



CH Marine Autumn Regatta 2014

September 27th and October 5th, 12th, 19th, & 25th

Sailing Instructions

1 RULES

The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*, the prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association, 2013 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 Saturday, September 27th and October 5th, 12th, 19th and Saturday October 25th
- 5.2 The Warning Signal for first race of each day is scheduled for 11:55hrs.
- 5.3 10 races are scheduled for Green, Red & Yellow fleets in this Regatta with a maximum of 2 races scheduled per day
- 5.3.1 14 races are scheduled for Blue fleet with a maximum of 3 races per day except the last day when a maximum of two races will be sailed.
- 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 4 fleets.
Classes 1 and 2 will be designated as RED FLEET
Class 3 will be designated as YELLOW FLEET
Sports Boats will be designated as BLUE FLEET

White Sail 1, White Sail 2 and class 4 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		Class Flag
1	TCF 0.975 and above	Numeral Pennant 1
2	TCF 0.916 to 0.974.	Numeral Pennant 2
3	TCF 0.865 to 0.915.	Numeral Pennant 3
4	TCF 0.854 and below.	Numeral Pennant 4
Sports Boats		ICF "R"
White Sail 1	TCF 0.940 and above	Green
White Sail 2	TCF 0.939 and below	Yellow

- 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. In particular White Sail 1 and White Sail 2 may be combined.
- 6.5 Class allocations will be displayed on official notice board on Saturday September 27th 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 displayed on the official notice board on the morning of each days racing and 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 the Outside Course subject to Sailing Instruction 7.3.
7.2.3 Start area for the Sports boat course will be displayed on the official notice board on the morning of each days racing and announced on VHF Channel 72 approximately one hour before the scheduled start of the first race of each day.

7.3 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.

7.4 The following is the schedule of fleet race areas.

Saturday September 27 th	
Harbour Course	Green Fleet
Sports Boats Course	Blue Fleet
Outside Course	Red & Yellow Fleets
Sunday October 5 th	
Harbour Course	Green Fleet
Sports Boats Course	Blue Fleet
Outside Course	Red & Yellow Fleets
Sunday October 12 th	
Harbour Course	Green Fleet
Sports Boats Course	Blue Fleets
Outside Course	Red & Yellow Fleets
Sunday October 19 th	
Harbour Course	Green Fleet
Sports Boats Course	Blue Fleet
Outside Course	Red & Yellow Fleets
Saturday October 25 th	
Harbour Course	Green Fleet
Sports Boats Course	Blue Fleet
Outside Course	Red & Yellow Fleets

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The diagrams in Appendix B and D, 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 For the Harbour Course, the course to be sailed is at the discretion of the Race Officer. 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.
- 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 the Harbour Course marks may be orange cylindrical marks, pink round marks and in addition marks may be Port of Cork race marks and/or navigation marks where appropriate.
- 9.3 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.

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 RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2 For all courses the start line will be 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.
- 11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 11.4 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 Outside Course will be between the red and white pole on the designated CV and an orange finishing mark or an adjacent harbour mark. The location of the finish line will be advised to the relevant fleet and may vary for each race depending on the course chosen. Please note that the finish for the second scheduled race of each day for the Outside Course may be within Cork Harbour.
- 12.2 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 relevant 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 In addition to the requirements of RRS 61, boats who intend to protest another boat are required to inform the CV of their intention to protest, and the boat name or sail number of the intended protestee, as soon as possible after finishing and in any event not before leaving the vicinity of the finish line.
- 14.3 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.
- 14.4 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.
- 14.5 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 14.6 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.
- 14.7 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.
- 14.8 Breaches of SI 4.1, SI 6.1, SI 12.4, and SI 17 will not be grounds for protest by a boat or entrant. This changes RRS 60.1 (a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 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 than 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.
- 18.4 Entries in White Sail Classes may **not** make use of any whisker pole, spinnaker pole, or any other such device to hold headsails at any stage.
- 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 the Outside Course.
 - (b) VHF Channel 69 will be used for race management for the Harbour Course.
 - (c) VHF Channel 72 will be used for race management for the Sportsboat Course.
- 19.3 Courses may be announced on the designated VHF channels prior to starting sequence of that Class. 71
- 20 PRIZES**
- 20.1 Overall prizes will be awarded as follows: 1st and 2nd in each Class of the Autumn Regatta. Overall prizes may be awarded to certain groupings of boat types if numbers exceed 3 boats racing together in the same Class. For example, a prize may be awarded to the 1st placed Impala OD, J24, Sigma 33, X332, or Quarter Tonner. In the White Sail Class(es), overall prizes may be awarded to the first placed boat with Dacron sails.
- 20.2 Daily prize giving will take place no later than 18.00 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 25th. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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 2013.

APPENDIX B

OUTSIDE COURSE

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.

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.

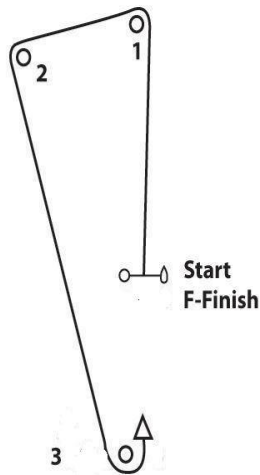
One Round : 1, 2, 3 – Finish
Two Rounds: 1,2,3,1,3 – Finish
Three Rounds: 1,2,3,1,3,1,2,3 – Finish

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

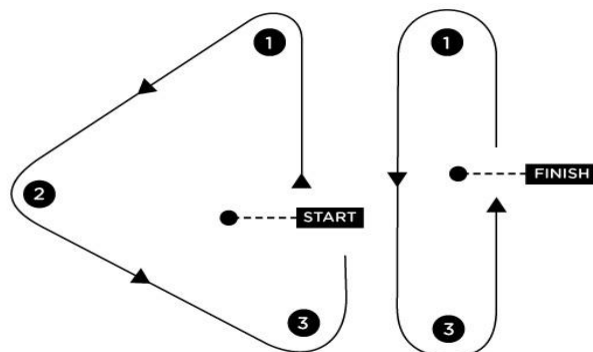
All marks to be rounded to port.



LAID COURSE B

Windward-Leeward-Triangle Course

All marks to be rounded to port.



APPENDIX C

HARBOUR COURSE

Race Area: Cork Harbour Inner and Outer

VHF: Channel 69

The course to be sailed is at the discretion of the Race Officer as per Sailing Instruction 8.3.

APPENDIX D

SPORTSBOAT COURSE

Race Area: Cork Harbour Inner and Outer

VHF: Channel 72

Committee Vessel: "Irish Mist" Nelson 39 motor boat.

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

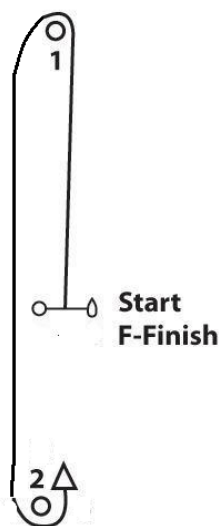
The number of rounds to be sailed by each Class will be shown on a blackboard on the CV and may be broadcast on the designated VHF Channel.

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

LAI D COURSE A

Windward-Leeward Course

All marks to be rounded to port.



APPENDIX E

These diagrams are provided for information purposes only and merely as an explanatory supplement to the Sailing Instructions. They have no official status and will not be accepted as evidence in a Protest Hearing.

