



CH Marine Autumn Regatta 2017

October 01st, 08th, 15th, 22nd & 29th

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 09:30 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 October **01st, 08th, 15th, 22nd & 29th**

5.2 The Warning Signal for first race of each day is scheduled for 10:55hrs.

5.3 Classes will be divided into 3 fleets. (Red, Blue & Yellow)

5.3.1 15 races are scheduled for the sportsboat class with a maximum of 3 races per day.

5.3.2 10 races are scheduled for all other classes in this Regatta with a maximum of 2 races scheduled per day

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

5.3.4 Class 4 and Whitesail will be designated **BLUE FLEET**.

5.3.5 The Sportsboats will be designated **YELLOW FLEET**.

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

6 CLASSES

6.1 All classes except for sportsboats 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 0.870 to 0.915.	Numeral Pennant 3
4	TCF 0.870 and below.	Numeral Pennant 4
Sports Boats		ICF "R"
White Sail 1	Class to be defined after all entries are in.	Green
White Sail 2	Class to be defined after all entries are in	White

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 and courses may be combined, if, in the opinion of the Race Committee, the number of entries does not warrant a Class or course of their own.

7 RACING AREAS

7.1 Appendix A shows the approximate location of Start Areas.

7.2 The following is the race areas for each fleet.

RACE AREAS	
Start Area Harp	Red Fleet
Start area White bay	Blue Fleet
Start area by No. 8	Yellow Fleet

7.3 The Start Area Corkbeg may be used as an alternative to Start Area Whitebay. The location of the Committee Vessel (CV) and the course for this Start Area will be announced on VHF Channel 69

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 For the Blue Fleet, 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 The Yellow fleet will be given laid course A, windward leeward, as shown in Appendix B

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 Blue Fleet 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 the oil refinery jetty.

Within 100 metres of any commercial shipping

10.1 A yacht that has been proven to have broken point 10 of these sailing instructions will be disqualified for the remainder of the regatta without grounds for a hearing.

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 Red Fleet 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. (NOTE: The Start line for the next race may be in position during the finish of a race boats are to finish between the finish mark and CV and **NOT** the start Mark and CV).

12.2 The finishing line for the Blue Fleet 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.

12.3 If a race is to be shortened at the start/finish line, the signal shall be the display of Flag "F" 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

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.**

12.4.1 **A yacht that has broken rule 12.4 of these sailing instructions may be disqualified from the race or if not racing at the time of the infringement she may be disqualified from the last race that she completed.**

13 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

13.1 Boats failing to finish within 30 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. At the complete discretion of the RO this time limit may be extended and if so the new time limit will be announced over the VHF.

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 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

(c) When from 9 or more have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst 2 scores

(d) A boat must start race 9 or 10 to be eligible for a second discard. This does not apply to the Sprotsboat class.

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 and whitesail 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 Red Fleet

(b) VHF Channel 69 will be used for race management for the Blue Fleet

(c) VHF Channel 72 will be used for race management for the Yellow Fleet

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, 2nd and 3rd in each Class of the CH Marine Autumn Regatta.
- 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 CH Marine Autumn Regatta will take place at the Royal Cork Yacht Club at 18.30 with Après sail food and entertainment on Sunday October 30th. Everyone is welcome.

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 CH Marine Autumn Regatta 2016.

APPENDIX A



This should not be relied on for navigation, and the position of any mark shown is approximate and for illustration purposes only.

APPENDIX B

Red Fleet:

Race Area: South East of Roches Point

VHF: Channel 71

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.

Laid Course A

One Round : 1, SM, 3 – Finish

Two Rounds: 1, SM, 3, 1, SM, 3 – Finish

Three Rounds: 1, SM, 3, 1, SM, 3, 1, SM, 3 – Finish

Laid Course B

One Round : 1, 2, 3 – Finish

Two Rounds: 1, 2, 3, 1, 3 – Finish

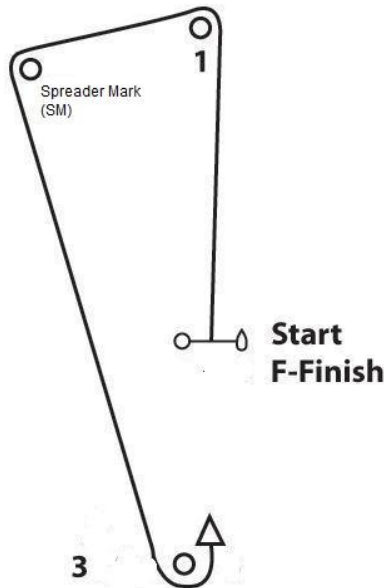
Three Rounds: 1, 2, 3, 1, 3, 1, 2, 3 – Finish

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LAID COURSE A

Windward-Leeward Course

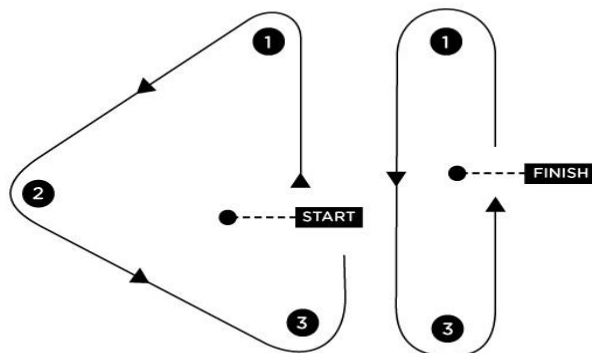
All marks to be rounded to port.



LAID COURSE B

Olympic Course

All marks to be rounded to port.



APPENDIX C

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.

