

How Much Does it Cost to Race a Flying Fifteen??

There are lots of great reasons to race at Datchet – the location and access for a start. The 475 acre racecourse is fantastic, and concrete beaches and slipways for sailing were included in the original design. Then there is the friendly and supportive family atmosphere, the upstairs lounge for relaxing, the tuition courses and so on. But you'll maybe still need to decide which fleet to join... and how much it will all cost?

Like cars, a major part of the cost of running any boat is probably the depreciation. Flying Fifteens have a very long racing life, and supported by a Classic/Silver/Open fleet structure, depreciation can be very low indeed. Some Classics can even appreciate. The overall cost of ownership of a Flying Fifteen turns out to be very competitive as a result.

Take a look at the table below – all the figures are based on owning the boat for a 5 year term. Depreciations are taken by price sightings on the National Association Website. Fees and insurances, sail prices and boat prices were current at the time of writing.

If you assume you race 40 weekends per year at Datchet, the cost per race ranges from £14 to £43 per race depending how competitive you need to be. Remember too that you can charter a Club Flying Fifteen program for £20 a day.

Flying Fifteen - Per Annum Running Cost based on a 5 year ownership term

	<u>Club Classic</u>	<u>Club Racer</u>	<u>Club Winner</u>	<u>Open Circuit</u>
<u>Total Cost Estimate per Annum</u>	£1,095	£1,595	£1,985	£3,445
Of Which:-				
Boat	£485	£885	£1,210	£2,635
Fees and insurance	£610	£710	£775	£810
<u>Approx cost per race</u> (80 races/year assumed)	£14	£20	£25	£43
<u>Comparisons</u>				
<i>Member of Sevenoaks golf Club</i>	991	991	991	991
<i>One weekend round, 40x/year</i>	1400	1400	1400	1400
<i>Plus 5 year cost of Clubs & Gear</i>				
<i>Rent a Club Flying Fifteen per day</i>	20	20	20	20

Detail Cost Breakdown:-

Depreciation	0	300	400	1000
Main and Jib	250	350	500	1000
Spinnaker	100	100	175	500
Gear, Minor Repairs	100	100	100	100
Trailer Maintenance	10	10	10	10
5 year Cover life	25	25	25	25
Fees:				
Club Parking plus Helm fee	325	325	325	325
Club Membership for 2nd Person	100	100	100	100
Insurance	150	250	315	350
BIFFA Membership	35	35	35	35

Prices:-

New Boat Pinnell & Bax	15000
New Main Bax	700
New Jib Bax	325
New Spinnaker Bax	525
5 Year Old Ovington Boat	10000
10 Year Old Ovington Boat	8000
Silver	3000
Classic	1500