



BRITISH ISLES FLYING FIFTEEN ASSOCIATION

SOUTHERN CHAMPIONSHIP

**SATURDAY 7TH JUNE – SUNDAY 8TH JUNE
2008**

Organising Authority

**ROYAL TORBAY YACHT CLUB
TORQUAY, DEVON, ENGLAND**

in conjunction with
BRITISH ISLES FLYING FIFTEEN ASSOCIATION

NOTICE OF RACE

ALL TIMES ARE BRITISH SUMMER TIME (BST)

1. **RULES**

- 1.1 The championship will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The Prescriptions of The Royal Yachting Association will apply.

2. **IMAGE RIGHTS**

Competitors automatically grant to the organising authority and the British Isles Flying Fifteen Association, without payment, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event.

3. **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 3.1 The championship is open to all boats of the International Flying Fifteen Class.
- 3.2 Helmspersons must be fully paid-up members of BIFFA and a current membership card must be produced at registration, together with a valid measurement certificate.
- 3.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the attached form and sending it, together with the required fee, to The Club Secretary, Royal Torbay Yacht Club, 12 Beacon Terrace, Torquay TQ1 2BH by Friday 30th May 2008.
- 3.4 Competitors under the age of 18 years at the time of the event shall be required to complete and lodge the parental/guardian consent form included on the entry form at time of registration and prior to commencement of racing.
- 3.5 Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee who may impose a £10 additional entry fee.

4. **FEES**

- 4.1 The entry fee will be £40.00 per boat.
- 4.2 The entry fee includes launching and berthing.
- 4.3 An additional fee will be payable for the competitors supper to be arranged for Saturday, 7th June.

5. **SCHEDULE**

- 5.1 Registration:
Saturday 7th June from 0800 hours at RTYC Clubhouse.
- 5.2 Dates of racing and number of races:
Saturday 7th June – 3 races.
Sunday 8th June – 2 races.

- 5.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 1300 hours.
- 5.4 There will be a competitors briefing at 1100 hours on Saturday 7th June at RTYC Clubhouse.

6. **MEASUREMENT**

- 6.1 All competing boats should hold a valid measurement certificate, which will be required to be shown at registration (Championship regulation 11. applies).
- 6.2 All sails used at this event must be measured and endorsed on the boats measurement certificate in accordance with the rule 13.8.2 of the International Flying Fifteen Class and Rule 11 of the Championship Regulations. The boat shall race only with sails endorsed on her certificate, except that in the case of a borrowed boat, the boat may race with any combination of the sails endorsed on the certificate of the boat, or on the certificate of another boat owned by the helmsperson. Both these certificates shall be examined by the organising club, and such sail numbers as used will be declared to the Race Office at Registration (this changes BIFFA championship regulation 11 and adopts Flying Fifteen International Championship regulation 9.2).
- 6.3 The race committee reserves the right to require any boat or sail to be submitted for measurement at any time before or during the series this will include an inspection of the required safety equipment in accordance with International Flying Fifteen Association Rule 15.
- 6.4 The Association has no obligation to have an official class measurer available for the purpose of measurement of new equipment at events; competitors requiring new sails measured at the event should make their own arrangements with a class measurer prior to the event
- 6.5 A buoyancy aid of an "International Standard Approved Type" will be worn by both crew during racing at this event, this supersedes International Flying Fifteen Class Rule 15.4.

7. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration or by visiting the RTYC web site (www.royaltorbayyc.org.uk).

8. **THE COURSES**

Windward-Leeward-Triangle courses will be laid in Torbay.

9. **SCORING**

- 9.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 9.2 (a) When fewer than three races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When from four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

10. **BERTHING**

- 10.1 Boats may be launched from road trailers on the slipway or for those with lifting eyes and strops from the RTYC crane.
- 10.2 Boats may be 'dry sailed' during the event or berthed on pontoon berths over night on 7th June.
- 10.3 Boats that are dry sailed must not be cleaned, polished or washed when out of the water.

11 **RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 11.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communication not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 11.2 The Race Committee will provide start countdown on VHF Channel 77.

12. **PRIZES**

Prizes will be given as follows:

First six overall.
First in each race.
First classic.
First silver.

In addition the following BIFFA trophies will be presented.

Championship Trophy
Medway Fifteen Trophy
Pitsford Salver
The Silver Fox
The Broxbourne Chiller
The Rutland Trophy
Marine Consultants International Half Hull (first placed lady)
Rydon Trophy (first home boat)

13. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 13.1 Competitors participate in the championship entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the championship.
- 13.2 Competitors are entirely responsible for their own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else reduces this responsibility.
- 13.3 It is for the competitors to decide whether their boat is fit to sail in the conditions in which it will find itself. By launching or going to sea, the competitors confirm that

the boat is fit for those conditions and they are competent to sail and compete in them.

- 13.4 Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the owners and/or competitors, nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include Royal Torbay Yacht Club, the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats and beach masters.
- 13.5 The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the owner/competitor of their responsibilities.

14. **INSURANCE**

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

15. **FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact the Championship organiser. Kay Rumbelow, Royal Torbay Yacht Club, 12 Beacon Terrace, Torquay TQ1 2BQ Telephone 01803 292006, email kay@rumbelow.eclipse.co.uk.