



**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR  
K1 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS  
CRAFTINSURE WAYFARER SOUTHERN AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS  
AND  
FLYING FIFTEEN MERCEDES TROPHY OPEN MEETING  
8<sup>TH</sup>, 9<sup>TH</sup> AND 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017**

DATCHET WATER SAILING CLUB  
QUEEN MOTHER RESERVOIR, HORTON ROAD, SLOUGH, SL3 9NT

**1.0 RULES**

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*, these Sailing Instructions and the Rules of the relevant. Class Association. If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions then the Sailing Instructions will prevail. The organising authority is Datchet Water Sailing Club.
- 1.2 Competitors should note that Datchet Water Sailing Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book (Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020), or at [www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter](http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter) and can be found posted in the clubhouse.
- 1.3 Rubbish shall not be put overboard, however it may be put in support or patrol boats. This modifies Rule 55.
- 1.4 Competitors shall give way to patrol boats and race management craft carrying out their duties at all times.
- 1.5 The rules and regulations of Datchet Water Sailing Club shall be followed and will be available on the wall in the club house. These alter rules 40 and 43.
- 1.6 The use of anchors at the reservoir is prohibited due to the installed aeration system. Boats are therefore not required to carry anchors. This changes rule 15.3 of INTERNATIONAL FLYING FIFTEEN CLASS RULES 2017

**2.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the wet bar next to the lift.

**3.0 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted 30 minutes before the scheduled warning signal of any race affected on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 18:00hrs on the day before it will take effect.



#### **4.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the clubhouse flagpole.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes the meaning of flag AP in Race Signals.

#### **5.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

	<b>Flying Fifteen</b>	<b>Wayfarer</b>	<b>K1</b>
<b>Friday</b>			First Warning Signal not before 14.55 hrs 2 races back to back
<b>Saturday</b>	First Warning Signal not before 12.55 hrs 3 races back to back	First Warning Signal not before 12.55 hrs 3 races back to back	First Warning Signal not before 10.25 hrs 1 race then 3 races back to back with other fleets.
<b>Sunday</b>	First Warning Signal not before 10.00 hrs 3 races back to back	First Warning Signal not before 10.00 hrs 3 races back to back	First Warning Signal not before 10.00 hrs 2 races back to back

5.1 Registration will be from 0900 hours on Saturday.

5.2 There will be a competitors briefing at 1330 hrs on Friday and at 1130 hrs on Saturday.

5.3 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1455 hrs.

#### **6.0 CLASS FLAGS**

Class flags will be:

Class	Flag
Flying Fifteen	Class Logo on White Background
K1	??
Wayfarer	Red "W" on a White Background.

#### **7.0 RACING AREAS**

Races will be sailed on the Queen Mother Reservoir, Horton Road, Horton, Slough Berkshire SL3 9NT

#### **8.0 THE COURSES**

8.1 The diagrams in Attachment 1 show the courses, including the approximate angle between the legs, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2 No later than the warning signal the race committee signal vessel will display the course number on the white board on the stern.

#### **9.0 MARKS**

Course marks will be Orange or Blue cylindrical buoys. The outer start and finishing marks will be upright bright orange pillar buoys without a flag.

#### **10.0 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**

The following areas are obstructions and boats shall not sail in those areas at any time:



- a) The Thames Water Pump station pier located on the left hand side of the reservoir when you look out from the club.
- b) You are not permitted to access or pass under any of the smaller towers on the water.

### **11.0 THE START**

11.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

11.2 The initial start order will be advised at the competitors' briefings. The race officer may vary this order for subsequent races.

11.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and course side of the port end starting mark.

11.4 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

### **12.0 NOT USED**

### **13.0 THE FINISH**

13.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee boat and the finishing mark.

13.2 When a race committee boat, that is positioned as one end of the intended full-race finishing line, displays flag S (with two sound signals) as the leading boat is approaching the leeward rounding mark, the course is shortened and boats shall leave the rounding mark on its required side and finish on the intended full-race finish line. Flag S may be replaced with a large blue and white symbol. This changes rule 32 and flag S in Race Signals.

### **14. PENALTY SYSTEM**

For the Flying Fifteen fleet the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. This changes rule 44.1.

### **15.0 Time limits**

15.1 If no boat of a start has passed Mark 1 within 30 minutes of its starting signal the race for that start may be abandoned.

### **16.0 Protests and requests for redress**

16.1 Protest forms are available from the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

16.2 The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or after the race committee has abandoned racing for the day. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee and protest committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress.

16.3 Notices will be posted within 15 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or names as witnesses.

16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

16.5 Breaches of instructions 1.4, 11.3, 31, and 32 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 61(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

16.6 Appendix T of the RRS will apply. Arbitration hearings will be available.



### **17.0 Scoring**

17.1. 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

17.2. The Low Points Scoring System set out in RRS Appendix A will apply.

17.3. The following discards will apply:

- If 2 or less races are sailed no discard will apply
- If 3 or 4 races are sailed, 1 discard will apply
- If 5 or more races are sailed, 2 discards will apply.

17.4. Points for race ties will not be divided. This changes Appendix A7.

### **18.0 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

### **19.0 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without the prior written approval of the race committee.

### **20.0 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

20.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Association rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection

### **21.0 NOT USED**

### **22.0 OFFICIAL BOATS**

Official Boats will not be marked.

23 to 26 NOT USED

### **27.0 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

### **28. PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded to the integer of the square root of the number of entries in each class.

### **29. RISK STATEMENT**

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".

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 or omissions;



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- (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 and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser 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.

### **30. INSURANCE**

Each boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £2 million.

### **31. LOCAL RULES**

Adequate personal flotation devices shall be worn by all crew members at all times when afloat, on the pontoons or on the sloping banks and flag Y will not be shown. This changes rule 40. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in disqualification without a hearing. This changes rule 63.1.

### **32. LOCAL RISKS**

32.1 Datchet Water Sailing Club uses concrete slipways when launching vessels. These have the potential to be a slip hazard. Please use the anti-slip mats provided when possible.

[www.dwsc.co.uk](http://www.dwsc.co.uk)

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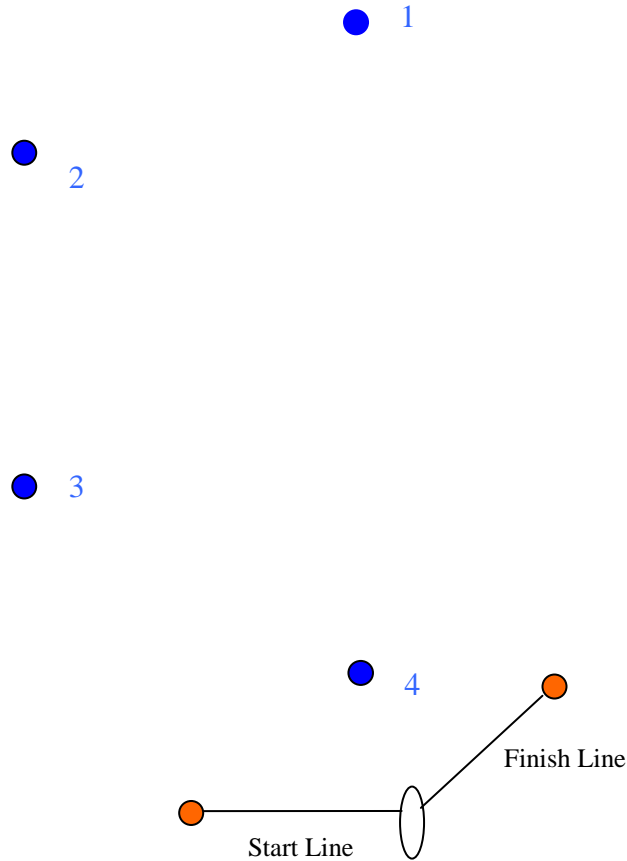
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## Sailing Instructions Attachment 1

### Course Q

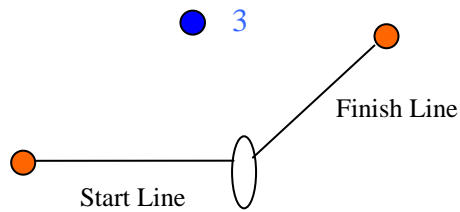
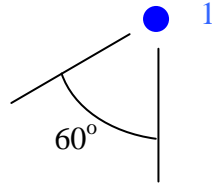


Approximate Positions of Rounding Marks & Start & Finish Lines

	Name	Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3
Flying Fifteen	Q	Start, 1p,4p	1p,4p	1p, 2p, 3p, 4p, Finish
K1	Q	Start, 1p,2p,3p	2p, 3p	2p, 3p, 4p, Finish
Wayfarer	Q2	Start, 1p, 2p, 3p, 4p	1p, 2p, 3p, 4p, Finish	
	Q3	Start, 1p, 2p, 3p, 4p	1p, 2p, 3p	2p, 3p, 4p, Finish



**Course T**

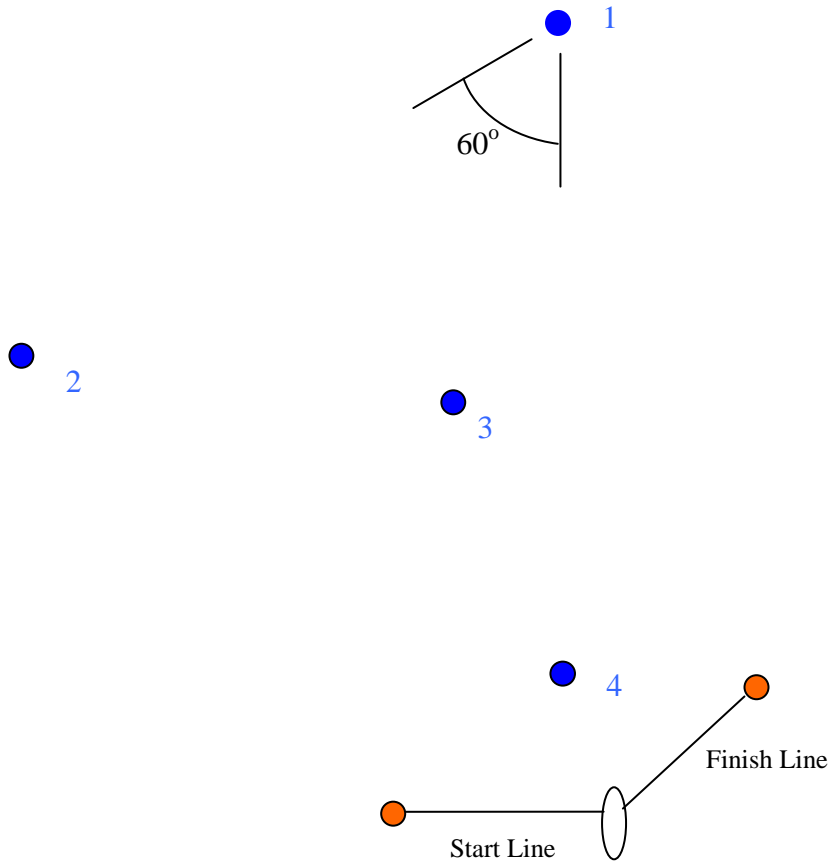


**Approximate Positions of Rounding Marks & Start & Finish Lines**

	Name	Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3	Lap 4
All Fleets	T3	Start, 1p, 2p, 3p	1p, 3p	1p, 2p, 3p, Finish	
	T4	Start, 1p, 2p, 3p	1p, 3p	1p, 2p, 3p	1p, 3p, Finish



## Course P



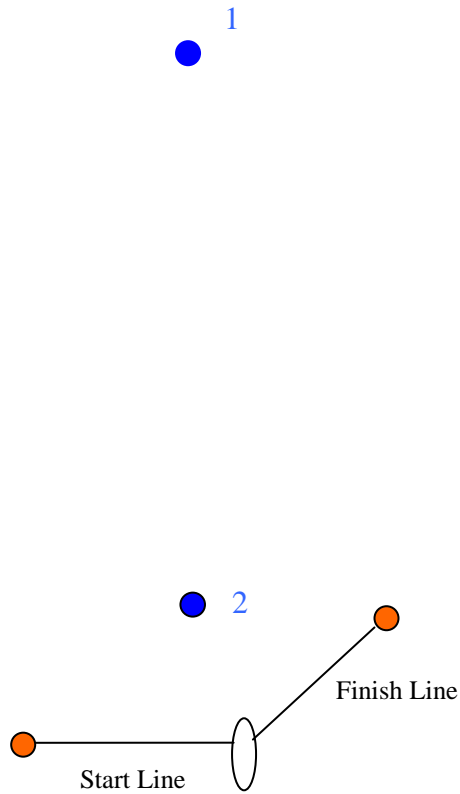
Approximate Positions of Rounding Marks & Start & Finish Lines

	Name	Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3	Lap 4
Flying Fifteen	P	Start, 1p,2p,4p	1p, 4p	1p,2p,4p	1p, 4p, Finish
K1	P	Start, 1p,2p,3s,4p	1p,2p,3s,4p	1p,2p,3s,4p, Finish	
Wayfarer	P	Start, 1p, 2p,3s,4p	1p, 2p,3s,4p	1p,2p,3s,4p, Finish	





## Course W



### Approximate Positions of Rounding Marks & Start & Finish Lines

	Name	Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3	Lap 4
All Fleets	W3	Start, 1p, 2p	1p,2p	1p,2p, Finish	
	W4	Start, 1p, 2p	1p, 2p	1p, 2p	1p, 2p, Finish