



RS Feva National Championship 2025
Saturday 20th September to Sunday 21st September 2025
Cushendall Sailing & Boating Club, Cushendall, Co. Antrim

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

This event will be organised by Cushendall Sailing & Boating Club.

The notation '[DP]' in a rule of the Sailing Instructions means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1 RULES

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, the current RS Feva Class Rules, these Sailing Instructions and any amendments hereto.

1.2 Racing rules Race Signals AP, 32.2, 33, 35, 44.1, 60.1(a), 61.3, 62.1, 62.2, 63.7, A4, A5, A5.1, A5.2 and A10 will be changed. The changes appear, in full, either in the notice of race or in these sailing instructions.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not later than two hours before the scheduled start time of the first race on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

See NoR 3

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

officials.

[DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the main flagpole at the front of the club.

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in Race Signals AP. This changes race signals AP.

5.3 If flag International Code Flag 'T' is displayed ashore all boats may be towed to the start at no more than 5 knots. If this flag is not displayed, then no boat may be towed to the start. At the end of racing if International Code Flag "T" is displayed from either the Committee Boat or Finish Boat, then boats can be towed back to the club at no more than 5 knots.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

See NoR 9.

7 CLASS FLAGS

The Class Flag will be an RS Feva Class Logo on a white background. In case this flag is unavailable, the class flag will be International Code Flag "G".

8 RACING AREA

See NoR 10.

9 COURSES

9.1 Trapezoid or Windward-Leeward courses will be used. The diagrams in Addendum A show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be passed.

9.2 The courses to be sailed will be indicated by boards on the side of the committee boat.

9.3 If it is necessary to shorten the number of laps indicated for a race, a race committee boat will display Flag 'F' in the vicinity of a mark while making repetitive sound signals. Boats shall round this mark as normal and proceed to the finish line. This is an additional instruction and changes rule RRS 32.2.



10 MARKS

10.1 For trapezoid courses Marks 1, 2, will be round yellow buoys. Marks 3p, 4p and 4s will be round red buoys. For windward/leeward courses Marks 1 and 2, will be round yellow buoys, The starting mark will be a yellow pillar buoy. The finishing mark will be a yellow pillar buoy.

10.2 When a gate mark is used, if one or other of the gate marks is missing, the remaining mark shall be rounded to port.

11 OBSTRUCTIONS

Does not apply.

12 THE START

12.1 The starting line is between an orange mast displaying an orange flag on the committee boat at the starboard end, and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

12.2 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

13 13.1 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

13.2 Minor course changes may not be signalled. This changes RRS 33.

14 THE FINISH

14.1 For Trapezoid courses the finishing line will be between an orange mast displaying a blue flag on a RIB at the starboard end and a port-end finishing mark.

14.2 For Windward / Leeward courses the finishing line will be between an orange mast displaying a blue flag on the committee boat at the starboard end, and a port-end finishing mark.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

See NoR 12.

16 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIME

16.1 The time limits and target times are as follows:

Mark 1 time limit: 20 minutes

Race time limit: 60 minutes

Finishing Window: 15 minutes

Target Time (race duration for first finisher): 40 minutes

16.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 time limit the race may be abandoned.

16.3 When an official boat displays flag W with two sounds, boats that have not yet finished may be given a finishing place anywhere on the racecourse, at a nearby mark or not. This changes RRS A4 and A5. When SI 16.3 applies, SI 16.4 does not.

16.4 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

16.5 Failure to meet the Target Time race duration will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

17 HEARING REQUESTS

17.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the later.

17.2 Hearing Request forms are available at the race office.

Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room in Cushendall Sailing & Boating Club.

18 SCORING

As per NoR 13.



19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

19.1 [DP] Boats shall not launch until they have tallied out and permission to launch has been given.

19.2 [DP] [NP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

20 20.1 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

[DP] [NP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

20.2 [DP] [NP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity.

21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

[NP] A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules.

22 SUPPLIED BOATS

Does not apply.

23 OFFICIAL VESSELS

The Committee Boat will be a Sailing Vessel, Marie.

The finishing Boat for Trapezoid courses will be an orange RIB.

24 [DP] [NP] SUPPORT TEAMS

As per NoR 14

25 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.

26 BERTHING

[DP] [NP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the dinghy park.

27 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Does not apply.

28 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

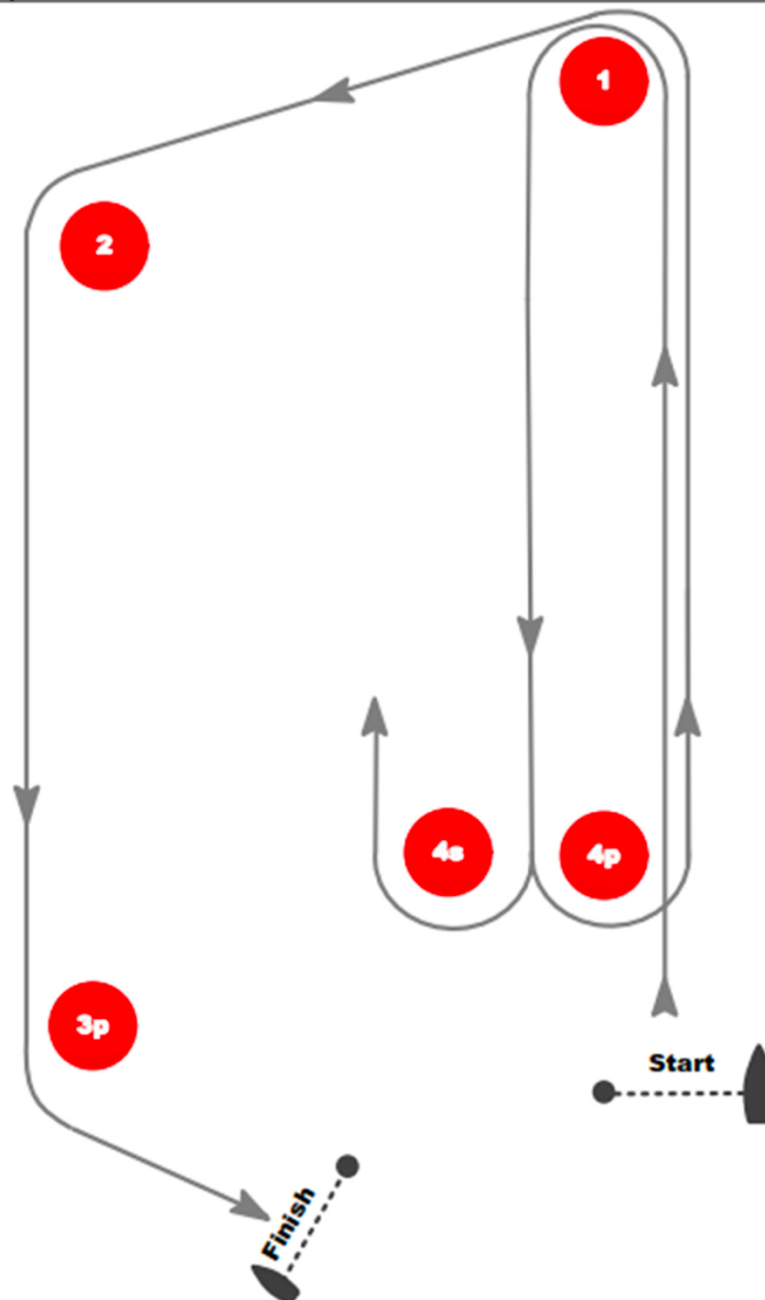
Does not apply.

29 PRIZES

As per NoR 19

ADDENDUM A – Courses

I	COURSE: INNER TRAPEZOID
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
I2	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 2 – 3p – Finish
I3	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 2 – 3p – Finish
I4	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 2 – 3p – Finish



L	COURSE: WINDWARD / LEEWARD with spreader mark and reaching finish
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
L2	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2p - Finish
L3	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2p - Finish
L4	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2p - Finish

