

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLUSHING VILLAGE REGATTA SATURDAY 29th JULY 2017

**Sailed under the burgee of Flushing Sailing Club.  
Races are sailed under the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020,  
Class rules, the FVR Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions**

**Warning Gun            14.00 hrs**  
**Preparatory Signal   14.05 hrs**  
**High Water             10.08 hrs BST (4.5m)            Low Water    16.47 hrs BST (1.2m)**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Flag</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Start</b>
	Warning Signal	14.00 hrs	FSC Club Line
	Preparatory Signal	14.05 hrs	FSC Club Line
Q	IRC/FAY (Fast) Yachts (.850 and above)	14.10 hrs	FSC Club Line
U	IRC/FAY (Slow) Yachts (.849 and below)	14.15 hrs	FSC Club Line
V & O	Sunbeams, SMODs, Ajaxes & Open Day Boats	14.20 hrs	FSC Club Line
W	FAY Yachts (White Sail)	14.25 hrs	FSC Club Line
G	Handicap Gaffers	14.30 hrs	FSC Club Line
R	Handicap Dinghies	14.35 hrs	FSC Club Line
C	Small Working Boats	14.40 hrs	FSC Club Line
B	Large Working Boats	14.55 hrs	Inner Harbour start
M	Firebirds	15.05 hrs	Inner Harbour start

**\*\* Should 6 or more boats of the same design compete in these classes, a separate prize maybe awarded.**

**CLASS FLAGS MUST BE DISPLAYED on all yachts competing in Classes Q,U,W,G,B and C.**

**HANDICAPS    FAY Yachts in standard configuration will be handicapped in accordance with the appropriate performance handicap system. G Class yachts will be handicapped in accordance with the Flushing SC G Class handicap system.**

**TIME LIMIT    No boat will be timed in after 16.45 hrs unless the Race Officer at their discretion extends the time limit. In classes where more than one round is scheduled and no boat in the Class completes the course within the time limit, the Race Officer may, at his or her discretion, declare a result based on the times taken at the end of the first round. R.R.S. 35 will not apply.**

**PROTESTS      To be lodged with the Race Committee within one hour of the finish of the yacht. Protest flags must be flown except Class R.**

**INSURANCE    Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million per incident or the equivalent.**

**DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY    Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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.**

## General Information

**START LINE:** The start line for all classes except B will be an imaginary line through the Transit marks above the clubhouse. The start line for Class B & the Firebirds will be between a Committee Boat moored in the inner harbour and a mark carrying a F.S.C. burgee. **See Supplementary Race Instructions for B class and Firebirds.** Boats will start in the direction of the first mark.

**FINISH LINE:** The finish line for all classes will be an imaginary line through the transit marks above the F.S.C. Clubhouse.

**FLAG SIGNALS:** Red Flag on mast – Marks to Port (**except for Turning Mark**). Green Flag on mast– Marks to Starboard.

**COURSES:** These will be signalled by the appropriate flags flown beneath the Class Flag. Courses may also be given by VHF radio on Channel 72, failure to do so will not be grounds for protest.

**STARTING SIGNALS:** RRS26 will be modified for all classes. Warning Class Flag 1 sound signal. Preparatory Flag P 1 sound signal, Start Class Flag Removed 1 sound Signal. All at 5 minute intervals. Flag P will be left displayed until the last Class starts. The Warning Signal for each succeeding class will be displayed at the time of the Preparatory signal of the preceding class.

**RADIO ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Supplementary race signals may be made by the Race Officer by VHF radio on Channel 72, failure to do so will not be grounds for protest.

**SHORTENING OF COURSES:** FLAG “S” alone signifies that the race ends for all classes on completion of the Round being sailed. FLAG “S” above a Numeral Pennant and Class Flag or Flags, signifies that the next round will be one round only of the new Course signalled, for the class or Classes shown. In all cases the shortening of Courses will be denoted by TWO Sound signals in quick succession.

**CANCELLATION OR ABANDONMENT OF RACING:** FLAG “N” over FLAG “A” will be flown at FLUSHING SAILING CLUB. FLAG “N” over FLAG “A” over a Class flag: Racing is cancelled for this Class/Classes.

**BOATS OVER LINE AT THE START:** A second sound signal will be made and FLAG “X” will be raised for a short time. Any boat over the line and not returning to the line will be disqualified.

**GENERAL RECALL:** A general recall of a Class will be signalled by displaying I.C. Flag “First Substitute (AP)” accompanied by TWO sound signals. RRS (29.2) is modified in that the First Substitute will remain displayed for four minutes and the recalled Class will start ten minutes after the last scheduled start at the Club. No sound signal will be made with the removing of the First Substitute. Should more than one Class be recalled they will be restarted in their original order at five minute intervals.

**TURNING MARK (Not for B or Firebird Classes see special instructions):** If two rounds are to be sailed, the Turning Mark at the end of round one will be a buoy carrying a GREEN FLAG, positioned on the approach to the Finishing Line. This mark is to be left to Starboard at the end of the first round.

**PENALTY TURNS:** A boat may take a One-Turn penalty when she has broken a rule under Part 2 of the RRS 2013-2016.

**HARBOUR RESTRICTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS:** After the preparatory signal (Flag P) no boat shall sail inside the moorings and to this end the outer line of mooring buoys (whether a boat is attached or not) on both sides of the river will be classed as a continuous obstruction. This ruling excludes Frigate and Caldby buoys. If it should become necessary to clear the fairway, the Answering Pennant (Flag “AP) will be displayed accompanied by Two sound signals, all classes not already started are postponed, boats in these classes shall immediately clear the fairway. Racing will be resumed by lowering the Flag “AP” accompanied by ONE sound signal one minute before the Warning signal for the first postponed Class, Classes will then continue to start in their designated sequence.

**WARNING REGARDING COMMERCIAL SHIPPING:** White flags will be displayed at the Clubhouse and Committee Boat as a warning to competitors when the Club is advised of specific shipping movements in the race area. Competitors are required to read and observe the recommendations relating to commercial shipping issued with these sailing instructions.

When a Pilot Cutter or Harbour Master’s Launch is acting as an escort boat, stationed approximately 100 metres or more ahead of a large vessel, no boat shall pass between the escort boat and the vessel she is escorting. In alteration of Rule 64.1(a) the penalty for breaking this rule may be lesser or greater than disqualification :

**DIVERS:** A 30m exclusion zone around a dive boat displaying IC Flag A, an orange pillar mark indicating a diver beneath the surface, and a diver on the surface are designated obstructions. No competitor at any time is to enter the exclusion zone.

**ST. MAWES CARDINAL BUOY (LUGO ROCK)** Competitors shall at all times keep to the seaward side of the buoy.

## BUOY IDENTIFICATION & ABBREVIATION FOR ALL CLASSES

1.	T	FBC	8.	WN	West Narrows
2.	G	Governor Buoy	9.	J	St. Just Buoy
3.	BR	Black Rock Buoy	0.	NB	North Bank Buoy
4.	CN	SKB Sails	1st Sub.	M	Cove Restaurant
5.	CA	Castle Buoy	2nd Sub.	GY	Chooks Pasties
6.	W	Rustler Yachts	3rd Sub	ST	St.Mawes SC Flag Mark
7.	V	Vilt Buoy	A Flag	Z	Penrose Sailmakers (Zone)

**Boats to sail two rounds unless shortened except for FIREBIRDS who will do one round**

## SUPPLEMENTARY RACE INSTRUCTIONS FOR "B" & FIREBIRD CLASSES

Flushing Village Regatta instructions will apply except for starts from a Committee Boat.

### START SEQUENCE

Warning - Class Flag up.

Preparatory - P Flag up.

Start - Both flags down.

All at 5 minute intervals.

**COMMITTEE BOAT** will be in the vicinity of Deep Venture Buoy and will fly a red or green flag.

**STARTING LINE** : The starting line will be a transit between the spar flying a red or green flag on the Committee Boat and a distance mark with a black burgee with a yellow V

**COURSES** will be chalked on the blackboard on the Committee Boat.

(Buoy identification and map on next page)

E.g. 9 5 Committee Boat flying a green flag

If this was signalled the course would be two rounds except for FIREBIRDS who will do one round

St. Just (Starboard)

Castle (Starboard)

**Turning Mark** Around Pin End Mark of Starting Line carrying FSC burgee (take to same side as all other race marks).

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR ALL COMPETITORS

**ENTRY FEE** All boats must pay an entry fee of £5

**LATE ENTRY** A late entry boat may be positioned in the vicinity of the Start (Call sign – Flushing RIB, Channel 37).

**LAUNCH** The Club Launch (Call sign–Flushing Launch) will be run and can be hailed on Radio Channel 37.

**PRIZE GIVING** At Flushing Sailing Club as soon as possible after the racing, where competitors will be very welcome and a traditional cakey tea will be provided for a small charge. The Bar will be open from 15.00 hrs.