



31.7 National Championships 2021

3rd & 4th July 2021

Ruffian National Championships 2021

2nd to 4th July 2021

Sailing Instructions

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Organising authority

The organising authority is the National Yacht Club and the Irish Beneteau First 31.7 and Ruffian 23 Class Associations.

1.0 Rules

The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, the Prescriptions of Irish Sailing, the 31.7 and Ruffian 23 Class Rules, the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions. In the event of any conflict, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence.

Beneteau 31.7 Particular attention is drawn to Class Rule Article 13.2 regarding Crewing.

2.0 Notice to Competitors and Briefing

Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official notice board at www.nyc.ie

Briefing – A Briefing will be held on VHF CH 74 at 15.20 on Friday 2nd July and again at 10.10 on Saturday 3rd July

3.0 Changes to the Sailing Instructions

Any changes in sailing instructions will be posted on www.nyc.ie before 0900 on the day it will take effect except that any change to the schedule of races shall be posted before 2000 on the day before it shall take effect.

4 Signals Made Ashore

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the National Yacht Club

4.2 When Flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 60 minutes” in the race signal AP

5 Schedule of Races Ruffian 23

5.1 Eight (8) Races are scheduled for the event

	No. of Races Scheduled	Time of first Warning	High Water	Height m.
Friday 2 nd July	2	15.35		
Saturday 3 rd July	2 W/L 2 x Green Fleet (GF) DBSC Races	1030 GF 14.24		
Sunday 4 th July	2	1030		

5.2 It should be noted that as Mac Lir is required for DBSC duties at 1PM on Saturday it may not be possible to run the 2nd W/L in the morning

5.3 Course card 3 DBSC Green fleet should be used for the afternoon of Saturday 3rd.
downloadable at <https://www.dbsc.ie/course-cards-aib-dbsc-2021/>

5.4 DBSC Green Fleet Racing will use Freebird as the Committee Vessel

5.5 To alert boats that a race will begin soon, the orange starting line flag may be displayed with 1 sound signal at least three minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

5.6 No warning signal shall be made after 1500 on Sunday 4th July.

6 Schedule of Races Beneteau 31.7

6.1 Five(5) Races are scheduled for the event

	No. of Races Scheduled	Time of first Warning	High Water	Height m.
Saturday 3 rd July	2 W/L 1 x Blue Fleet (BF) DBSC Races	1025 GF 14.24		
Sunday 4 th July	2	1025		

6.2 Course card 1 DBSC Blue and Red Fleet Combined Saturdays should be used for the afternoon of Saturday 3rd. downloadable at <https://www.dbsc.ie/course-cards-aib-dbsc-2021/>

6.3 To alert boats that a race will begin soon, the orange starting line flag may be displayed with 1 sound signal at least three minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

6.4 No warning signal shall be made after 1500 on Sunday 4th July.

6.0 Class Flags

Ruffian 23 - The Class Flag will be International Code Flag Q

Beneteau 31.7 - The Class Flag will be International Numeral Flag 9

7.0 Racing Area

The race area will be the waters off Dun Laoghaire Harbour

8. The Course

8.1 The courses to be sailed will be Windward / Leeward and standard DBSC courses as indicated above

8.2 The approximate magnetic bearing to Mark 1 may be displayed on the race committee boat.

8.3 The diagram in Addendum A attached shows the Windward Leeward course, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be passed. In the event that a leeward gate is not laid, a single mark will be laid and this mark will be rounded to port.

9 The Marks

9.1 Marks 1, 2, 3a and 3b will be large inflatable buoys.

9.2 The starting mark will be a Dan bouy with Flag.

9.3 The finishing mark will be a Dan bouy with Flag.

9.4 Inner Distance mark (see SI 10 below) will be an inflatable or dan bouy or fender type.

10.The Start

10.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26

10.2 The Starting line will be between a red / white pole displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and a starting mark at the port end.

10.3 Inner distance marks may be laid adjacent to the race committee boat, not necessarily on the starting line, and, if laid, are starting marks according to RRS 18.1(a) and RRS 31. No boat shall pass between the inner distance mark(s) and the race committee boat. A boat passing between this mark(s) and the race committee boat may be disqualified without a hearing. This changes rule 31.

10.4 A boat starting 10 minutes after the starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.

11.0 Change of Position of the Next Mark of the Course on Windward Leeward

11.1 To change the next mark of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position. Minor course changes may not be signaled.

11.2 If there is a change made to the position of Mark W1 a spreader mark (O) might not be laid in the new position

12.0 Shortening Course

12.1 If a mark boat is positioned at a mark and is displaying ICF 'F' with intermittent sound signals all boats after rounding that mark, will then sail directly to the finish and finish by crossing the line from the direction of the last mark. This is in addition to RRS 32.2.

13.0 The Finish

13.1 The finish will be signaled by the display of a blue flag on the race committee boat. The finishing line will be between the red/white pole on the race committee boat and the finish mark.

13.2 A boat not finishing within 15 minutes of the first boat to finish will be scored DNF. This changes rule 35, A4 and A5.

13.3 When the Blue Flag is displayed no boat shall pass through the finishing line, in either direction, except to finish

14.0 Penalty System

The scoring penalty rule 44.1 and 44.2 shall apply.

15.0 Protests -

15.1 Protests shall conform to the requirements of RRS Part 5, Section A, and shall be filed online at [Online Protest Form](#) This amends RRS 61.2.

15.2 Protests shall be lodged each day within one hour after the last boat to finish in the last race of each day.

15.3 Protest hearings schedule shall be posted on event virtual notice board, to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named witnesses. It is the responsibility of competitors to make themselves available at the time and place indicated on the virtual notice board.

15.4 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

15.5 Arbitration. Appendix T will apply except that the post race penalty is 20% or at least two place points. This changes T1(b). Rule 64.1 (b) applies: if a boat has taken an applicable penalty shall not be penalised further with respect to the same incident unless the rule she broke is a disqualification that is not excludable from her series score.

16.0 Scoring

16.1 Beneteau 31.7 Class 3 (Three) races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.

16.2 Ruffian 23 Class 4 Races are required to be completed to constitute a championship

16.3 The low point scoring system shall be used in accordance with RRS Appendix

A. 18.

16.4 Once 4 (Four) or more races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her one worst score.

17.0 Safety Regulations

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

18.0 Measurement

Boats and Crew may be inspected to ensure compliance at any time during the event.

19.0 Advertising

Boats may be required to display a Flag from their backstay supplied by the organizing authority at registration.

20.0 Haul Out Restrictions

Boats shall not be hauled out after the time of the first preparatory signal of the first race until the end of the event except with prior written permission of the Race Committee.

21.0 Radio Communications

- 21.0** A boat shall neither make radio transmissions nor receive radio transmissions not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.
- 21.1** The race committee may draw attention to race signals by communicating over the **VHF Channel 74**. Boats that are OCS may be advised by the race committee on this VHF channel, however, such announcement will only be made at least 30 seconds after the start signal. Failure to make or receive any VHF communication, the order in which numbers may be transmitted, shall not be grounds for redress.
- 21.2** On Saturday 3rd July Ruffians sailing with the Green fleet will communicate on VHF CH 72

22.0 Prizes

Ruffian 23 Class

- 22.1** Prizes will be awarded to the first 3 boats in the Gold Fleet and first two boats in the Silver Fleet.
- 22.2** The Gold Fleet and Silver Fleet will be determined by dividing the fleet in half by reference to the final overall results. Should there be an uneven number of entries the middle placed boat will be assigned to the Gold Fleet. The Carmen trophy will be awarded to the best traveler outside of the first 3 boats in the Gold Fleet. Special prizes may also be awarded

Beneteau First 31.7 Class

- 22.3** Prizes shall be awarded to the first three competitors in both Scratch and Handicap divisions. A competitor may not receive a Scratch and a Handicap prize. The Scratch prize shall take precedence.
- 22.4** Perpetual Trophies shall be presented to the winners in both Scratch and Handicap divisions

23.0 Disclaimer of Liability

- 23.1** Competitors participate in the Irish J109 National Championship entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. National Yacht Club and the Irish Ruffian and Beneteau First 31.7 Class Associations their officers, servants and agents will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.
- 23.2** It is the sole and exclusive responsibility of each owner or owner's representative to decide whether or not to start or continue to race.

24.0 Insurance

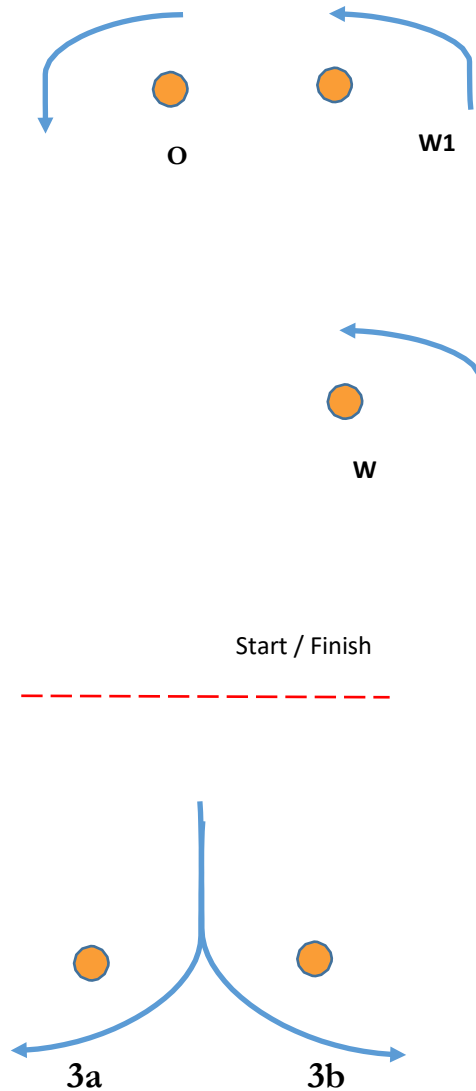
Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of not less than 1.5 million EURO

Addendum A

Windward-leeward Courses

- a) Course A signalled by the letter A on committee vessel
1. W1 – O – 3a/b – Finish
 2. W1 – O – 3a/b – W1 – O – 3a/b – Finish
 3. W1 – O – 3a/b – W1 – O – 3a/b – W1 – O – 3a/b – Finish
- b) Course B signalled by the letter B on committee vessel
1. W – 3a/b – Finish
 2. W – 3a/b – W – 3a/b – Finish
 3. W – 3a/b – W – 3a/b – W – 3a/b – Finish

Note if there is a change made to the position of Mark W1 a spreader mark (O/O1) might not be laid in the new position



At the gate boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round 3a to Starboard and 3b to Port.

In the event a gate is not laid Mark 3 will be rounded to port.