

Dun Laoghaire Junior Series 2010 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. **RULES:** This event will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, the I.S.A. prescriptions, Class Association Rules and these Sailing Instructions. There will be no race unless two or more boats start in a class.
2. **ENTRIES:** A boat shall not be eligible to race until a properly completed entry form, fee and safety declaration have been accepted by the Hon. Secretary. All communications shall be directed to the first named on the entry form. Boats shall use their correct sail numbers as indicated on the entry form unless specific permission has been obtained from the Race Committee to substitute others. Numbers must be clearly readable from both sides.
3. **SCHEDULE:** The race dates for 2010 are: Sunday 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th September. A Maximum of 12 races are to be sailed over the series. A maximum of 3 races in any one day can be sailed.
4. **RACE AREA:-** The race area will generally be in the Harbour. Should racing in the Harbour not be possible, racing may be held in Seapoint or Scotmans Bay subject to wind and tidal conditions being suitable.
5. **COURSES & MARKS:** The course will be Olympic type with Windward (W), Gybe (G) & Leeward (L) marks, being orange in colour or temporary marks. The course shall be:
 - a. Start, WGL, number of laps as displayed on the Committee Boat and then to the finish.
 - b. Marks shall be left to Port or Starboard as indicated by a red or green flag flown by the Committee Boat. Marks may be moved at any stage of a new race at the discretion of the PRO.
6. **STARTING & FINISHING:** The starting & finishing line will be a line between the Committee Boat and an outer distance mark. The Committee Boat shall fly a blue Flag when in its finishing position. The outer distance mark is not a mark of the course except when starting or finishing.
7. **STARTING SEQUENCE:**

13.55hrs Warning Signal - Flag O will be flown.
13.56hrs Preparatory signal - Flag P will be flown.
13.59hrs Preparatory signal removed
14.00hrs Start for Optimist Class.

The starting signal for the other classes will be as follows:

1405hrs – Fevas and Py
1410hrs – Laser 4.7 and Toppers
1415hrs – Laser Standard, Radial & 420.

The warning signal for each succeeding class shall be made at the start of the preceding class using the following flags in the following order:

Fevas and Py – Flag M
Laser 4.7 and Toppers – Laser J
Laser Radial and 420 – Flag R

The second race will take place immediately after the finish of the first race. Starting procedure and sequence as above.
8. **START FOLLOWING A GENERAL RECALL:** When a general recall has been signalled, the starting sequence for the offending class shall be put to the back of the queue of the other competing classes.

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9. **SHORTENED COURSE:** The course may be shortened at the end of any round by the Committee Boat flying Flag S as the leading yacht rounds the leeward mark (L) and sounding two sound signals. In such a case, the finish line shall be between the committee boat and an outer distance mark.
10. **TIME LIMIT:** 1 hour for the leading boat in each class to complete the course and 10 minutes from the time that the first boat in that class finishes.
11. **ABANDONMENT:** The Race Officer may abandon and re-start a race.
 - a. Flag N when flown over the class flag and accompanied by three sound signals denotes that the race for that class is abandoned.
 - b. Flag N when displayed over Flag D and accompanied by three sound signals denotes racing for all classes abandoned.
 - c. The flag signals referred to in (b) above may be made from the yardarms of the Waterfront Clubs.
12. **MANOEUVERING IN THE STARTING AREA:** Yachts whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area & of all yachts whose preparatory signal has been made.
13. **RETIREMENTS:** A competitor wishing to retire must inform the Committee Boat or one of the patrol boats before leaving the race area.
14. **PROTESTS:** Protests shall be made in accordance with R.R.S. 61 and shall be lodged at the Race Office in the NYC not later than 1 hr. after the finish of the last yacht in the last race. A competitor who is protesting shall advise the Committee Boat as soon as he/she is finished racing.
15. **FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS LAST REGULATION WILL RENDER A PROTEST VOID.**
16. **SCORING SYSTEM:** The Low-Point scoring system R.R.S. Appendix A1, will apply. Discards shall be applied as follows:

1	-	3	Races	=	0
4	-	6	Races	=	1
7	-	8	Races	=	2
9	-	12	Races	=	3
17. **PRIZES:** Prizes will be awarded to the first three yachts in each class. The prize-giving will take place after racing on Sunday 26th Sept. in the National Yacht Club. Event trophies will be presented at the main D.B.S.C. prize-giving in November 2010.
18. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:** Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing clubs will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the series.
19. **INSURANCE:** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €1,300,000 per event or the equivalent.
20. **SAFETY:** Personal buoyancy must be worn when afloat - wet suits/dry suits are not considered sufficient. Patrol Boats and Commercial Shipping have right-of-way over all competitors. Failure to comply with this instruction will lead to disqualification.

SPECIAL NOTICE: Commercial Shipping – Strict warning is given by the Harbour Authorities that competitors must at all times keep clear of ferries and other shipping in the area.