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Flying Fifteen International (Queensland)

**FLYING FIFTEEN INTERNATIONAL
(QUEENSLAND)
2020 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP, TIN CAN BAY
21st-22nd November 2020**

SAILING

INSTRUCTIONS

Covid-Safe Venue: Tin Can Bay Yacht Club is a **COVID-SAFE VENUE**. This means **ALL** persons entering the premises **MUST** complete a Covid-Safe tracing form in addition to the normal sign-in requirements for guests and visitors. This is a mandatory State-government requirement for an approved Covid-Safe business plan. ***Failure to comply with these requirements may see patrons refused entry.***

1. PREAMBLE

Flying Fifteen International (Queensland) welcomes you to the 2020 State Championship to be conducted by and from Tin Can Bay Yacht Club Inc (TCBYC). It is hoped your participation in this event will continue to assist in building fleet numbers in this region. To this end, it is intended that the regatta not only provide a venue for racing but importantly a place to further goodwill and camaraderie within the class as well as the opportunity to swap and pass on advice and equipment.

2. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the current *rules* as defined in Australian Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Class Rules of Flying Fifteen International (FFI) and the Special Regulations of Australian Sailing Part 2 – Off the Beach boats, except any of these altered by these Sailing Instructions.

Competitors are reminded of RRS 4: Decision To Race, which states “*The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone*”; and also RRS Special Regulations Part 2: “*The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the person in charge who must do their best to ensure that the boat is structurally sound, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by a crew who are physically fit to face the expected conditions. The owner and the person in charge must be satisfied as to the soundness of hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. The owner and the person in charge must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that the crew knows how to use it.*”

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the TCBYC Junior’s Shed.

4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 1 hour before the scheduled time of the warning signal of the first affected race.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the main flagpole at TCBYC. When flag AP is displayed ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after removal unless at the time the race is postponed again or abandoned.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES AND EVENTS

Regatta Program – 2020		
Event	Date	Time of warning signal
Registration & measurement	Sat 21 st	09:00 to 12:30
Briefing	Sat 21 st	13:00
<i>Race 1</i>	Sat 21 st	14:00
<i>Race 2</i>	Sat 21 st	Back to back
<i>Race 3</i>	Sun 22 nd	11:00
<i>Race 4</i>	Sun 22 nd	Back to back
<i>Race 5</i>	Sun 22 nd	Back to back
<i>FFIQ AGM</i>	Sun 22 nd	9:00
Presentation & BBQ	Sun 22 nd	ASAP after racing

On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 15:00.

7. CLASS FLAG

A white flag bearing the class insignia will serve as the class flag for the warning signal.

8. RACING AREA

The racing area is Tin Can Bay Inlet.

9. THE COURSE

The diagram below (page 7) illustrates the mark configuration and description of rounding sequences for the courses. An international numeral pennant representing the course to be sailed will be flown by the Race Committee vessel prior to the warning signal of each race.

10. MARKS

Marks 1, 2, 3, and 4 are orange cylindrical- or spherical-like buoys. The starting and finishing lines will be between the Race Committee vessel and a marker buoy.

11. POSTPONEMENT, CANCELLATION, ABANDONEMENT

A decision to postpone, cancel or abandon any race may be made by the Race Officer.

12. THE START

All competitors must report to the Race Committee vessel prior to the warning signal and receive acknowledgment to qualify as a starter. Boats failing to do so may be scored 'Did Not Start'.

The starting line shall be between a mast displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee vessel and the pin end starting mark.

All races will be started using RRS 26.

Recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.

A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored 'Did Not Start'. This changes RRS A4.1.

13. CHANGE OF THE POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK

To change the position of the next mark the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated without further signaling to maintain the course configuration. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

Boats shall pass between the Race Committee boat signaling the change of course and the nearby mark. This changes RRS 28.1.

14. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between the mast displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee vessel and the finishing mark.

15. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for each race will be 130 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored 'Did Not Finish'. This changes RRS 35 and A4.1.

16. PROTESTS

Protest forms are available from the Race Office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest limit. The protest time limit shall be 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 Protest Committee. The time limit pertaining to requests for redress shall be 60 minutes following the official promulgation of provisional race scores on the Regatta notice board. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.

Notices will be posted within 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties. The notice will state the time and place at which hearings will begin.

Notice of protest by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:

(a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day; or

(b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes RRS 66.

17. SCORING

The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply. A total of five races are scheduled. The minimum number of races to constitute a series shall be two. When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When five races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score (i.e. one discard).

18. CREW and EQUIPMENT

The same helmsman and crew must be used throughout the Championship. Crew changes will only be considered where exceptional circumstances exist of which notification must be made to the Race Committee at first reasonable opportunity prior to race starting time. Helmsman and crew changes will not be allowed without prior approval of the Race Committee.

It is permissible to have a helmsman and two crew on board when racing provided at least two persons on board are less than 16 years of age. This changes FFI Class rule 16.1.

Substitution of damaged or lost equipment that is restricted by class rules, or that requires measurement or consent before substitution in order to comply with class rules, will not be allowed unless approved by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity.

19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules and Sailing Instructions.

20. SUPPORT VESSELS

Coaches and support personnel shall stay outside the course area from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. Failure to comply with this Sailing Instruction may result in boats connected with the coach or support personnel being penalised. Penalties for any breaches may be less than disqualification if the Protest Committee so determines.

21. RADIO COMMUNICATION

A boat shall neither make nor receive radio communications whilst racing. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.

22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. Attention is again drawn to RRS 4 which states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".

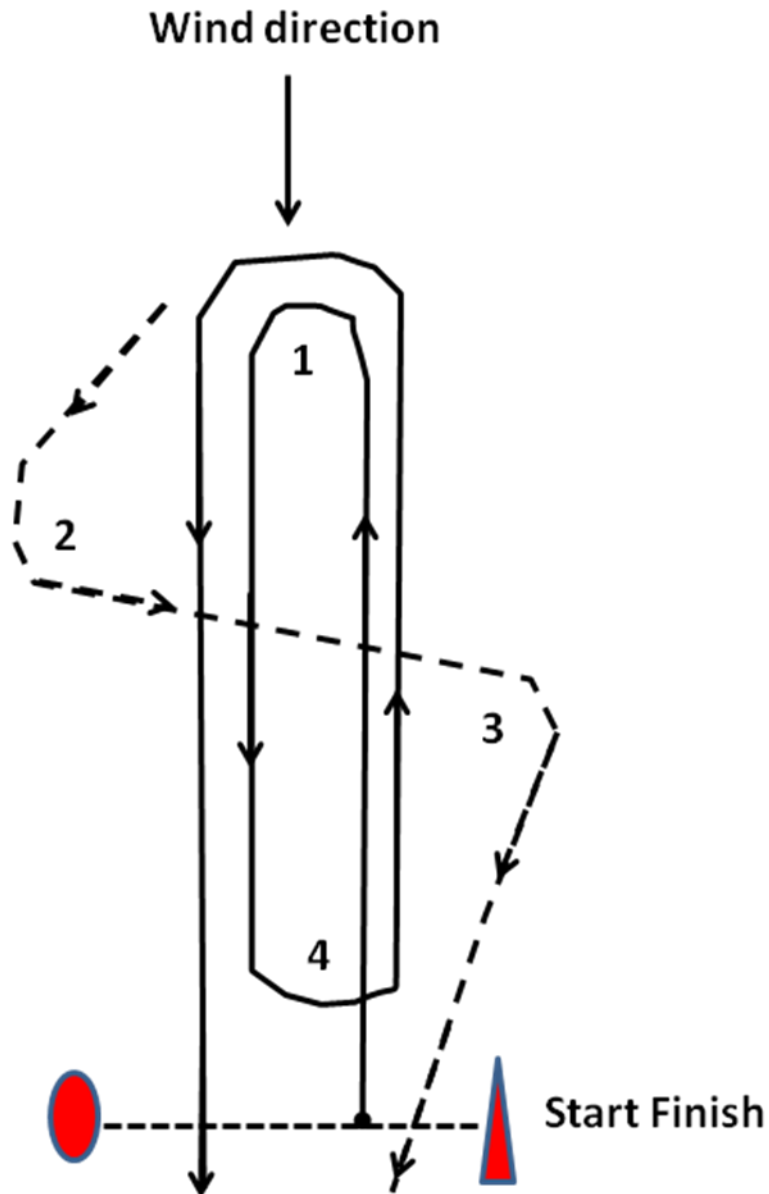
Flying Fifteen International Queensland, Tin Can Bay Yacht Club Inc, sponsors, Regatta officials or the volunteers and staff conducting the series or any person connected with these championships will not accept liability for material damage

or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the championship.

23. INSURANCE

By entering in this regatta, all boat owners and competing crew acknowledge that they are adequately insured for loss, damage and injury to: crew; boats; equipment and third party at any time whatsoever and howsoever occurring.

2020 FFIQ State Championship Courses



Course 1. Start, 1, 4, 1, 2, 3S, Finish

Course 2. Start, 1, 4, 1, 4, 1, 2, 3S, Finish

Course 3. Start, 1, 4, 1, Finish

Course 4. Start, 1, 4, 1, 4, 1, Finish

All marks to be passed on portside except where denoted S – Starboard rounding