Matthews Chandlery Autumn league 2007

Royal Cork Yacht Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

SKIPPERS ARE ASKED TO ENSURE THAT BOATS THAT ARE NOT RACING KEEP CLEAR OF BOATS THAT ARE RACING AT ALL TIMES

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY AND RULES

1.1 The Organising Authority is **Royal Cork Yacht Club**.

1.2 The event will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the RCYC General Sailing instructions, the Prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association (ISA), SCORA Rules, IRC and ECHO handicapping system Rules, the Notice of Race, [except as any of those are changed by these sailing instructions] and by these Sailing Instructions.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

The event is open to boats listed as per Notice of Race

2.1 Eligible boats may enter by completing an ENTRY FORM and lodging it in the RCYC Race Office.

2.2 COMPETITORS MUST PRODUCE A VALID COPY OF THEIR **IRC & ECHO** CERTIFICATES ON REGISTRATION.

3 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE AND NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

When the following International Code Flags [ICF] are displayed from the Club flagpole they mean:-

3.1 ICF 'L' indicates that an amendment to the Sailing Instructions and/or a notice to competitors has been posted on the Official Notice Board (which is situated near the Race Office). Any such notice will be posted before 10.00 hrs on the day it shall take effect except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000hrs on the day before it will take effect.

3.2 ICF '**AP**' "Today's race is postponed. Do not leave the harbour area. The warning signal will not be made **less than 90 minutes** after the lowering of this signal."

4 CLASSES, CLASS FLAGS AND SAIL NUMBERS

4.1 Class divisions will be based on the SCORA Handicap Register and Notice of Race. Where conflict occurs between NOR and this instruction Boats registered with SCORA will sail in their class as specified by the SCORA Handicap Register.

4.2 The RCYC Autumn League Race Committee may, in their absolute discretion, assign a boat to any class.

4.3 Boats shall show their correct sail numbers. Permission to sail under any other sail no. must be sought in writing from the Race Office or PRO before going afloat.

4.4 All boats shall wear their appropriate pennants while racing:

5.0 Class Divisions and ORDER OF STARTS:

Classes will be divided on the Basis of their ISA STANDARD ECHO reference handicap for the 2007 sailing season as follows

Class	Rule type Parameters	Class Flag
Class I	TCC of 0.980 and above	Numeral Pennant 1
Class I Restricted	TCC of 0.980 & above & Hull Factor of 8.6 and less.	Numeral Pennant 1
Class II	TCC of 0.915 to 0.975.	Numeral Pennant 2
Class III	TCC of 0.910 and below.	Numeral Pennant 3
White sail	No Spinnakers or Spinnaker poles	Green Pennant

The Race Committee reserve the right to allocate any boat or any type of boat to a particular class notwithstanding that boats standard ECHO TCF or IRC TCC

Entries must comply with ISAF Category 4 with the exception of 3.27, 4.07, 4.17, 4.18, 4.26

5.1 Race Signals

Warning signal for first start each day is at 11:55hrs

It is intended to start Class 1 and Class 1 restricted first and subsequent classes after in the following sequence.

Class 2 as soon as possible after Class 1

Class 3 as soon as possible after Class 2

White Sail as soon as possible after Class 3

5.2 A boat that meets all the requirements of Class 1 Restricted shall Race in "Class 1 Restricted" and in "Class 1" and will be scored accordingly. **IRC 1 restricted will race as a subclass within IRC1**

6 MARKS AND COURSE

6.1 The **COURSE TYPE** will be indicated on the blackboard on the Committee boat prior to the start and may also be announced on **VHF CH. 69**. Courses may be selected from the current Cork Harbour Course card.

6.2 Each boat should have a copy of the current CORK HARBOUR COURSE CARD.

6.3 **The marks for Round the Cans course** will be displayed on a blackboard on the committee boat and announced on VHF channel **69** [see a copy of the Cork Harbour Course Card for the designation of marks]

6.4 **Where mark EF4 appears on any course it will be replaced by EF2.**

STARTING LINE

6.5 The approximate area of the starting line may be announced each morning prior to racing on **VHF CH 69 at 11:00hrs**.

6.6 The starting line shall be between a **red and white pole** on the committee boat and a buoy at the port end of the line or an adjacent mark.

6.7 A buoy may be laid off the stern of the committee boat as an Inner Limit Mark; no boat shall pass between this buoy and the committee boat at any time.

7 STARTING SIGNALS RRS 26

Starting signals will be in accordance with **RRS Rule 26** as follows:

7.1 Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

7.2 WARNING SIGNAL: **5 minutes** before the start the **class flag** will be broken out and a **sound signal** will be made.

7.3 'P' FLAG: **4 minutes** before the start either the **Preparatory Flag,** the 'I' Flag [**Round-an-End Rule - RRS 30.1**], the 'Z' Flag **[Scoring Penalty],** the 'Z' with 'I', or Black flag will be raised and a sound signal made.

7.4 1 minute before the start the **Preparatory flag will be lowered** with **one long sound** signal.

7.5 At the **start** the **class flag** will be **lowered** and a sound signal will be made.

8 LATE STARTING

10.1 A boat shall not start later than **5 minutes** after her **starting signal.**

9 FINISHING LINE

9.1 The finishing line will be between a **red and white pole** on the finish boat and an adjacent mark.

9.2 The finish boat is a mark of the course at the finish of the race.

11 SCORING AND DISCARDS

11.1 The scoring system shall be the Low Point System in accordance with RRS Appendix A with the following modifications:

11.2 1st = .75 point.

11.3 2nd and subsequent placed boats shall score points equal to their placing.

11.4 OCS, RAF, DSQ and DNS = 1 point plus number of finishers for the race.

11.5 DNC = 2 points plus number of entries for regatta.

11.6 Boats will be scored in both ECHO and IRC where valid entries have been accepted by the race committee.

11.7 Where 5 races are sailed a boat will discard its worse score.

ECHO and IRC handicaps

12.1 A boats initial ECHO handicap will be as submitted by that boats club ECHO handicap officer.

12.2 Where a boat does not have and ECHO handicap submitted by its club it will have an Initial handicap of its IRC TCF or ECHO standard plus 40 points whichever yields the higher TCF

12.3 All boats racing under ECHO will have their handicap adjusted for the following race based on the boats race performance of the preceding race under "Sail100" progressive handicap

12.4 A boats new handicap will be published on the website and the results sheet prior to the start of the following race.

12.5 Boats entered white sail fleet may use IRC trial certificates

12.6 Valid Entries for IRC must have a validation date of not later than Wednesday September 26th 2007, validation dates after this date will only be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee.

13.0 TIME LIMITS

13.1 The **time limit shall be 16.30 hrs for all Classes.** If the first boat in a Class finishes within the time limit, remaining boats in that Class shall have a further 60 minutes, from the finishing time of the first boat, to finish. This amends RRS 35.

14.0 NOTIFICATION OF INTENTION TO PROTEST

14.1 In addition to the requirements under RRS 61 boats must draw the attention of the FINISH Boat to an **intention to protest** before leaving the finish area.

15.0 PROTESTS

15.1 All protests shall be lodged only on official Protest Forms, which will be available at the Race Office.

15.2 Protests shall be lodged at the Race Office as soon as possible and in any case not later than 2 hours after the protesting boat finishes its last race of the day unless the Protest Committee has reason to extend this time.

15.3 It is the responsibility of the PROTESTOR to inform the PROTESTEE of the lodging of the protest, the likely time and place of the hearing and to supply him with a copy thereof. It is the responsibility of all parties thereafter to attend at the time and place of any hearing with all necessary witnesses.

16.0 Prize Giving

16.1 Prize giving will be scheduled as soon as possible after racing each day.

16.2 Daily prizes may be awarded on a one boat one prize basis.

16.3 Prizes not collected on the day of prize giving will be available for collection during the following week but not after.

17.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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 found, seaworthy, manned by an experienced crew and equipped with all the necessary safety equipment. 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.
Boat owners and competing crews undertake that they are adequately insured against loss, damage or injury to persons, boats or equipment at all times and however occurring and shall maintain adequate third party insurance cover.
No responsibility will be accepted by The Royal Cork Yacht Club their members, servants or agents, nor those officials or members connected with the event for any loss, damage, injury or other claim of whatever nature howsoever arising or caused in connection with participation in, or intended participation in, this event.