



## SB20 East Coast Championships 2022 Royal Irish Yacht Club

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024, the prescriptions of Irish Sailing, the Sailing Instructions, and any amendments thereto, and the below specified Class Rules, where amended in accordance with RRS 87.
- 1.2 SB20 Class Rules shall apply with the following emphases and amendments:
  - (a) Class Rule C.3.1 will not apply i.e. crews will not have to comply with the maximum Crew Weight Limit.
  - (b) Class Rule C.5.1(1) is deleted.
  - (c) Class rule C.5.1 (7) is deleted and replaced with "Two paddles of combined minimum weight not less than 1Kg." This weight requirement will be strictly policed. Added weight will not be treated as part of the paddle.
  - (d) Class Rule C.5.2 (16) is deleted.
  - (e) Class Rule C.5.2 (17) is deleted.
  - (f) Class Rule C.5.2 (18) is deleted.
- 1.3 Under RRS 87, the class rules are changed as follows:
- 1.4 In case of conflict the Sailing Instructions will prevail over the Notice of Race. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.5 Rule 40, Personal Flotation Devices, will apply at all times when afloat. This changes the Preamble to RRS Part 4 and rule 40. The wearing of a PFD is a legal requirement in Ireland.

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 The Race Office will be located in the Royal Irish Yacht Club. The Official Notice Board (ONB) will be located on the deck of the Royal Irish Yacht Club. Copies of notices may be displayed on the event website at [www.riyc.ie](http://www.riyc.ie)

### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions (SIs) made ashore will be posted no later than two hours before the first scheduled warning signal on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

#### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Club Flagpole at the Royal Irish Yacht Club.
- 4.2 When Flag 'AP' under SB20 Class flag is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP

#### 5. SIGNALS MADE AFLOAT

- 5.1 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed on the Committee Vessel with one sound signal at least five minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

#### 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES and Briefing

6.1 a briefing will be held on the deck of the RIYC at 10.30 on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August

| Date   | Event                      | Time of warning signal                               |
|--|----------------------------|--|
| Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> August<br>HW DL 12.47 3.8M | Race 1<br>Race 2<br>Race 3 | 11.55hrs<br>ASAP after Race 1<br>ASAP after Race 2   |
| Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> August<br>HW DL 1314 3.9M    | Race 4<br>Race 5<br>Race 6 | 11.25 hrs.<br>ASAP after Race 4<br>ASAP after Race 5 |

- 6.1 Races not completed on a scheduled day will be run on the next available day.
- 6.2 Additional races may be sailed on any day at the discretion of the organising authority, provided that the event does not become more than one race ahead of schedule.
- 6.3 The Race Committee will not run more than four races on any day.
- 6.4 On the last day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1500 hrs.

#### 7. CLASS FLAG

- 7.1 The class flag will be a BLUE flag with the Irish class logo.

#### 8. BERTHING

Berthing will be available for visiting competitors.

#### 9. RACING AREA

- 9.1 Racing will take place from a Committee Vessel in Dublin Bay. The approximate location of the Committee Vessel will be announced on **VHF CH 71** at least 30 minutes before the first Warning Signal on each day of racing.

#### 10. COURSES

- 10.1 The course for each race will be windward/leeward.
- 10.2 The diagram in Addendum A of these Sailing Instructions show the course, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 10.3 If only one mark is present at a leeward gate, it shall be rounded to port.
- 10.4 The course to be sailed will be designated by displaying the course letter and number from the Committee Vessel no later than the Warning Signal.
- 10.5 No later than the Warning Signal, the Committee Vessel may also display the approximate compass bearing from the Starting Line to Mark 1.

## 11. NAVIGATION RESTRICTIONS

- 11.1 As per the Dun Laoghaire Harbour N to M 2022. "Clear Fairway Priorities Large Power driven vessels (Cruise, Ferries, Lighthouse Authorities, Naval) and smaller powerdriven vessels with restricted manoeuvrability (such as cruise ship tenders and small passenger ferries etc) have priority over all other craft, including the area of the harbour limits that extend 600 metres seaward of the harbour mouth.
- 11.2 Competitors shall be not enter the Channel to Dublin Port for Commercial traffic

## 12. MARKS

- 12.1 With reference to Addendum A. Marks W1, W2, 1S, 3S &, 3P will be Black inflatable marks.
- 12.2 The starboard end starting mark will be committee vessel. The port end starting mark will be a committee vessel or an orange Dan buoy with Flag.
- 12.3 The finishing marks will be a committee vessel and an inflatable mark.
- 12.4 A race committee vessel signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in SI 15.3

## 13. THE START

- 13.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Vessel at the starboard end and a staff displaying an orange flag on the Pin End Committee Vessel or the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 13.2 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

## 14. RECALLS

- 14.1 In addition to RRS 29.1, the Race Committee, no earlier than one minute after the start, will if possible broadcast individual OCS recalls by sail number on the course VHF channel. Failure to do so or delay or the order of the broadcast will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 14.2 When a race started under RRS 30.4 (Black Flag rule) is recalled or abandoned, the sail numbers of disqualified boats will be displayed on the committee signal vessel, with multiple sound signals, for at least three minutes. This changes RRS 30.4.

## 15. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 15.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.
- 15.2 The position of any mark(s) may be adjusted by up to plus or minus 10 degrees relative to previous location and up to approximately 200 metres to windward or leeward without signalling Flag C, a direction signal, a length signal or a sound signal. This changes RRS 33.
- 15.3 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee vessel signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee vessel to starboard. This changes RRS 28.

## 16. SHORTENING THE COURSE

- 16.1 If a Race Committee Vessel is positioned at a mark and displaying Flag F and a class flag with sound signals, boats in that class should proceed directly to the finish and cross the line from the direction of the last mark. If all classes in the fleet are being shortened in this way the class flag will be replaced by the appropriate fleet pennant. This is in addition to RRS 32.2

## 17. THE FINISH

- 17.1 The finish line will be between a red and white striped pole on the committee boat which will be displaying a blue flag and the course side of the finish mark. This changes RRS race signals

## 18. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 18.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 18.2 Appendix P will apply, with P2.1 applying to all penalties, changed to a One-Turn Penalty only. Delete P2.2 and P2.3.

## 19. TIME LIMITS

- 19.1 The target time for a race is 55-60 minutes.
- 19.2 The time limit for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes is 15 minutes..

## 20. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 20.1 Protest forms are available at the Race Office in the RIYC and online @ <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/4700>  
Protest and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Race Office within the protest time limit. Contact mobile phone numbers shall be included on the protest form.
- 20.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the Race Committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 20.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of the hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room located at the RIYC.
- 20.4 Notices of Protests by the Race Committee, Technical Committee or the International Jury will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(B).
- 20.5 In 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.
- 20.6 Appendix T will apply with the following changes:
  - The Arbitrator may be a member of the panel hearing a subsequent protest;
  - The Post Race Penalty is a 20% Scoring Penalty
  - When the Arbitrator decides that rule 44.1(b) does not apply and that arbitration is appropriate, if a party is not present at an arbitration meeting, any party that was present may take a Post-Race Penalty at any time until the Protest Committee has completed taking evidence.This changes RRS Appendix T

## 21. SCORING

- 21.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 21.2 When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 21.3 When from five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## 22. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 22.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible on VHF CH 71 or by hailing a race committee vessel. *[DP]*

## 23. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 23.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee and are at the discretion of the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made in writing to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity. *[DP]*
- 23.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made in writing to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity. *[DP]*

## **24. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

- 24.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules and SIs.
- 24.2 On the water, a boat may be instructed by the Race Committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## **25. SUPPORT VESSELS [DP]**

- 25.1 Support vessels are required to register at the race office and complete the Support Vessel Entry Form and shall be marked with a numbered flag available at registration and country flag of a minimum size of 50cmx70cm.
- 25.2 Support vessels must be on call on VHF channel 71 at all times during racing. They are expected to render assistance to any boat in danger when requested by the boat, or at the request of the Race Committee or jury.
- 25.3 Except when complying with rule 25.2, support vessels and personnel shall stay 100 metres outside the course area from the time of the first Warning Signal until all boats have finished racing. The course area is the area inside an imaginary line drawn 100 metres outside any area where a boat might sail whilst racing.
- 25.4 A boat may receive outside communications during racing. This changes RRS41.
- 25.5 Penalties for breaking SI 25 will be at the discretion of the jury up to and including disqualification from one or more races for all boats associated with the support vessel.

## **26. TRASH DISPOSAL**

- 26.1 Trash may be placed aboard official boats.

## **27. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS**

- 27.1 Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and in accordance to the terms of the prior written permission of the Race Committee. [DP]

## **28. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

- 28.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing boats between the warning signal of the first race and the end of the Regatta. [DP]

## **29. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

- 29.1 The Race Committee may broadcast information available to all competitors by radio on VHF Channel 71, including starting and safety information.
- 29.2 A boat may receive outside communications during racing. This Changes RRS41.

## **30. PRIZES**

- 30.1 Prizes will be presented to the top three boats of the overall results.
- 30.2 Class Prizes will be awarded
- 30.3 Additional prizes may be awarded.

## **31. RISK STATEMENT**

- 31.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."
- 31.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
  - (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
  - (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;

- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or
- (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- (g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event
- (h) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.

## **32. INSURANCE**

- 32.1 Each participating boat is required to hold insurance cover and in particular to hold adequate insurance against third party claims of at least €3 million per incident or the equivalent.

## ADDENDUM A

Course (Windward leeward)

|        | COURSE: WINDWARD / LEEWARD                             |
|--------|--|
| SIGNAL | MARK ROUNDING ORDER                                    |
| 2      | Start 1s-1-2-3S/3P-1S-1-2-3S/SP-FINISH                 |
| 3      | Start 1s-1-2-3S/3P -1s-1-2-3S/3P -1s-1-2-3S/3P -FINISH |

Not to scale.

- All course marks shall be left to Port, except mark 3P/3S which is a gate

