



## 1. Organising Authority and Rules

- 1.1 The Organising Authority is the appropriate Yacht Club. (NYC 23rd June, RIYC 30th June, RSGYC 7th July)
- 1.2 This event will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association (ISA), the appropriate Class Rules, IRC and ECHO handicapping system rules, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions (SIs). Schedules A, B, C and D, which may be printed separately, form part of these Sailing Instructions. In the event of any conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

## 2. Eligibility

- 2.1 Eligible boats are those in the classes listed on the Notice of Race, complying with the relevant Class Rules and handicapping system rules and Regatta entry requirements.
- 2.2 The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner(s) or the owner's representative whose obligation it is to ensure that the boat is fully sound, seaworthy, manned by an experienced crew and equipped with all the necessary safety gear. Neither these Sailing Instructions nor any action of the organising authority in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the owner(s) or owner's representative.
- 2.3 Attention is drawn to RRS 4 - Part 1 Fundamental Rules.
- 2.4 Boat owners and competing crews shall ensure that they are adequately insured against loss, damage or injury to persons, boats or equipment at all times and however occurring and shall maintain third party insurance cover of not less than one and a half million euro (EUR1,500,000), and shall produce a valid certificate of insurance upon request.
- 2.5 No responsibility shall be accepted by the Organising Authority, its members, servants or agents, nor those officials or members connected with the event, for any loss, damage, injury or other claim of whatever nature arising or caused in connection with participation in, or intended participation in this event.

## 3. Changes in Sailing Instructions and Notices to Competitors

Changes in Sailing Instructions and/or Notices to Competitors will be posted on the official Regatta notice board situated in the club premises of the Organising Authority and may be repeated on the notice boards in the other yacht clubs, Marina and Howth Yacht Club before 1000hrs on the day they shall take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted before 2100hrs on the day before it shall take effect.

## 4. Signals made ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore may be displayed from the yard-arm of the Organising Authority and may be repeated on the yard arms of the Dun Laoghaire Yacht Clubs, the Marina and Howth Yacht Club.
- 4.2 International Code Flag "AP", Answering Pennant, with two sound signals, means "Racing is postponed". The warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after "AP" is lowered (with one sound signal). This amends RRS Race Signals.

## 5. Designating the Course

- 5.1 Classes and start times are listed on Schedules A, B, and C.
- 5.2 For boats starting from Howth according to Schedule D, the details will be provided locally.

## 6 Handicaps and division of Classes

- 6.1 For boats in the Cruiser Classes, results will be calculated using both ECHO and IRC handicaps.
- 6.2 Boats intending to race under IRC must submit a copy of their current certificate to the Regatta Secretary with their entry. Boats intending to Race under ECHO must possess a current certificate.
- 6.3 White-Sail Cruisers shall conform to DBSC class requirements. Other cruiser classes will be divided as follows on the basis of their ISA standard Echo Reference Handicap or IRC Handicap (subject to the Regatta Committee's right to allocate a boat to any class):

	ECHO Reference Handicap
Cruiser Class 0	1.035 and above
Cruiser Class 1	0.980 to 1.034
Cruiser Class 2	0.920 to 0.979
Cruiser Class 3	0.820 to 0.919

- 6.4 Boats competing in Cruiser Classes shall indicate the class in which they are racing by displaying their class flag from their back-stay. Failure to comply with this sailing instruction may result in disqualification.
- 6.5 Crew/weight limitation regulations are not applicable in handicap classes.
- 6.6 IRC has certain requirements for racing trim. Competitors are reminded that a boat may protest any alteration to the required or declared trim of another boat or any infringement of the handicap system used.

## 7. Class Flags

The Class Flags shall be as indicated on Schedules A, B and C.

## 8. Racing area

The racing area will be the waters off the East Coast of Ireland covered by Admiralty Charts numbers 1415 and 1468.

## 9. The Courses

There will be four types of course:

- a) Cruisers courses as defined in Schedule A. (There may be two races back-to-back.)
- b) One Design Keelboat courses as defined in Schedule B. (There may be two races back-to-back.)
- c) Dinghy courses as defined in Schedule C. (There may be two races back-to-back.)
- d) Howth starts as defined in Schedule D.

## 10 Start

- 10.1 Boats starting on Schedules A, B, and C will start as per RRS 26. The class flag of the succeeding class will be displayed at the starting signal of the preceding class.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between the main mast of the Race Committee Vessel, displaying the burgee of the yacht club and the course identification flag, and the starting limit mark.
- 10.3 The Race Committee may lay an inner distance mark close to the Race Committee Vessel and no boat shall sail between the Race Committee Vessel and the inner distance mark.
- 10.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose warning signal has been made.
- 10.5 No boat shall start later than 10 minutes after her starting signal.
- 10.6 The Race Committee may, no later than three (3) minutes before the start of any class, adjust the starting line by moving the starting limit mark or the committee boat. This amends RRS 27.2.



## 11. Recalls

- 11.1 Individual recalls will be signalled in accordance with RRS 29.1 and may be announced on the radio.
- 11.2 General recalls will be in accordance with RRS 29.2. When a general recall has been signalled, the starts for other classes not yet started will be postponed to follow the re-start of the recalled class.

## 12. Mark Boats

Mark boats may be stationed near marks. Failure of a mark boat to be on station will not be grounds for redress.

## 13. Finish

The finishing line will be between the main mast of a Race Committee Vessel, displaying a blue flag and the course identification flag, and the finishing mark.

## 14. Time Limit

- 14.1 Boats Sailing on Schedule A will be timed up to 20 minutes after the second boat to finish in their class. The second race will be timed up to 1600 hrs or up to 20 minutes after the second boat to finish.
- 14.2 Boats sailing on Schedules B and C will be timed up to 90 minutes after their valid start in each race or up to 15 minutes after the first boat to finish in their class, whichever is the earlier.
- 14.3 Boats sailing on Schedule D will be timed up to 16 hrs or up to 20 minutes after the first boat to finish.

## 15. Protests

- 15.1 Protests shall be in accordance with RRS Part 5 section A and shall be written on ISA protest forms available at the Race Office and lodged within 90 minutes after the time of the last boat to finish on their particular course. This amends RRS 61.2.
- 15.2 Protesting boats shall inform the Race Committee where possible and may receive an acknowledgement before leaving the finishing area. This amends RRS 61.1.
- 15.3 Protests will be heard within nine days of the regatta at a venue to be advised.
- 15.4 The Protest Committee will have arbitration hearings in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible. If competitors agree to final arbitration 20% place penalty will be imposed on the losing party. A boat shall not get points exceeding last place.
- 15.5 The protest hearing schedule will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors when and where there is a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing or named as witnesses. It is the responsibility of competitors to acquaint themselves with the schedule and to make themselves available at the time and place indicated, whether as protestor, protestee or as a witness.
- 15.6 Rule 66 is changed by adding this sentence: "A party to a hearing on Regatta Day may ask for a reopening no later than 15 minutes after being informed of the decision".

## 16. Scoring for non-handicap classes

- 16.1 The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will be used for classes where there is more than one race. No score will be discarded.
- 16.2 Series Tie: If there is a tie between two or more boats then the tie will be broken in favour of the boat with the best place in the second race if two races are sailed. This amends RRS A8.

## 17. Special Notices

- 17.1 Competitors shall keep clear of all commercial shipping.
- 17.2 Prohibited area – Dublin Port Channel: All boats are prohibited from entering the area bordered by the Poolbeg light, navigation buoys no. 6, 4, Dublin Bay Buoy, 1, 3, 5 and the North Bull light.
- 17.3 Starting and finishing lines: A boat shall not cross the starting or finishing line of any other course.
- 17.4 Personal Buoyancy:  
All boats shall comply with the Department of Marine Statutory instruments S.I. No. 259 of 2004 Merchant Shipping (pleasure Craft) (lifejackets and operation) (safety) Regulation 2004. International Code flag "Y" may be displayed at any start in accordance with RRS 40 and if displayed then it is mandatory that all competitors wear approved personal buoyancy. However it is strongly recommended by the Race Committee that all competitors in keelboat classes wear approved personal buoyancy and a safety harness as appropriate.
- 17.5 Rescue priority: Patrol boats shall have right of way.

## 18. Prizes

First prize will be awarded in races in which there are two or more starters, and in addition second and third prizes will be awarded when there are 5 and 7 or more starters respectively.

### Information for competitors:

Low Water - Dun Laoghaire:

23rd June: 14:45 hrs - 1m

30th June: 07:30 hrs - 0.9m

7th July: 12:43 hrs - 1.1m

**PLEASE NOTE THESE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS ARE COMMON TO THE FOLLOWING CLUB REGATTAS AND SHOULD BE RETAINED ON BOARD IF ENTERING ANY OF THE REGATTAS.**

National Yacht Club 23rd June  
Royal Irish Yacht Club 30th June  
Royal St. George Yacht Club 7th July