

Dun Laoghaire Cup – 21/21 May 2022 – Briefing notes

These notes do not form part of the Sailing Instructions and are advisory only. They are an indication of how the Race Management Team plans to operate and the guidelines it plans to follow. They will not be accepted as evidence in a protest hearing.

1 Aim.

The aim of the Race Management Team is to run challenging, fair racing as safely as possible. Safety will always take priority.

2 Feedback.

I am always available after racing and am very happy to discuss why decisions were made. If you have any queries or suggestions, please speak to me.

3 Postponements Ashore.

If you are held ashore under Flag AP announcements of our intentions will be made on VHF (Ch 71) and the Competitor WhatsApp group on the hour and half hour and we will endeavour to put notices on the online notice board.

4 Starting

I will start by using Flag P for the first start of most races. If there is serious bunching at an end due to an untrue line or wind shift, I may postpone the start by displaying flag AP and re-lay the line. If competitors are evenly spread down the line, I will let the start run and try to identify premature starters. If there are unidentified premature starters who in my opinion have gained a significant advantage, I will signal a General Recall.

Recalled starts that are due to the class rather than an untrue line or a wind shift will be U Flagged. If the U flagged start is recalled subsequent starts may be black flagged. If there is an unexpected major wind shift during the start sequence, I may postpone the start by displaying AP with 2 guns.

If there is a General Recall this will be announced on the VHF (Ch 71) and repeated several times. I will also try to get a rib to motor around the front of the fleet displaying a 1st substitute. Please return as quickly as possible. I won't wait for boats who decide to check out the beat after a general recall.

If there are Individual Recalls the number of boats over will be announced as soon as possible after "Xray" is displayed. Individual sail numbers will be called, where possible/necessary, no earlier than 30 seconds after the start.

5 OCS and DSQed Boats

It is our intention to broadcast the numbers of OCS boats no earlier than 30 seconds after the start. The numbers of boats U Flag and Black Flag DSQ should be broadcast between 1 and 2 minutes after the start but this will depend on other star sequences.

6 Sailing Area

We will endeavour to announce the race area at the briefing but please keep listening on Channel 71. There also may be overlap between other classes courses at times. If there is any overlap, you all know your racing rules!

7 Courses/Starting sequence

We do not have a set starting sequence for classes in the SIs deliberately. This is to give us flexibility so keep an eye on flags and the board on the Committee Boat and an ear on Channel 71.

We will be trying, as much as possible, to get consistent courses with a first boat finishing time in each class of around 45 – 50 minutes and quick turnaround between races.

To this end, we will switch between I inner and O outer loops and potentially adjust windward marks in/out a bit during races. These adjustments may not be signalled.

8. Shortening course.

To keep races turning over as quickly as possible, we may end up shortening course for some classes at the leeward gate on their second downwind leg. Once again keep an eye out for your class flags if an S flag is being displayed and familiarise yourselves with RRS 32.2 (c).

9. Cruise Ship and Tenders

There is a cruise ship due to anchor in the bay tomorrow (Sunday) and there will be tender traffic in and out of the harbour to/from the ship. This may limit our choices on race area so pay attention to communications. Also, you are required to keep clear of tenders and their escorting ribs when manoeuvring.

10. Communications/Protests etc.

All our communications and documents are online for this event so, apart from VHF Channel 71 when on the water, there is an online Notice Board (<https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/3897/event>) with links to all documents, the Competitor WhatsApp group, notifications and links to file protests/scoring enquiries etc. This can also be downloaded to your phones as an App (link on the page).

If you've any queries, we're easy to contact! Enjoy your sailing!

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