CH Marine Autumn Regatta 2012

September 30th and October 7th, 14th, 21st, & 27th

Royal Cork Yacht Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association, 2012 IRC rules, relevant Class rules where applicable, the current rules of the ECHO handicapping system, the Notice of Race, these Sailing Instructions and any changes thereto. In the event of a conflict, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on window opposite main flag staff of RCYC Club House.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 09:55 on the day it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at main RCYC flag staff.

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

5.1 Racing is scheduled for Sunday, September 30th and October 7th, 14th, 21st and Saturday October 27th

5.2 The Warning Signal for first race of each day is scheduled for 11:55hrs.

5.3 10 races are scheduled for this Regatta with a maximum of 2 races scheduled per day

5.4 On the last day of the Regatta no warning signal will be made after 15.30

5.5 Classes will be divided into 3 fleets.

Classes 1, 2, and 3 will be designated as RED FLEET

1720s will be designated as YELLOW FLEET

Classes 4, White Sail 1 and White Sail 2 will be designated as GREEN FLEET

6 CLASSES

6.1 Boats racing in Classes 1 to 4 and White Sail 1 and 2 must clearly display their designated Class flag from their stern at all time whilst racing. Any boat not doing so may be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS A5. 1720s need not display a Class Flag.

6.2 The anticipated Class Divisions are as follows:

Class	Rule Parameters	Class Flag
1	TCF 0.980 and above	Numeral Pennant 1
1720s	One Design	ICF "F"
2	TCF 0.920 to 0.979.	Numeral Pennant 2
3	TCF 0.860 to 0.919.	Numeral Pennant 3
4	TCF 0.859 and below.	Numeral Pennant 4
White Sail 1	See SI 18.2 and 18.3	White Pennant and Numeral Pennant 1
White Sail 2	See SI 18.2 and 18.3	White Pennant

6.3 The Race Committee reserve the right to place yachts in different Classes at their discretion and with reference to the speed of the boats and to the number of entries in any Class.

6.4 Classes may be combined, if, in the opinion of the Race Committee, the number of entries does not warrant a Class.

6.5 Final Class allocations will be displayed on official notice board on Sunday September 30th at 10.am.

7 RACING AREAS

7.1 Appendix A shows the approximate location of Start Areas.

7.2 7.2.1 The Start Area location for the Harbour Course will be announced on VHF Channel 69, approximately one hour before the scheduled start of the first race of each day.

7.2.2 Start Area Harp, in the approximate location as per Appendix A will be used for Laid Courses and Round the Cans courses.

7.3 The following is the schedule of fleet race areas.

Sunday September 30th	**HW Cobh**
Harbour Course Green Fleet	18.34
Laid Course Red & Yellow Fleets	18.34
Sunday October 7th	**HW**

Harbour Course Green & Yellow Fleets	10.15
Round the Cans Course Red Fleet	10.15
Sunday October 14th	**HW**
Harbour Course Green Fleet	17.20
Laid Course Red & Yellow Fleets	17.20
Sunday October 21st	**HW**
Harbour Course Green & Yellow Fleets	10.21
Round the Cans Course Red Fleet	10.21
Saturday October 27th	**HW**
Harbour Course Green Fleet	16.50
Laid Course Red & Yellow Fleets	16.50

7.4 Start Area Cuskinny may be used as an alternative to Start Area Harp. The location of the Committee Vessel (CV) and the course for this Start Area will be announced on VHF Channel 71. The course for Start Area Cuskinny may also be displayed on a blackboard on the CV. This will not be a Laid Course as per Appendix B and Harbour Marks may be used**.**

8 THE COURSES

8.1 The diagrams in Appendix B, show the Laid Courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2 For Laid Courses, no later than the warning signal, the CV may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg and the designated course. This may be displayed on a blackboard on the stern of the CV.

8.3 A list of Harbour Courses is attached as Appendix C.

8.4 Additional courses may be added during the Regatta at the discretion of the race committee. Additional courses will be announced on the VHF channel for that course or displayed on the official notice board prior to racing on that day.

8.5 The Race Officer at his discretion may alter existing courses. These changes will be announced on the VHF channel for that course prior to the warning signal and may also be displayed on the official notice board prior to racing on that day.

9 MARKS

9.1 For Laid Courses marks will be orange inflatable cylindrical marks.

9.2 For Harbour and Round the Cans Courses marks may be orange cylindrical marks and in addition marks may be Port of Cork race marks and/or navigation marks where appropriate. A chartlet of Cork Harbour is provided for information purposes as Appendix A. This should not be relied on for navigation, and the position of any mark shown is approximate and for illustration purposes only.

9.3 Port of Cork laid race marks are yellow marks permanently laid in the following locations:

OFE1	N 51 46.023	W 008 16.229
OFE2	N 51 46.029	W 008 14.129
Harp	N 51 47.192	W 008 14.214
Ringabella	N 51 46.235	W 008 17.517
EF4	N 51 50.720	W008 14.740

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

The following areas are designated as obstructions:

Within 50 metres of oil refinery jetty.

Within 50 metres of any commercial shipping

11 THE START

11.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

11.2 For Laid and Round the Cans Courses the starting line will be between a red and white pole on the CV and an orange mark on the port side of the line.

11.3 Where the harbour start area is used the start line will between a red and white pole on the CV and a mark at the pin end of the line. The pin end mark may be a laid mark or a harbour mark. The designated courses for each start will be displayed on a blackboard on the CV.

11.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

11.5 The order and grouping of starts will be at the Race Officers' discretion and will be announced on the VHF channel for that course.

12 THE FINISH

12.1 The finishing line for the Laid Course will be between the red and white pole on the CV and an orange finishing mark.

12.2 The finishing line for the Round the Cans Course will be between the red and white pole on the CV and an orange finishing mark or an adjacent harbour mark. For the Round the Cans Course the location of the finish line will be advised to the fleet and may vary each race depending on the course chosen. Please note that the finish for the second scheduled race of each day may be within Cork Harbour.

12.3 The finishing line for the Harbour Course will be between the red and white pole on the CV and an orange finishing mark or an adjacent harbour mark. The location of the finish line will be advised to the fleet and may vary each race depending on the course chosen. The finish line may be in the vicinity of No. 7 navigation buoy.

12.4 When the CV for any of the Courses is in position at the finishing line, and flying a Blue flag or shape, boats shall not pass between the CV and the finishing mark unless finishing.

13 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

13.1 Boats failing to finish within 45 minutes after the first boat in that Class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5

13.2 The time limit for the lead boat of each race in each Class is 2 hours.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 Protest forms are available at the race office located in the RCYC Club House. protests and requests for

redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

14.2 For each Class, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat in that class has finished the last race of the day.

14.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at the RCYC Club House, beginning at the time posted.

14.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

14.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered

(a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;

(b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.

14.6 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 rule 62.2.

15 MEDIATION

As an alternative to a full Protest hearing a Mediation System may be used. When all Parties to an incident(s) agree the Protest(s) may be decided by a Protest Mediator and his/her decision shall be final. This replaces the requirements of RRS 63. Having decided that the Protest(s) is valid the Mediator shall have total discretion on the question of witnesses etc., but shall give all the parties an opportunity to state their case. The Mediator has the right to terminate the Mediation process at any time and refer the matter to a full Protest hearing. Otherwise he/she shall reach a decision.

The advantage of this process is that any rule infringement will result in a 25% place penalty rather that a disqualification in the event of a full Protest hearing. The place penalty shall be subject to a minimum of 3 places but it shall not exceed the score of a disqualification. Any penalty shall not affect the score of other competitors. Competitors rights under RRS 66 shall not be affected.

16 SCORING

16.1 The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply.

16.2 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

16.3 (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When from 5 to 10 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

16.4 A boat's combined score each day will be used as the basis for daily prizes throughout the Regatta.

16.5 For Classes 1 to 4 all races will be scored as part of the SCORA league.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

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

18 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

18.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

18.2 For White Sail Classes: only one headsail and one mainsail per day to be used. Sail identification number required on mainsail. Gennakers, bloopers, spinnakers, code zero or similar sails are prohibited.

18.3 No boat shall carry its anchor protruding from bow whilst racing.

19 RADIO COMMUNICATION

19.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all competing boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

19.2 Race Area VHF Channels

(a) VHF Channel 71 will be used for race management for Laid Course and the Round the Cans Course.

(b) VHF Channel 69 will be used for race management for Harbour Course.

19.3 Courses may be announced on the designated VHF channels prior to starting sequence of that Class.

20 PRIZES

20.1 Overall prizes will be awarded as follows: 1st and 2nd in each Class of the Autumn Regatta.

20.2 Daily prize giving will take place no later than 17:30 hrs in the RCYC Club house. Prizes will be awarded to the 1st and 2nd boat in each class but distributed on a one boat, one prize basis.

20.3 Final prize giving for the Autumn Regatta will take place at the prize giving gala dinner on Saturday October 27th. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

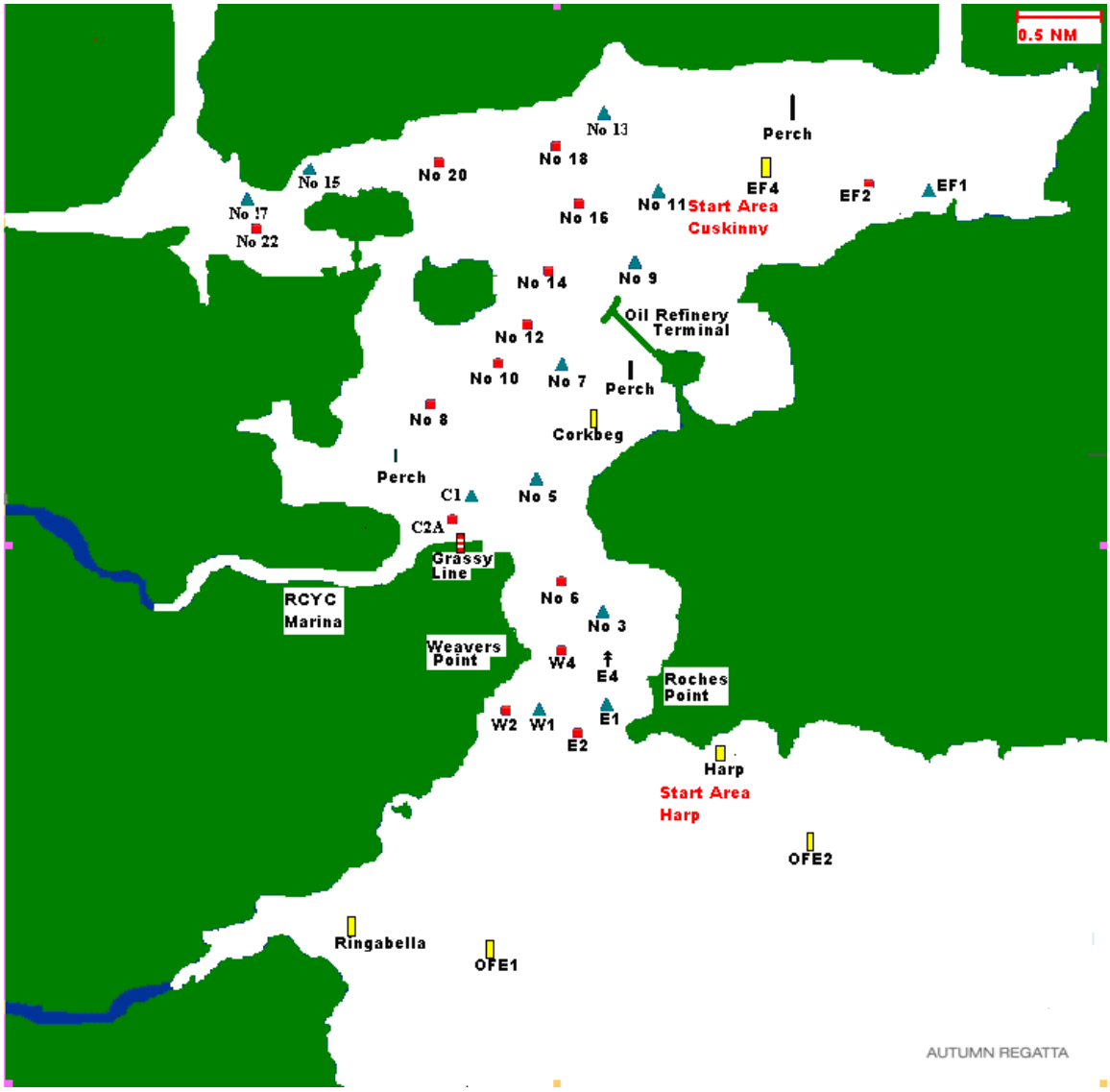
21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Regatta.

22 INSURANCE

It is the duty of each boat owner to have his boat adequately insured against any risk, including civil responsibility to third parties and to ensure that such insurance remains valid for the entirety of the Autumn Regatta 2012.

APPENDIX A



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APPENDIX B

LAID COURSES

Race Area: South East of Roches Point VHF: Channel 71
Committee Vessel: "Sparetime", white Beneteau Swift Trawler 42 motoryacht.

No later than the warning signal the CV may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

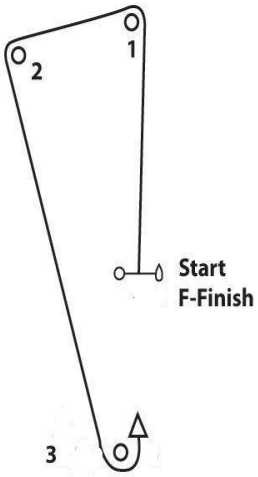
The number of rounds to be sailed by each Class will be shown on a blackboard on the CV and may be broadcast on the designated VHF Channel.

If the race is to be shortened at the start/finish line, the signal shall be the display of Flag "J" with repetitive sound signals at a mark on the course. Having rounded that mark, boats shall proceed directly to the finishing line and finish by crossing the line from the direction of the last mark. This is in addition to RRS 32.2

LAID COURSE A

Windward-Leeward Course

All marks to be rounded to port.



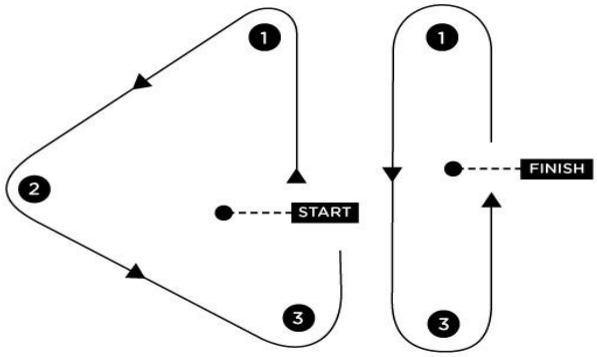
LAID COURSE B

Windward-Leeward-Triangle Course

All marks to be rounded to port.

The location of the finish line will be advised to the fleet and may vary each race depending on the course chosen. Please note that the finish for the 2nd scheduled race of each day may be within Cork Harbour.

One Round : 1, 2, 3 – Finish
Two Rounds: 1,2,3,1,3 – Finish
Three Rounds: 1,2,3,1,3,1,2,3 – Finish



APPENDIX C

HARBOUR COURSES

Race Area: Cork Harbour Inner and Outer **VHF: Channel 69**
Committee Vessel: "Crosby" , navy Jeanneau Sun Odyssey 43 DS sloop.

North Wind

Course # 1 No 13 (P), W1 (P), HARP (S), OFE 1 (S), Finish.

Course # 2 No 13 (P), OFE 1 (P), Finish.

Course # 3 No 13 (P), E1 (S), W2 (S), Finish.

North East Wind

Course # 4 No 7 (P), Ringabella (P), No 3 (P), Ringabella (P), Finish.

Course # 5 No 7 (P), Ringabella (P), No 3 (P), W2 (S), Finish.

Course # 6 No 7 (P), Ringabella (P), Finish.

Course # 7 No 11 (P), E1 (S), W2 (S), Finish.

East Wind

Course # 8 Corkbeg (S), Ringabella (P), OFE2 (P), Finish.

Course # 9 Corkbeg (S), E2 (P), HARP (P), W2 (S), Finish.

Course # 10 Corkbeg (P), No 16 (S), EF1 (P), No 11 (P), Finish.

Course # 11 Corkbeg (P), No 13 (P), No 20 (S), EF1 (P), No 11 (P), Finish.

Course # 12 Corkbeg (P), No 13 (S), EF1 (S), No 14 (P), EF1 (S), No 12 (P), Finish.

South East Wind

Course # 13 OFE 2 (P), NO 8 (P), E1 (P), No 10 (P), Finish.

Course # 14 OFE 2 (P), W2 (P), OFE2 (P), No 10 (P), Finish.

Course # 15 OFE 2 (P), HARP (P), E2 (S), No 10 (P), Finish.

Course # 16 OFE2 (P), E2 (P), OFE2 (P), W2 (S), Finish.

South Wind

Course # 17 OFE 1 (P), W2 (P), OFE 1 (P), No 14 (P), Finish.

Course # 18 OFE 1 (P), No 14 (P), Finish.

Course # 19 OFE 1 (P), No 5 (P), W1 (P), No 14 (P), Finish.

Course # 20 E2 (P), No 12 (P), No 5 (P), No 14 (P), Finish.

Course # 21 No 6 (P), No 16 (P), No 5 (P), No 16 (P), Finish.

Course # 22 E2 (P), No 13 (P), No 20 (P), No 18 (S), Finish.

South West Wind

Course # 23 Ringabella (P), OFE1 (P), No 3 (P), Ringabella (P), No 7 (P), Finish.

Course # 24 Ringabella (P), W1 (P), Ringabella (P), No 7 (P), Finish.

Course # 25 Ringabella (P), Harp (P), W2 (S), No 7 (P), Finish.

Course # 26 Ringabella (P), No 3 (P), W2 (S), No 7 (P), Finish.

Course # 27 W2 (P), No 11 (P), Finish.

West Wind

Course # 28 No 8 (P), OFE 2 (S), Ringabella (S), Harp (P), E2 (S), Corkbeg (P), Finish.

Course # 29 No 8 (P), OFE 2 (S), Ringabella (S), Corkbeg (P), Finish.

Course # 30 No 8 (S), No 13 (P), No 20 (S), EF1 (P), No 11 (P), Corkbeg (S), Finish.

Course # 31 No 8 (S), No 13 (P), No 20 (S), EF2 (S), No 11 (P), Corkbeg (S) , Finish.

North West Wind

Course # 32 No 10 (P), OFE 2 (P), No 8 (P), E1 (P), Finish.

Course # 33 No 10 (P), OFE 2 (P), HARP (P), W2 (S), Finish.

Course # 34 No 10 (P), OFE 2 (P), Finish.

Course # 35 No 10 (P), No 3 (P), No 8 (P), No 3 (P), Finish.

Course # 36 No 8(P), OFE2(P), No 8(P), E1(S), W2(S) , Finish.

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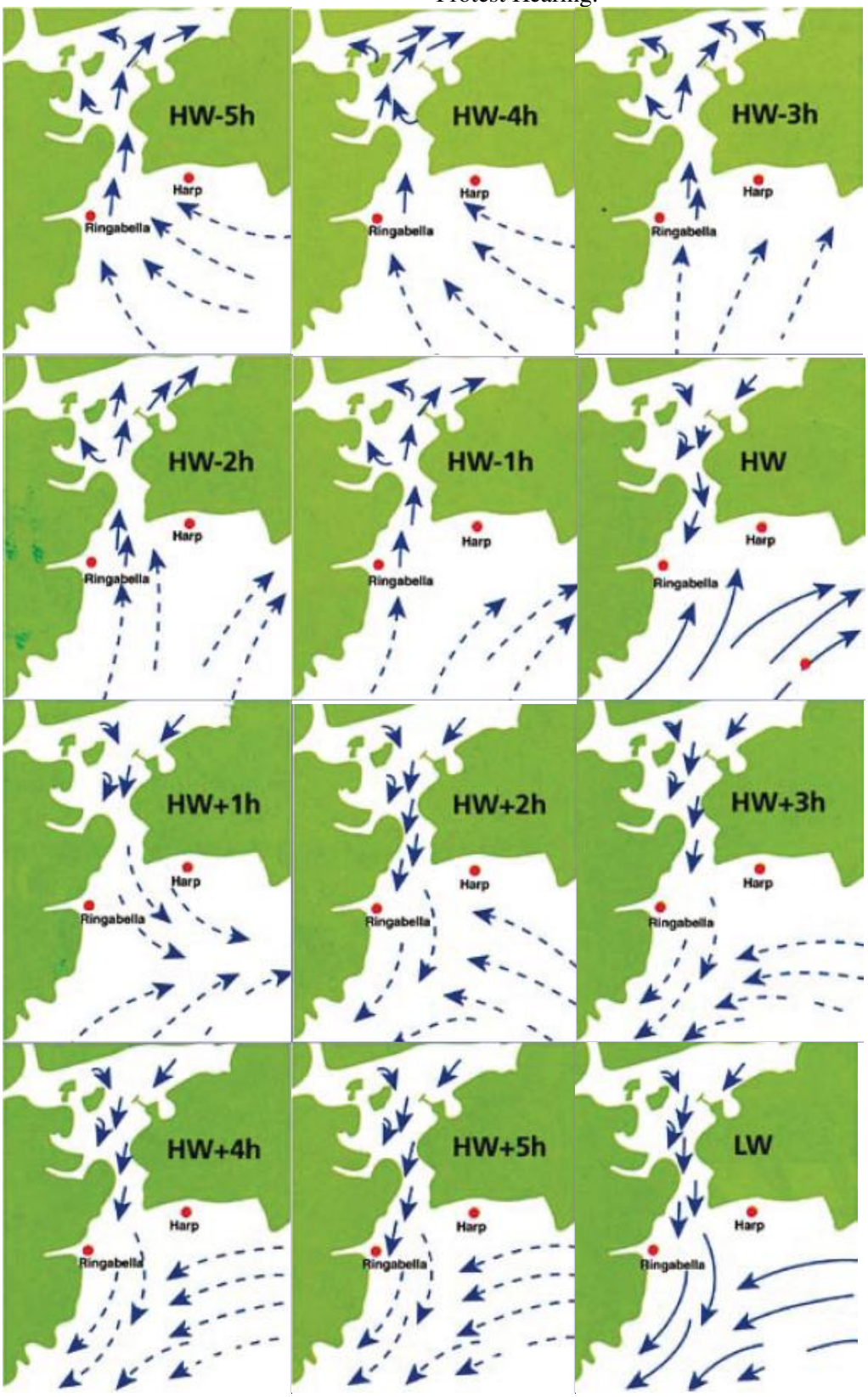
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