



# DF95 Global Championship 2023 Sailing Instructions



## Fleetwood Model Yacht & Powerboat Club Laidleys Walk, Fleetwood 12 - 19 May 2023

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The event shall be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing. RRS Appendix E shall apply. The following documents shall also govern the event:
- Racing Rules of Sailing as changed by the RRS Appendix E
  - DF95 Class Rules
  - Equipment Rules of Sailing
  - Heat Management System (HMS 2022), with an intention to use 6 promotion/demotion
  - IRSA SYRPH
  - WS Call Book for Radio Sailing
- 1.2 The Event Judge may publish a document setting out an accelerated procedure for protests and requests for redress.
- 1.3 The following changes to RRS will apply:
- a) Chartered or loaned boats may carry the national letters denoting the national authority and/ or the sail number of the person or organization providing the boat. This changes RRS G1.1(b) as modified by RRS E8.

### 2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Event Principal Race Officer in conjunction Event Director and the Event Judge will approve all changes to the issued Sailing Instructions.
- 2.2 Any change of the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board and shall take effect from the first heat of a new race. However, changes to the Control Area and Launching Area, shall take effect from the next heat and the change noted on the Course Board. When a notice is posted, the race committee will make two sound signals followed by a hail announcing that a change has been posted.
- 2.3 Any change to the schedule or the scheduled first warning signal of the day will be posted by 18:00 or earlier on the day before it will take effect.

### 3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board situated in the Clubhouse.

### 4 EVENT SCHEDULE

- Day 1, Friday 12<sup>th</sup>** 14:00 to 17:00 Measurement, Registration and Practice
- Day 2, Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>** 10:00 to 16:00 Measurement, Registration and Practice  
18:00 Opening Ceremony
- Days 3-5, Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>** 09:30 First warning signal  
17:30 No more warning signals. Any heat where the first boat has not finished by 18:00 will be abandoned
- Day 6, Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>** **Planned Reserve Day.** This may become a racing day if in the opinion of the Race Committee too much racing time has already been lost, or may be lost in the final two days of racing. A notice will be posted by 18:00 on 16/5/23 if racing will occur on this day.
- Days 7, Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>** 09:30 First warning signal  
17:30 No more warning signals. Any heat where the first boat has not finished by 18:00 will be abandoned.
- Day 8, Friday 19<sup>th</sup>** Last Day of Racing  
9:30am First warning signal.  
No **RACE** Warning signal will be made after 15:00. Any race where the first boat in A Heat has not finished by 16:00 will be abandoned.  
19:00 Closing Ceremony, Dinner and Prize-giving



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**Note:** The Clubhouse will be Open at 08:00 each day from Day 2. Briefings for Country Representatives are scheduled to be held 30 minutes before the first warning signal each day (see SI 23 for more details).

The racing area will be available for practice from 08:15 to 09:15 on each day of racing.

### 5 COMPETITORS AS OBSERVERS

- 5.1** The race committee will appoint observers for each heat. All competitors shall serve as observers as required by the race committee.
- 5.2** a) A competitor unable to serve as an observer for the whole or part of the event shall obtain prior written approval from the race committee. Approval will normally only be granted if a competitor's boat requires immediate repairs or on medical or safety grounds.  
b) A competitor unable to serve, for any reason, as an observer for a heat shall nominate a substitute observer, who shall also be a competitor. The competitor shall ensure that the substitute is present in the Control Area as required by SI 5.3 and that the race committee is notified of the substitute's name and sail number.
- 5.3** An observer appointed for a heat (or their substitute) who is not present in the control area from the Warning Signal until released by the race committee, or who fails to act diligently as an observer, may be penalised by the race committee without a hearing. The penalty shall be a One-Turn penalty to be taken according to RRS E7(b). This changes RRS 63.1, 64.1 and A5.

### 6 RACING AREA

- 6.1** The sailing area will be the whole of the main Fleetwood Model Yachting Lake
- 6.2** From 15 minutes before the first warning signal of the day until the last boat of the last race of the day is no longer racing or the race committee had signalled that the race is postponed or abandoned no boat shall be afloat in the sailing area except that:
- a) boats having finished shall promptly sail ashore and be removed, unless they are sailing in the next heat;
- b) boats who are scheduled to sail in the next heat may be launched when so instructed by the race committee;
- c) boats may go afloat when the race committee signals a postponement. When the race committee signals the end of the postponement, boats not scheduled to race shall promptly sail ashore and be removed.
- 6.3** A boat infringing SI 6.2 may be penalized by the Race Committee without a hearing. The penalty shall be a One-Turn penalty to be taken according to RRS E7(b). This changes RRS 63.1, 64.1 and A5.

### 7 CONTROL AREA AND LAUNCHING

- 7.1** The Control Area will be identified to all skippers on the course board and verbally before each heat if it is changed, until all competitors have been advised. Competitors shall not leave this area when controlling boats that are racing, except to recover, handle and then release or re-launch the boat (as per RRS E3.1).
- 7.2** A pre-heat Waiting Area will be defined by a notice posted on the Official Notice Board
- 7.3** Boats scheduled to sail in the next heat shall promptly enter the Waiting Area when requested by the race committee.
- 7.4** Boats in the Waiting Area shall not launch until authorized by the race committee.
- 7.5** Launching and re-launching
- a) A boat scheduled to race in a heat may be launched, taken ashore or re-launched at any time during the heat. However, she shall not be released for the first time during a heat after the first boat in that heat has finished.
- b) Except when disabled or in danger, boats shall be launched or recovered only from within the control area.
- c) While ashore or within the control area, boats may be adjusted, drained of water or, repaired; have their sails/rigs changed; have entangled objects removed; or have, equipment repaired or changed.
- 7.6** Changes to the Control Area will be notified as required by SI 3.2.

### 8 COURSES

The course, including a description of the marks, starting and finishing line, the order in which marks are to be rounded, and the side on which each mark is to be left, will be displayed on the course board as provided in RRS E3.3 before the warning signal of each heat.



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### 9 HEAT COMPOSITION

- 9.1 The heat composition will be posted on the Fleet Board near the control area. This Board will include information for competitors such as "In Progress" and "Next Heat".
- 9.2 Heat selection for Race 1 will be carried out as follows:  
Boats will be ranked according to their finishing positions, in the ranking event of their Nation (or National Championship if a Ranking series does not exist) and where possible, boats from each Nation will be split equally amongst the heats. Remaining boats will be allocated to heats after boats already ranked according to the alphabetical order of the competitor's surname. From this list of ranked boats, boats will be sorted into heats in the order: A, B, C, D, D, C, B, A (for four heats) and so on. As an aid to ensure each competitor has an ability to show their true Ranking performance, Races 1 and 2 will use a course which has a longer race than the remaining races.

### 10 THE START

- 10.1 The Race Committee will hail the name of the next heat. It is the competitor's responsibility to hear this call and for the boat to compete in her assigned heat. Failure to hear and comply with the Race Committee's hail will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 10.2 Following a general recall, the warning signal will be made as soon as possible.

### 11 TIME LIMITS

- 11.1 No boat shall start after the first boat in the heat has finished.
- 11.2 Boats starting more than one minute after the starting signal shall hail and receive acknowledgement from the Race Officer that they have started.
- 11.3 The time limit for the first boat to finish after having sailed the course in accordance with RRS 28 will be 30 minutes.
- 11.4 The target time for races 1 and 2 will be 14 - 20 minutes. The target time for all other races will be 10 - 14 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

### 12 TIME OUT LIMIT

- 12.1 Except as in SI 12.4, the Time Out Limit for a boat to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be 5 minutes.
- 12.2 At the expiry of the Time Out Limit:
- If 6 (or 4 for 4 promotion) or fewer boats are still racing they will be recorded according to SI 12.3.
  - If more than 6 boats (or 4 for 4 promotion) are still racing, the Time Out Limit will be extended until only 6 boats remain racing, at which point they will be recorded according to SI 12.3.
- 12.3 Boats failing to finish within the Time Out Limit shall be recorded as DNF, RET, OCS, DNS or DNC in that order, as appropriate. DNF boats still racing at the end of the Time Out Limit shall be scored according to their order on the water. This changes RRS 35, A4.2 and A5.
- 12.4 There will be no Time Out Limit in Race 1.

### 13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13.1 Protests and requests for redress need not be in writing. This changes RRS 61.2. The protest committee may take evidence in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate its decision orally.
- 13.2 Parties to a protest will be informed orally by hailing that a protest hearing is opening. It is the responsibility of the parties to come to the hearing without delay accompanied by any witness. No other notice of the hearing will be given. This changes RRS 63.2.
- 13.3 The "Accelerated procedure for protests and requests for redress" (integrating the procedures of IRSA SYRPH) as described in Appendix A (page 6) will apply.
- 13.4 For the purposes of RRS 64.3(b) the 'authority responsible' is the DFICA Rules Committee or its official delegate at the event.
- 13.5 As this is a public amenity lake, the host club does not have any authority over the public and their use of the lake and the surrounding walkways which form part of the Control Area. Issues associated with this shared use of the Control Area or contact with and potential hooking of debris in the lake will not be grounds for redress, unless the Protest Committee finds that the Race Committee has made an improper action or omission.. The Race



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Committee may, however, abandon a race if it believes the fairness of a race has been compromised as per RRS 32.1(d)

### 14 SCORING SYSTEM

- 14.1 Heat Management System 2022 will apply. Races 1 and 2 will consist of 4 heats with 4 promotion/demotion during Race 2 (as per schedule A4 in HMS). From Race 3 onwards races will consist of 4 heats with 6 promotion (as per schedule B6 in HMS).
- 14.2 Eight races must be completed to constitute a Championship.
- 14.3 A boat finishing in a heat to which she has not been assigned shall be scored DNS for the heat to which she was assigned. She shall not then sail in her assigned heat.

### 15 REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

Substitution of damaged or lost sails shall not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made via the Protest Committee at the first reasonable opportunity. Other damaged or lost equipment may be substituted by parts that meet the DF95 Class Rules; see also SI 16.

### 16 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time 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.

### 17 TRANSMITTERS

Unless the Race Committee prohibits their use, competitors not racing may use their transmitters at any time for the purpose of tuning or practice sailing.

### 18 TRASH DISPOSAL

All trash should be disposed of in the public bins on the edge of the car park, within the clubhouse or taken off site.

### 19 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the first 10 positions in the final results. Other prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the event organizers and may include age related prizes.

### 20 RISK STATEMENT

- 20.1 RRS 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a heat or to continue racing is hers alone."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in any of the events covered by this notice of race, 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 and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, 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 or omissions;
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

### 21 INSURANCE

Each boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £5,000,000. The term 'boat' includes the designated competitor. The event organisers will provide this cover for all competitors for the duration of the event including the practice days.



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### **22 CONDUCT**

- 22.1** Major regattas offer significant public exposure to our sport. Inappropriate competitor behaviour can reflect negatively that exposure. All participants are advised that their actions shall be under scrutiny, not only by the public, but also by the race officials. Kindly behave with dignity and respect.
- 22.2** Any behaviour that breaches good manners or sportsmanship or that brings our sport into disrepute shall result in a hearing under RRS 69 (Allegations of gross misconduct).
- 22.3** Penalties may include a penalty to be taken after the start of their next heat as per RRS E7(b), disqualifying a boat from the race in question or subsequent races, exclusion from the regatta, or other action within the jurisdiction of the Event Judge and any protest committee he may convene.

### **23 COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES**

Each Country participating at this Championship may nominate one representative (two for GBR) to represent that country at the Race Officers' Briefing to be held each morning prior to Racing (for timings see the Note in SI 4). Information for that day's racing will be imparted to the representatives who shall then have the opportunity to ask questions. Once the Briefing has finished, the intention is that the representatives will then brief the sailors of their country.

This method is intended to avoid a daily briefing with the full fleet at the same time, other than any initial briefing held as part of the Opening Ceremony, which is of course open to all competitors.



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## Appendix A Accelerated procedure for protests and requests for redress

### A1 Preamble

The Sailing Instructions state:

*Protests and requests for redress need not be in writing. This changes RRS 61.2. The protest committee may take evidence in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate its decision orally.*

This document sets out how the Protest Committee will process protests and requests for redress.

This procedure changes RRS E5.1(c) and E6.4 by changing 'Race Committee' to 'Protest Committee'

### A2 Procedure

- A2.1 After each heat, a member of the Protest Committee will record protests and requests for redress. This person will be known as the Protest Recorder.
- A2.2 At the first reasonable opportunity after finishing or retiring a competitor shall inform the Protest Committee of his intention to protest or request redress. The competitor shall notify the Protest Committee of his sail number, the boat being protested, the nature of the incident and, if possible, any witnesses. This notification need not be in writing. The competitor is not required to inform the Race Committee.
- A2.3 The Protest Committee shall hail the sail number of the boat(s) being protested and inform them of the protest. All parties shall report promptly to the Protest Recorder.
- A2.4 The Protest Recorder will be informed at the first reasonable opportunity by:
- judges: of protests and requests for redress notified by competitors;
  - Observers: of reports of unresolved incidents. Observers are not required to make a report to the Race Committee;
  - Protest Committee or Race Committee: of their intention to protest
- A2.5 The Protest Recorder will record in writing:
- The initiator
  - The other parties
  - Any observer or race official that witnessed the incident
  - A brief description of the incident including where and when it occurred and if it is alleged that a boat was damaged
  - The identity of any witnesses

This record will be deemed to fulfil the requirements of rule 61.2 Protest Contents, rule 62.2 Redress, and SYRPH a) and b).

- A2.6 The Protest Recorder will:
- Inform the Race Committee of all protests received
  - Inform the parties by hailing that a hearing is to be held
  - When the parties are present inform them of the nature of the incident
  - Invite any race official or observer to give a brief report of the incident

This procedure is deemed to satisfy the requirements of IRSA SYRPH (c)

- A2.7 The Protest Recorder or member of the Protest Committee shall then administer IRSA SYRPH (d).
- A2.8 If after SYRPH a hearing is required, the hearing may be held immediately in or near the Control Area.
- A2.9 After having informed the parties the Protest Committee shall notify the Protest Recorder of the decision.
- A2.10 The Protest Recorder will communicate, as soon as possible, any necessary scoring information to the Scorer and inform all other competitors of the outcome of the protest by posting a notice on the Jury Section of the Official Notice Board.