



# WILLOWBROOK

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## 2018 WILLOWBROOK FOODS Flying Fifteen British Isles Championships & Northern (NI) Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June

Organising Authority (OA): SLYC Strangford Lough Yacht Club  
in conjunction with the UK Flying Fifteen Association (UKFFA)

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Abbreviations:

[NP] - A breach of this rule will not be grounds for protest by a boat.

[DP] - Rules for which the penalties are at the discretion of the protest committee.

#### 1. RULES

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- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- (a) RRS 40 (personal flotation devices shall be worn) applies at all times while afloat. Flag Y will not be displayed. This changes the Part 4 preamble and RRS 40.
  - (b) A rule in the sailing instructions shall take precedence over a rule in the notice of race. (Please note schedule of races) This changes RRS 63.7.

#### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

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The race office is located on the ground floor of SLYC.  
Notices to competitors will be posted on the blue board in the foyer.

#### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1000 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.

#### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

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- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the signals mast on the D shaped area on the seaward side of SLYC clubhouse.

## 5. SCHEDULE

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### 5.1 Schedule

Date	Race and Official Functions	Time	High Water
Tuesday 26th June	Registration	0900-1700	-
Wednesday 27 <sup>h</sup> June	Final registration	0900-1030	1355 HRS
	Competitors' briefing at SLYC	1030	
	Two races back-to-back*	First warning signal 1300	
Thursday 28 <sup>h</sup> June	Two races back-to-back*	First warning signal 1200	1432 HRS
Friday 29 <sup>h</sup> June	Two races back-to-back*	First warning signal 1200	1506 HRS
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Two races back-to-back*	First warning signal 1230	1539 HRS
	Prize-giving at SLYC	ASAP after racing	

\* A third race may be sailed if required to achieve the scheduled total number of races. The race committee may attempt to fit three races in on Thursday or Friday to allow one race on Saturday given ferry times. The committee will notify its intention by posting a notice on the official notice board not less than 90 minutes before the first warning signal.

### 5.2

No warning signal will be made after 1330 on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September.

## 6. CLASS FLAG

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The class flag displayed at the warning signal will be Naval Numeral 6.

## 7. RACING AREAS

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7.1 All racing will take place in the area between Trasnagh Island, Mahee Island and Kircubbin. (See attached)

## 8. THE COURSE

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8.1 The diagrams in addendum B shows the course, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The course configuration will be signaled by flying either code flag T (triangle), or W (windward / leeward).

8.2 The gate 3s/3p may be replaced by a single mark left to port.

## 9. MARKS

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9.1 Marks 1, 2, 3s and 3p will be black inflated spheres.

9.2 Mark 1a will be a black inflated sphere with a yellow sleeve.

9.3 A new mark as provided in SI 11.1 will be a yellow inflated sphere.

9.4 The mark at the starboard end of the start line will be the race committee signal vessel. The mark at the port end will be a race committee vessel or an orange cylinder.

9.5 The finish line marks will be the race committee vessel at the starboard end and an orange buoy at the port end.

## 10. THE START

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The starting line will be between staffs on the committee vessel and a RiB (or) an Orange buoy at the pin.

## 11. CHANGE TO THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

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11.1 Except as provided in SI 11.2, to change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by the original mark.

- 11.2 Marks may be moved by not more than 200m and/or 10 degrees without signalling. This changes RRS 33.

## 12. THE FINISH

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The finishing line will be between a staff on the committee vessel (which shall display a blue flag) an orange buoy at the port end.

## 13. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES [NP]

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- 13.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:

Target Time	Finish Window	Time Limit	Mark 1 Time Limit
60 mins	20 mins	90 mins	30 mins

- 13.2 Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).  
13.3 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned.  
13.4 Boats failing to finish within the stated Finish Window after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

## 14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

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- 14.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.  
14.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.  
14.3 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 designated protest room located at SLYC beginning at the time posted.  
14.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).  
14.5 Breaches of SIs marked [NP] will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).  
14.6 Penalties for breaches of SIs marked [DP] or class rules are at the discretion of the protest committee.  
14.7 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.  
14.8 Adding to RRS 66, if race signal "N over A" is displayed ashore on the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered not later than 30 minutes after the signal is displayed.

## 15. SCORING

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- 15.1 Eight races are scheduled.  
15.2 A minimum of 2 races shall be completed to constitute the championship.  
15.3 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, no score shall be excluded.  
15.4 When from 5 to 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst excludable score.  
15.5 When 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her 2 worst excludable scores.  
15.6 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4 & A5.

## 16. SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP][NP]

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- 16.1 Boats not leaving the shore for a scheduled race shall promptly notify the race office.

On arrival in the racing area, boats shall sail closely to the race committee signal vessel, clearly showing their sail numbers.

- 16.3  
16.4 A boat that retires from racing shall notify the race committee before leaving the racing area, or if that is not possible, shall notify the race office as soon as possible after returning ashore.

## **17. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT [DP]**

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- 17.1** Substitution of either helm or crew will be allowed at the discretion of the race committee. Requests shall be made at the race office.
- 17.2** Substitution of equipment identified during registration will not be allowed unless damaged or lost and authorised by the race committee. Requests shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **18. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS [DP]**

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Boats and equipment may be inspected at any time during the regatta for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## **19. IDENTIFICATION AND EVENT ADVERTISING [DP]**

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When provided by the organising authority, boats or crew shall carry, display or wear sponsor advertising.

## **20. OFFICIAL BOATS**

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- 20.1** There may be television and newspaper coverage of the event. All competitors shall give permission for their images to be recorded and used for publicity purposes before and after the event. Official boats shall be marked as follows:

Race committee signal vessel	White motor cruiser
Rescue boats /mark boats	SLYC RiBs
Media	Wavelength images

## **21. SUPPORT BOATS [DP]**

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- 21.1** For the purposes of these sailing instructions a support boat includes any boat that is under the control or direction of a *support person*.
- 21.2** Support boats shall not interfere with boats racing or official boats, or create a wake that affects boats racing.
- 21.4** Support boats shall not be positioned:
- (a) closer than 50 metres of any boat racing;
  - (b) within 50 metres of the starting line and marks from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have left the starting area, or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment;
  - (c) between any boat racing and the next mark of the course;
  - (d) within 50 metres of any mark of the course while boats are in the vicinity of that mark;
  - (e) within 50 metres of the finishing line and marks while boats are finishing.
- 21.5** In addition, support boats that are motoring above 5 knots shall remain at least 150 metres from any boat racing.
- 21.6** Support boats shall comply with any reasonable request from a regatta official.

## **22. BERTHING AND BOAT PARK [DP]**

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When ashore boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the boat park, unless authorised by the race committee. Requests shall be made, in writing, to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **23. RADIO COMMUNICATION [DP]**

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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.

## **24. PRIZES**

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Prizes will be awarded as listed in the notice of race.

## **25. RISK STATEMENT**

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**25.1** Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".

**25.2** Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions and omissions;
- (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (e) provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) Provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- (g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

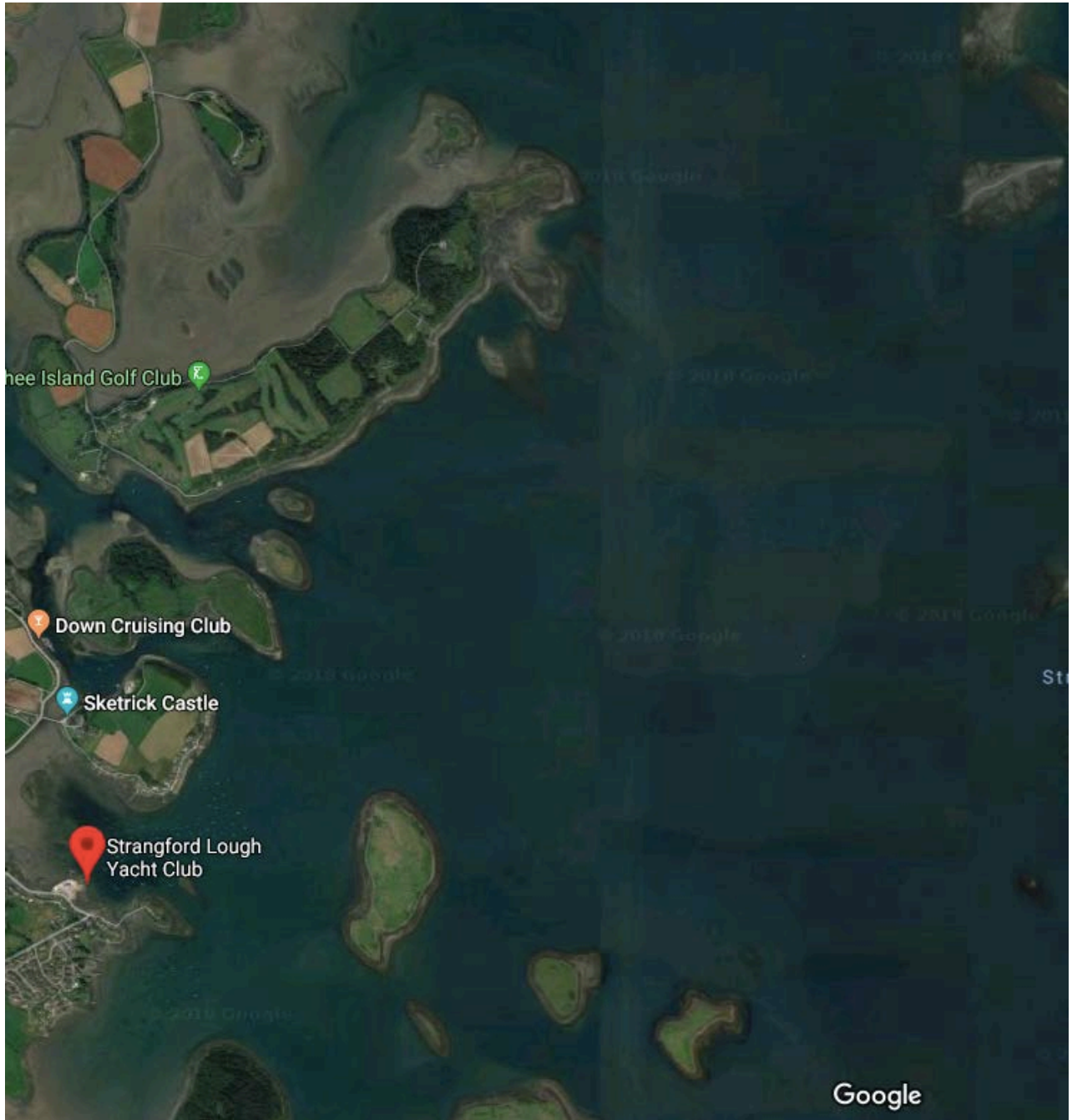
**25.3** The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in these sailing instructions.

## **26. INSURANCE**

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Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of UK£3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent. Competitors will be required to sign a declaration to this effect at registration.

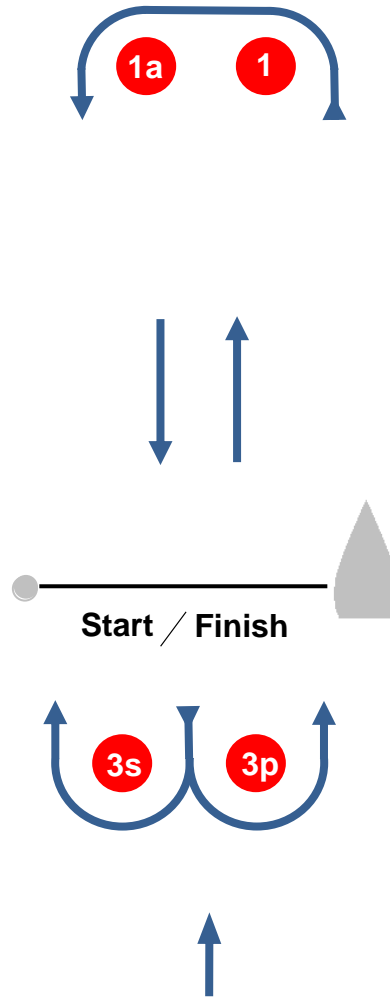
## Race Area



## Addendum B

### Course illustration and mark rounding order

#### Course W: Windward-Leeward

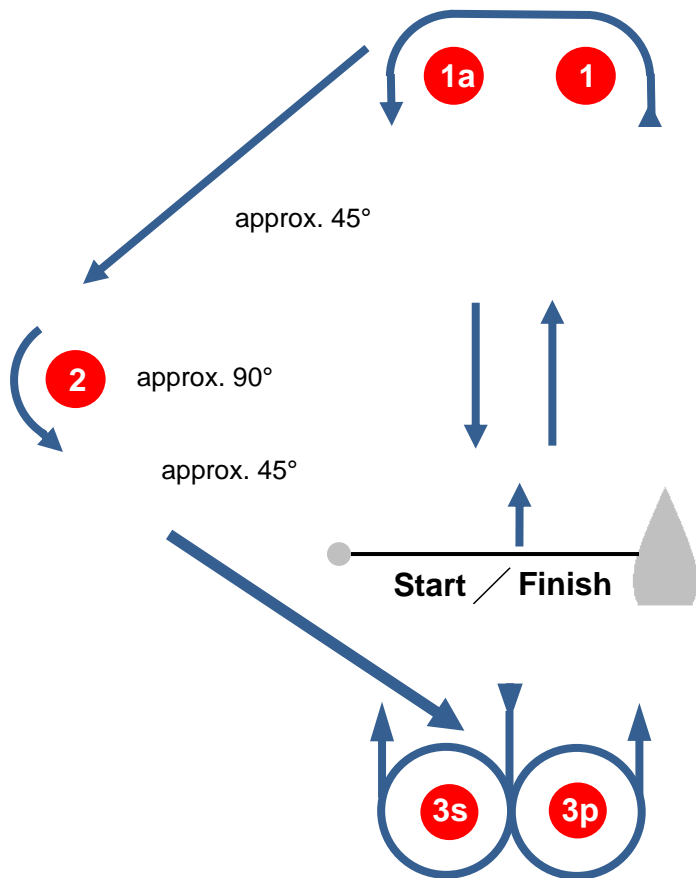


Code Flag	Mark Rounding Order
W	Start - 1 - 1a - 3s/3p - 1 - 1a - 3s/3p - 1 - 1a - 3s/3p - Finish

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### Course illustration and mark rounding order

#### Course T: Windward-Leeward-Triangle



Code Flag	Mark Rounding Order
T	Start - 1 - 1a - 3s/3p - 1 - 1a - 2 - 3p - 1 - 1a - 3p - Finish