March 2015	0830 – 1000 hrs

6.2 Schedule of Races

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time (Warning Signal)</b>
Saturday 7 March 2015	Information Session	1100 hrs
Saturday 7 March 2015	Race Session 1 AGM FFI-V Casual dinner	1230 hrs 1830 hrs
Sunday 8 March 2015	Race Session 2 Race Session 3	1000 hrs 1400 hrs
Sunday 8 March 2015	Annual Dinner FFI-V	1900 hrs
Monday 9 March 2015	Race Session 4	1000 hrs
Monday 9 March 2015	Presentation	ASAP After Racing

6.3 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1300 hrs.

## 7. DIVISION/CLASS FLAGS

Flying Fifteen – Class Flag

## 8. RACING AREA

The waters of Port Phillip, in the vicinity of Daveys Bay Yacht Club

## 9. THE COURSE

9.1 The course and sequence of laps will be as described in Appendix 1.

9.2 The number of laps for a class will be displayed with a numeral pennant displayed with the class flag on the start boat.

9.3 Courses will be to port unless indicated by a green flag for a starboard course at the start boat.

9.4 A board may be displayed on the committee vessel indicating both the course to be sailed and the approximate magnetic bearing to the first (windward) mark.

## 10. MARKS

Marks will be shown in Appendix 1.

A clearance buoy attached to the stern of a committee boat is deemed part of the committee boat.

## 11. THE START

11.1 Races will be started as followed. Times will be taken from the visual signals; failure of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

11.2 Races will be started in accordance with Rule 26, and amended as follows:

<b>Signal</b>	<b>Flag and sound</b>	<b>Minutes</b>
Warning	Division Flag(s); and COURSE flag(s) will be displayed 1 sound	5
Preparatory	Code Flag U, P, I, Z or Black Flag, 1 sound	4
One-minute	Code Flag P removed; 1 sound	1
Starting	Division Flag(s) removed; 1 sound	0

11.3 The starting line will be an imaginary line between a flagpole displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel (starboard end) and the start mark (port end).

11.4 A boat that crosses the starting line more than ten minutes after its starting signal will be scored DNS (Did Not Start).without a hearing. This changes Rule A5.

## 12. SHORTENED COURSE

Code flag S will be flown from a course boat with the appropriate division flag(s) and TWO sound signals may be given as the lead boat approaches her next mark. After rounding the mark she shall sail directly to the Finish as shown in Appendix 1. This alters RRS 32

## 13. THE FINISH

The Finish line will be an imaginary line between a flagpole displaying an BLUE flag on the committee vessel and the start/Finish mark as shown in Appendix 1. All yachts failing to complete the course in accordance with this sailing instruction shall be deemed DNF (Did Not Finish).

Crossing the start/finish line whilst racing shall not result in penalty, excepting when the BLUE flag is on display (lead vessel on final leg – Finish line ACTIVE)

#### **14. TIME LIMIT**

14.1 The time limit for a race is 60 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' (DNF). This alters RRS 35, 62.1(a), A4 and A5.

#### **15. END OF RACE SESSION**

During the final race in a session the start/finish boat shall display code flag H to indicate that competitors once they have completed their race may return to shore.

#### **16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

16.1 Protest forms will be available at the race office and protests shall be delivered there within 60 minutes after the time of the last boat's finish in the last race of the day.

16.2 Notices of protests by the race committee or jury will be posted on the official notice board to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

16.3 Protest notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a protest or named as witnesses. This shall constitute official notification to all posted parties in accordance with RRS 63.2.

16.4 Infringements of Sailing Instructions 18 (SAFETY), shall not be grounds for protest by competitors, but may result in action by the Race Committee or Protest Committee (amends RRS 60.1(a)).

#### **17. SCORING**

17.1 Scoring for the 52<sup>nd</sup> Victorian Flying Fifteen Championships

The low point scoring system specified in Appendix A will apply as modified below.

17.1.1 The regatta will consist of up to nine (9) races for the Championship of which three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

17.1.2 Where five or less races are completed a boat's series score shall be the total of all of her race scores.

17.1.3 Where six or more races are completed a boat's series score shall be the total of all of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17.1.4 Where nine races are completed a boat's series score shall be the total of all of her race scores excluding her 2 worst scores.

17.1.5 Handicaps will be determined by back calculation based on the finishing times in the early races. A boat's handicap may be adjusted according to its results in subsequent races. Points will be awarded for handicap results in accordance with 9.1, 9.2 and 9.3 above.

17.1.6 A boat that finishes in the first three places in either the Open Division or first place in the Silver or Classic Divisions will be ineligible to win the Handicap Trophy

#### **18. SAFETY.**

18.1 For each race session each boat intending to race shall 'sign-on' by signing the race sign-on form located near the Notice Board no later than 15 minutes prior to the 1st warning signal. Failure to comply may result in a boat being scored DNC for the race or races without a hearing. This changes Rule 63.1.

18.2 All boats not finishing shall sign DNF on the race 'sign-off' sheet upon returning to shore, no later than the end of protest time for that day.

18.3 All competitors shall wear whilst afloat, a personal flotation device, which is in good condition and in accordance with the Yachting Australia Special Regulations Part 2 For Off The Beach Boats 5.01.2. (Note inflatable PFDs shall not be used). Failure to comply with this instruction may result in the boat being scored equal to 'DSQ' for the race or races, without a hearing. This changes Rule 63.1.

## **19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

19.1 There shall be no change of crew without prior written permission from the Race Committee. There shall be no change of helmsperson allowed.

19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **20. MEASUREMENT**

Each boat shall hold a valid measurement certificate with all sails indicated. A boat can nominate up to two sets of sails. Random measurement and compliance checks may be carried out at the discretion of the Race Committee or Association Measurer. A boat notified of inspection shall follow the instructions of the Race Committee or Association Measurer.

## **21. SUPPORT BOATS**

Support personnel shall keep 50 m off the course area and all boats during racing, except when asked to assist by the race committee.

## **22. ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION**

A boat, whilst racing, shall neither make nor receive electronic communications. This includes mobile phones. This rule may be excepted when a direct threat to health, safety or vessel integrity is imminent.

## **23. PRIZES**

As listed in the Notice of Race.

## **24. LIABILITY**

It is the Competitor's decision to enter the Regatta or to start in any race. Competitors shall accept that their participation in the Regatta is at their sole exclusive risk in every respect.

By way of entry to the Regatta competitors shall indemnify Daveys Bay Yacht Club., Flying Fifteen International-Victoria their officers, members, servants and agents in respect of all claims and demands of whatever nature which may be made upon them in connection with or who so ever arising from their participation or intended participation in the Regatta. The competitor's attention is drawn to ISAF Fundamental Rule 4.