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### **1. Rules**

- 1.1. The Racing Rules of Sailing, the Prescriptions and Part 2 (Off the Beach Boats) Special Regulations of Yachting Australia, the Flying Eleven Sailing Association of Australia Constitution and Class Rules, the Notice of Race (NoR), except as any of these are altered by the Sailing Instructions, and the Sailing Instructions will govern the Regatta.
- 1.2. The RRS are altered as follows:
  - 1.2.1. Rule 61.1, Protest Requirements, is amended by deleting the sentence at 61.1(a)(2): "If the hull length of the protesting boat is less than 6 metres, she need not display a red flag."
  - 1.2.2. Rule 64.1 (a) is changed in that the Protest Committee may impose penalties other than disqualification.

### **2. Notices to Competitors**

Notices to Competitors will be posted on the official notice board at located outside the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron (RQYS) Sailing Office.

### **3. Changes to the Sailing Instructions**

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 0900 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

### **4. Signals Made Ashore**

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Regatta flag mast located in the middle of the RQYS rigging area.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in the race signal AP.

### **5. Schedule of Events**

- 5.1. Eleven races are scheduled.
- 5.2. A compulsory competitors' briefing will be conducted at RQYS on 11 January at 1200 hours.
- 5.3. The Warning Signal for the Invitation Race is scheduled for 1300 hours. The Warning Signal for Race 1 will be flown ASAP after completion of the Invitation Race.
- 5.4. The Warning Signal for the first race of each racing day is scheduled for 1200 hours.
- 5.5. Any race for which the Warning Signal is not given by 1530 hours on the last day of the Regatta will be abandoned.

## **5.6. Regatta Schedule:**

Sunday	11 January.	Registration from 0800 to 1100
	11 January.	Measurement from 0800 to 1100
	11 January.	Invitation Race and Race 1
Monday	12 January.	Race Day
Tuesday	13 January.	Race Day
Wednesday	14 January.	Reserve Day
Thursday	15 January.	Race Day
Friday	16 January.	Race Day
Saturday	17 January.	Race Day and Regatta presentation.

## **6. Class Flag**

The Class Flag will be a white flag with a blue Flying Eleven emblem.

## **7. Racing Areas**

Attachment 1 shows the three racing areas that may be used. A Notice to Competitors will be posted not later than 0900 hours on any racing day advising the specific course area to be used that day.

## **8. Courses**

- 8.1. Attachment 2 shows the course layouts, the approximate angles between the legs, the order in which the marks are to be rounded and the side on which each mark is to be left. The diagrams are approximate only, are not to scale, and do not override any other Instructions.
- 8.2. A numeral pennant corresponding to the course to be sailed will be flown from the Committee Vessel with or before the Warning Signal.

## **9. Marks**

- 9.1. Marks 1, 2 and 3 will be yellow inflatable cylinders.
- 9.2. The Start Mark will be a Race Committee boat displaying an orange flag.
- 9.3. The Finish Mark will be an orange teardrop buoy.
- 9.4. New marks, as provided in Instruction 12.1 will be a yellow mark with a black band.
- 9.5. A Race Committee boat signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in Instruction 12.2.

## **10. Areas that are Obstructions**

Reserved.

## **11. The Start**

- 11.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Vessel at the starboard end and the staff displaying an orange flag on the Start Mark at the port end.
- 11.2. Boats whose Warning Signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 11.3. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.
- 11.4. If Flag U has been displayed as the Preparatory Signal no part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and Mark One during the last minute before the starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified she shall be disqualified without a hearing, but not if the race is restarted or resailed or postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. This changes Rule 26.

## **12. Change of the Next Leg of the Course**

- 12.1. 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 an original mark.
- 12.2. Boats shall pass between the Race Committee boat signalling a change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port (or starboard for a starboard hand course) and the Race Committee boat to starboard (or port for a starboard hand course). This changes Rule 28.1.

## **13. The Finish**

- 13.1. The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Vessel at the port end and the course side of the Finish Mark at the starboard end.

## **14. Time Limits**

- 14.1. The time limit for the first boat to finish will be 80 minutes.
- 14.2. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored two points more than the number of finishers in that race. This point allocation will be made irrespective of the boat crossing the finish line, but will not apply to boats which have retired. This changes Rules 35, A4 and A5.

## **15. Arbitration**

- 15.1. An arbitration hearing may be conducted for protests lodged in accordance with RRS 61 and Instruction 16, which allege an infringement of a rule of Part 2 or Part 4 or Rule 31. Such hearings will be held subsequent to the protest being lodged and prior to the protest hearing.
- 15.2. The arbitrator will decide the time and place of the arbitration hearing and such advice may be given verbally. One representative of each boat shall attend the arbitration hearing. The arbitrator shall decide the manner in which testimony is given.
- 15.3. After taking testimony at the arbitration hearing the arbitrator shall make one of the following conclusions:
  - a. The protest does not comply with Rule 61 and the protestor may withdraw the protest.
  - b. The matter shall proceed to a protest hearing. This may be because the rules other than Part 2 or Part 4 or Rule 31 are involved or may be involved, or because the evidence is too complex or divergent to reach a reasonable and timely conclusion, or due to the apparent severity of the alleged infringement, or for any other reason as decided by the arbitrator.
  - c. No rule was broken and the protestor may withdraw the protest.
  - d. A rule was broken by one or more of the boats involved.
- 15.4. A boat that accepts fault at an arbitration hearing will be penalised by her race score increased by 25% of the difference between the boats finishing position and the score of DSQ rounded up to the nearest whole number. All other boats' scores will remain the same. Once accepted this decision is not subject to reopening or appeal. This alters Rules 63, 64.1a, 66 and Appendix A.
- 15.5. Should the protest proceed to a protest hearing then the arbitrator may be a member of the Protest Committee. Any evidence given by an arbitrator during a protest hearing shall be given only in the presence of the parties to the hearing.
- 15.6. An arbitration hearing shall not be re-opened. No conclusion of an arbitrator shall be subject to appeal or be grounds for redress.

## **16. Protest and Requests for Redress**

- 16.1. Rule 61.1(a)(2) is amended by deleting "if the hull length of the protesting boat is less than 6 metres, she need not display a red flag".
- 16.2. Protest forms will be available at the Race Office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 16.3. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the race committee and to requests for redress. This changes Rules 61.3 and 62.2.
- 16.4. Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 16.5. For the purpose of Rule 64.3(b) the 'authority responsible' is the measurer appointed by the organising authority.
- 16.6. Breaches of instructions 11.2, 18, 22, 23 and 24 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes Rule 60.1(a).
- 16.7. The Protest Committee may make any determination in respect of penalties for a breach of a rule other than in Part 2.
- 16.8. On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
- within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
  - no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.
- This changes Rule 66.
- 16.9. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered not later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes Rule 62.2.

## **17. Scoring**

- 17.1. Six (6) races are required to constitute a series with the following discard provisions:

<b>Races Completed</b>	<b>Discards</b>
≤ 6	Nil
7 to 10	1
11	2

- 17.2. All Division prizes will be awarded based on the ranking of competitors in the overall results.

## **18. Safety Regulations**

- 18.1. All helmspersons intending to race are to sign on prior to going afloat, and sign off within 30 minutes of coming ashore, or within the protest time limit, whichever is earlier.
- 18.2. Boats failing to sign on before leaving shore will be scored DNS without a hearing for the first race for which they should have signed on. Boats failing to sign off before the end of protest time will be scored DNF for the last race for which they should have signed off. This amends Rule A5.
- 18.3. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

## **19. Replacement of Crew or Equipment**

- 19.1. No changes to helmsman will be accepted after close of registration on 11 January 2014.
- 19.2. Changes of forward hand will be permitted at the discretion of the Race Committee on application in writing.
- 19.3. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

19.4. If the substitution was made on the water between races, both the damaged and the substituting pieces of equipment shall be presented to the Championship Measurer after the end of the day's racing. In this case, the substitution is subject to the approval of the Race Committee given retrospectively.

## **20. Measurement**

A boat or her equipment may be inspected at any time during the Championship for compliance with the class rules, the Yachting Australia Special Regulations Part 2 and the Sailing Instructions.

## **21. Official Boats**

Official boats will fly a flag with a blue Flying Eleven emblem and a day-glo orange border.

## **22. Support Boats**

- 22.1. Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay 100 metres outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment, unless exception is granted by express authority from the Race Committee.
- 22.2. Each Coach boat is required to be registered with the Organising Authority. This is to occur during registration 11 January 2015.

## **23. Rubbish**

No rubbish is to be dumped into the water. All rubbish is to be handed to official boats or taken ashore.

## **24. Radio Communication**

Except in an emergency, 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.

## **25. Prizes**

- 25.1. Regatta trophies will be awarded to:
- The skipper and crew of the first six overall place getters
  - The skipper & crew of the first three (3) handicap place getters in each fleet
  - The highest ranked "all girl" crew overall
  - The highest ranked junior skipper overall (born on or after 1 January 2000 therefore under 15 years of age at 31 Dec 2014)
  - The highest placed club (based on combined lowest scratch scores of the top four (minimum) boats of each club
- 25.2. Other trophies and prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

## **26. Insurance**

All competing boats shall certify, by entering, that they carry third party liability insurance of an amount of not less than \$10,000,000.

## **27. Liability Disclaimer**

- 27.1. Competitors participate in the Regatta 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 Regatta. Attention is drawn to clauses 15 and 16 of the Notice of Race.
- 27.2. All competitors shall have acknowledged and agreed to the Flying Eleven Sailing Association of Australia Inc [Conditions of Entry](#) document (available the Links page of the [F11 website](#)).

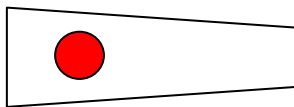


## Racing Areas



**Attachment 2 to  
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Instruction 8 – Courses**

**Flying Eleven -  
Course 1**



**Start -**

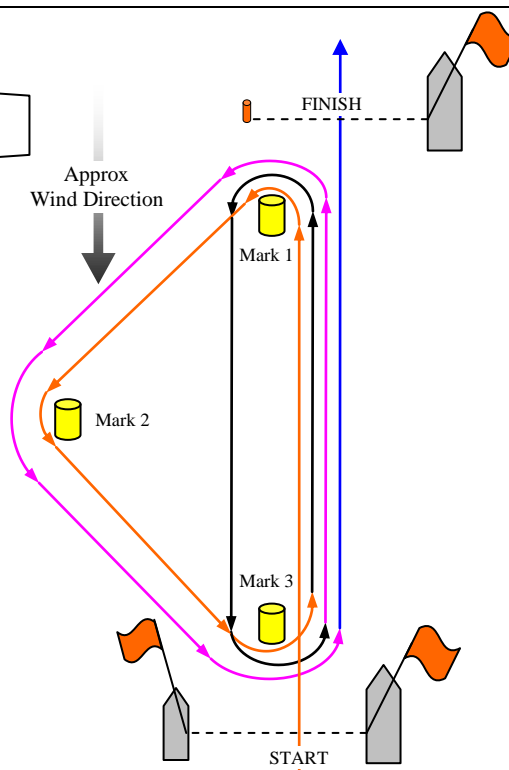
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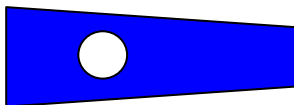
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**Finish**

- Marks 1, 2 and 3 are to be rounded to port
- Internal angles between Marks 1, 2 and 3 are approximately 60°



**Flying Eleven -  
Course 2**



**Start -**

**1 - 2 - 3 -**

**1 - 3 -**

**1 - 2 - 3 -**

**Finish**

- Marks 1, 2 and 3 are to be rounded to starboard
- Internal angles between Marks 1, 2 and 3 are approximately 60°

