



RS Sprint Event 2013
(Not a ranking event for the RS Traveller Series)
Saturday 22nd June
Greystones Sailing Club, Greystones, Co. Wicklow

PROVISIONAL –

RS Feva/RS200/RS400 SPRINT EVENT SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

The Racing will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016. Competitors' attention is drawn to the event rules as detailed in these Sailing Instructions. The 2013 RS Racing & RS Feva Class Rules will apply except where changed by this Event Appendix. If there is a conflict between any documents, this Event Appendix will apply.

2 ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 Entry is open to all RS Feva, RS200 and RS400 Class dinghies, sailed by helms that are members of their National Authority (e.g. ISA) or an affiliated club.
- 2.2 Helms may not change crews during the event without prior written permission of the Race Committee.
- 2.3 Substitution of helm or crew will not be allowed without the written approval of the Race Committee. Any such swaps will affect eligibility for some Prize Categories.
- 2.4 Parent/Guardian Declarations: All helms and crews who are under 18 years of age shall submit completed declarations signed by their parent or guardian at event registration.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the ground floor inside the Clubhouse entrance of Greystones Sailing Club.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board at least one hour before the advertised warning signal of the race or races concerned, and may be signalled by displaying flag L (yellow & black chequer) ashore (SI 4). Any changes made will be highlighted at the event briefing.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the mast on the club balcony. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

The format of the event is described below. The format, along with race schedules, may be modified during the event in a fair and practical way as solely determined by the Race Committee taking into account the entries, weather conditions, time constraints and any other relevant factors.

The schedule is shown below with approximate timings.

9am-10am	Registration at GSC Clubhouse
10:15	Competitor briefing
11:15	First Gun with as many races as practicable until
Approx 13:00	Break in racing for lunch on the water. Fleets may be split into Gold/Silver.
13:30 approx	Racing recommences.
16:00	No warning signal will be made after 16.00

In the event of a large number of competitors in a given class, the fleet may be split into flights. Flights will be determined on the basis of past performance at open events. The intention is an equal split in quality between flights. The Race Committee shall inform participants of flight allocation if required at the briefing.

Post lunch break the class may be separated into Gold & Silver fleets. The Committee boat may inform competitors of Gold/Silver fleet status verbally, via a rib or by displaying a board indicating fleet and sail numbers.

7 CLASS FLAGS

The class flags are:

- RS400 'Y'  Red & yellow diagonal flag.
- RS200 'E'  blue over red horizontal
- RS Feva 'F'  red diamond on white background

Flags A and Flag B may be used with the Class Flags in the event of a class being separated into two

flights. Flag A  Flag B 

8 RACING AREA

The racing area will be to the East of Greystones Harbour and South of Bray Head.

9 MARKS

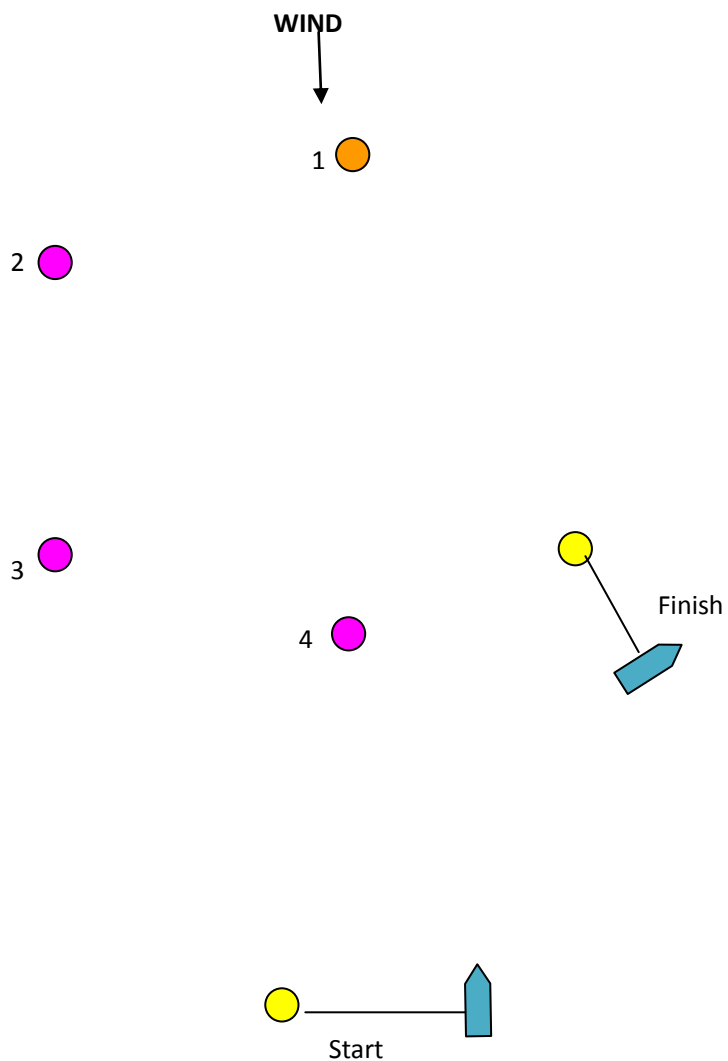
The windward mark is a brown/orange inflatable buoy. All other marks will be bright pink with the exception of the start & finish marks which will be small yellow inflatable buoys. See diagram

10 CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

To change a leg of a course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position without signalling. Rule 33 and RSRCSI 11.2 and 11.3 will not apply. Moving marks during racing will not be cause for redress.

11. THE COURSES

The diagram shows the courses and the side on which each mark is to be left.



- RS 400** Start, 1p, 2p, 3p, 4p on rounding mark 4 sail direct to finish line.
- RS 200** Start, 1p, 2p, 3p, 4p on rounding mark 4 sail direct to finish line.
- RS Feva** Start, 1p,4p on rounding mark 4 sail direct to finish line.

12 THE START




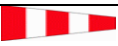









- 12.1 The order of starting shall be RS400s; then RS200s then RS Fevas. If a fleet is split due to a large number of entries, the RS400 A flight first, then B flight and so on.
- 12.2 If there is a single flight for each class, races will be started as shown in the Table 1.
- 12.3 The start line will be between the mast on the committee boat and the yellow starting mark.
- 12.4 Round the ends, rule 30.1 will apply for all starts & flag "I"  will be flown
- 12.5 All fleets will complete one race before starting another. Flag AP may be used to separate races within each round. In this case, Flag AP will be displayed without a sound signal. It will be removed with one sound signal, 1 minute before the first warning signal. This amends race signal AP.
- 12.6 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.
- 12.7 A boat starting later than 2 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5 and RSRCI 10.5.
- 12.8 In the event of an individual recall, Flag X  will be lowered after two minutes in accordance with Rule 29.1.
- 12.9 In the event of a general recall, The First Substitute will be raised  All boats in that start should round the ends of the starting line and then restart immediately. The start sequence will not stop. This changes RRS 29.2.

Table 1

Start No	Min	Signal	Flag	Sound Signal
	-4	End postponement	AP Removed 	one
1 (RS400)	-3	RS400 Warning 1	Class Flag Y (RS400) Displayed 	one
	-2	Preparatory	Flag I Displayed with Flag Y 	one
	-1	1 Minute	Flag I Removed, Flag Y Remains 	long
	0	Start 1	Flag Y Removed (ie. RS400s Start & Warning for Next Start)	one
2 (RS200)	0	RS200 Warning 2	Class Flag E (RS200) Displayed 	
	+1	Preparatory	Flag I Displayed with Flag E 	one
	+2	1 Minute	Flag I Removed, Flag E Remains 	long
	+3	Start 2	Flag E Removed (ie RS200s Start)	one
3 (RS Feva)	0	RS Feva Warning 3	Class Flag F (RS Feva) Displayed 	one
	+1	Preparatory	Flag I Displayed with Flag F 	one
	+2	1 Minute	Flag I Removed, Flag F Remains 	long
	+3	Start 3	Flag F Removed (ie RS Fevas Start)	one
Each subsequent start will be at 3-minute intervals.				

13 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a mast displaying a blue flag and a yellow finishing mark.

A boat that has finished shall then pass completely through the finishing line, and no part of her shall thereafter again cross the finishing line from either direction until finishing the following race. This changes RRS 28.1. A boat that infringes this Sailing Instruction will be scored DSQ in the race she has just finished; this changes RRS 63.1 & RRS A11.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM AND DECLARATIONS

- 14.1 RRS 44.1 and RSRC SI 13.1 are changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 14.2 Applies to RS200 & RS400 **ONLY**: Touching a mark (other than a starting or finishing line mark) with any part of the boat or crew shall not constitute an infringement of the Rules. Manhandling a mark that results in an advantage is not allowed and a boat so doing shall promptly retire.
- 14.3 If a boat touches a start or finish mark they shall complete a one-turn penalty as described in RRS 44.2. This changes RRS 31.

15 TIME LIMITS

Boats failing to finish within 3 minutes after the first boat in their fleet sails the course and finishes may be scored Did Not Finish or may be awarded a finishing place in their current position on the course. This changes rules 35 and A4 and RSRC SI 14.1. A rib may be used to inform competitors that they have timed out and that they must proceed to the start area for the next sequence

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protest forms are available at the Race Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2 For each fleet, the protest time limit is 45 minutes after the last boat has completed the last race.
- 16.3 Notices will be posted no later than 20 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. The location of the hearings will be indicated on the notice.
- 16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b)

17 SCORING SYSTEM

- 17.1 RRS A2 is changed so that a boat's score shall be the total points gained in the series – i.e. no discards.
- 17.2 The Low points System of Appendix A will be used. The winner of each class in the regatta shall be the boat with the lowest score in the class. Earlier qualifiers rounds shall be disregarded. i.e. points from Gold/Silver Qualifiers will not be brought forward to finals.
- 17.3 In all fleet scenarios, the final race of the regatta shall count for double points.

18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY & SAFETY

The attention of competitors is drawn to the Disclaimer of Liability stated in the Entry Form. Personal buoyancy must be worn by all competitors whilst afloat. Flag Y will not be displayed for this purpose. This changes rule 40 and the Part 4 preamble.

A sign out/ sign in system will be in place and all competitors returning to shore must sign back in immediately on coming ashore. Failure to do so shall lead to disqualification.

19 PRIZES

1st & 2nd overall will be awarded in all fleets. Third, Silver fleet, First Lady, First Junior and First Under 15 (RS Feva) will be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee and will depend on number of entries.