

Race Officer's Guide – RS Elite & Flying Fifteen.

Background

This event has proved to be a successful and popular format, that attracts large entries and provides extremely close racing that focus's on good starting techniques and boat handling.

When & Where

The sprint events will be held a couple of hours either side of high water on the appropriate Saturdays. To minimise the time to get to the racecourse and to provide sufficient space to hold decent length beats, we try and hold the racing in Bracklesham Bay, close to the harbour entrance. It is important to launch your team early and be ready to start at the published start time

Format

4 short races sailed back-to-back each 20-25 minutes in duration for the lead boat, using the 3,2,1 starting sequence. With the Elites starting first, followed by the FF15.

Committee Boat.

Find out from the office before the event which rib you have been allocated and who is manning you support rib. Ensure you have all the racing marks, flags and starting equipment you will need. Please clearly communicate to the sailors, via the notice board where you plan to run the racing, the colour of the marks being used and the planned number of laps.

Course

We need 2 or 3 laps of a windward / leeward course, with the beat being approximately a 400-600m beat and an extra lap in more breeze. This provides the fleet with sufficient time to separate before reaching the windward mark.

The committee boat and start line act as the leeward marks and the finish line (see course chart below).

To shorten the race, if laps are taking too long then use flag 'S', with the normal two blasts as the leading boat rounds the windward mark.

Starting Sequence

RS Elites first, followed by Flying Fifteens (start of Elites is 3 min gun for FF15).

Start signals

We are using a 3-minute sequence with the first start being the 3-minute for the second start. So, the full sequence will be as follows

- 3 RS Elite Class Flag up
- 2 Pennant Up
- 1 Pennant Down
- 0 RS Elite Flag down and FF15 Flag up
- 2 Pennant Up
- 1 Pennant Down
- 0 FF15 Flag down

2021 SPRINT Series

SUPPLEMENTARY SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Date: **** First Start : **** H W : ****

Eligibility: RS Elites & Flying Fifteen

Format: 4 short races; each lasting approximately 20-25 minutes; all sailed back-to-back.

Committee Boat: The intended CB will be announced on the day.

Course: Windward / Leeward

Marks: Windward mark will be a HISC inflatable (colour to be announced on the day).

Start / Finish - Mark 2 Will be a Dan buoy

Leeward Marks – Committee boat and Mark 2

Class Flags: RS Elite Flag

Flying Fifteen Class Flag

Sequence: RS Elite start first, followed by Flying Fifteen.

Start Line: Will be between a staff on the CB flying an orange flag and Mark 2.

Start Signals: Start sequence will 3,2,1 Go and amends RRS 26.

Finish Line: The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an Orange flag on the CB and Mark 2.

Shorten course: If flag S is displayed from the CB (in position as per diagram below) and then boats will proceed straight to the finish line from Mark 1.

HISC RS-ELITE SPRINT SERIES

Saturday 10 April, 8 May, 12 June, 18 September & 23 October 2021

First Start :	10 April	11.00	High Water 12:03
	08 May	11.00	High Water 10:55
	12 June	13:00	High Water 13:50
	18 September	11:00	High Water 10:54
	23 October	13:00	High Water 13:50

Format. 4 races each lasting 20 -25 minutes, each sailed back to back. All the races count for the daily results.

Committee Boat The intended CB will be announced on the day

Course Start...1(P)...GATE (between mark 2 and CB). No. of laps to be advised on notice board on CB.

Marks Marks 1, 2 will be HISC inflatable marks.

Start Line Will be between a staff on the CB flying an orange flag and Mark 2.

Finish Line Will be between a staff on the CB flying an orange flag and Mark 2.
Same as the GATE.

Signals Start sequence will be RRS 26 as normal.

Class Flag Pennant 7

Penalty 360 degree turn including one tack and one gybe.

There will be an overall prize for the sprint series if

4 events sailed, 3 will count

3 or less events sailed, all will count to the overall result.

Note to race team, please use a weight on the CB anchor warp to remove it as a course obstruction.

COURSE LAYOUT

