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# CORK 300

WHERE IT ALL BEGAN



**TOPPER IRELAND  
SOUTHERNS(WINTER) CHAMPS  
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

14TH MARCH - 15TH MARCH 2020 ROYAL CORK YACHT CLUB



# ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The regatta will be organised by Royal Cork Yacht Club in conjunction with the International Topper Class Association of Ireland.

The notation [DP] in a rule in the NOR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

## 1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of Irish Sailing will apply.
- 1.3 Racing rule(s) Signal AP, 33, 35, 40, 60.1(a), 60.1(b), 62.1(a), 62.2, 63.7, A2, A4, A5 will be changed. The changes are detailed in these sailing instructions.
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between these sailing instructions and the notice of race, these sailing instructions will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

## 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Dinghy Room at Royal Cork Yacht Club.

## 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

## 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole in front of clubhouse at Royal Cork Yacht Club.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 4.3 Flag D with one sound signal means the warning signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after flag D is displayed. Boats shall not leave the shore until this signal is made. [DP]

## 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Racing:Date Race  
Saturday 14th March 3 races planned  
Sunday 15th March 3 races planned
- 5.2 Six Races are scheduled.
- 5.3 The scheduled time of the first warning signal on Saturday 14th March is 1155. The scheduled time of the first warning signal on Sunday 15th March is 1025.
- 5.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 5.5 Provided that the fleet becomes no more than one race ahead of schedule a fourth race may be run on Saturday at the discretion of the Race Committee. To indicate this intention the finish boat will display Flag Numeral 4 at the end of the third race.

- 5.6 No Warning signal will be made after 1500 on the last day of racing.

## 6. CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be:  
5.3 m2 Fleet Flag T  
4.2 m2 Fleet Numeral 6

## 7. RACING AREAS

The Sailing Area will be in the environs of Cork Harbour. Details will be given at the briefing on Saturday 14th March.

## 8. THE COURSES

Topper Trapezoid Courses will be used. The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

## 9. MARKS

Marks 1, 2, 3P, 3S and 4 will be red marks. The Start Mark will be an orange cylinder mark, the Finish Mark will be a white mark.

## 10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

A patrol boat in close attendance to a competitor in difficulty is an obstruction.

## 11. THE START

- 11.1 The starting line will be between a red and white staff on the committee boat displaying an orange flag at the starboard end and the course side of the start mark.
- 11.2 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. [DP]
- 11.4 The race officer may decide that the 4.2 fleet will start at the same time as the 5.3 fleet.

## 12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.
- 12.2 Minor Course changes may not be signalled, this changes RRS 33.



## 13. THE FINISH

- 13.1** The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the committee boat and the course side of the finish mark.
- 13.2** A boat that retires before finishing or takes a one-turn or two-turn penalty under RRS 44.2 shall record the details, before the end of protest time, on the declaration form located near the tally board.
- 13.3** In addition to rule 32, the race committee may also award a finishing score to a boat still racing by displaying to her from a committee vessel (which may be in motion) flag W with one sound signal. A boat so notified is no longer required to sail the course, shall stop racing and shall return to the starting area, or return ashore if there is no more racing. A finishing score under this sailing instruction will be the score she would have received had she sailed the course and finished within any time limit, without gaining or losing any place. However, when two or more boats that are overlapped are notified, they will be scored as if they were tied. The decision by the race committee to use this procedure or not to use it shall not be grounds for requesting redress. This changes rules 60.1(b) and 62.1(a).

## 14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1** Appendix P will apply as changed by SI 14.2.
- 14.2** RRS P2.3 will not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.

## 15. TIME LIMITS

- 15.1** Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.
- 15.2** If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 30 minutes of the start the race will be abandoned.
- 15.3** If no boat finishes within 70 minutes, the race may be abandoned

## 16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1** Protest forms are available at the race office, located at the club. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2** For each Class, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the later.
- 16.3** 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 in the clubhouse beginning at the time posted.
- 16.4** Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.5** A list of boats that, under SI 14.1 have been penalised for breaking RRS 42 will be posted.

- 16.6** Breaches of instructions 11.3, 18, 19, 20 or 23 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule
- 60.1(a)**. Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.
- 16.7** 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.

## 17. SCORING

- 17.1** One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2** When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.
- 17.3** When from four to six races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 17.4** All other boats, including a boat that did not start, a boat that finishes and thereafter retires or is disqualified, shall be scored points equal to one more than the number of boats entered in their respective fleet.

## 18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1** Personal flotation devices of at least CE50 or equivalent shall be worn at all time afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices. This changes RRS 40.
- 18.2** All competitors shall tally out and tally in as described at the briefing. [DP]
- 18.3** A boat shall comply with an instruction from the organising authority, the race committee, a patrol boat of the race committee or an equipment inspector that she shall not go afloat, or shall return ashore or shall take some other action. The instruction will not be grounds for requesting redress. This changes rules 60.1(b) and 62.1(a). [DP]
- 18.4** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. [DP]
- 18.5** Rule 41 is changed to allow help from a race committee essel to recover after a capsize or to return the competitor to the boat

## 19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. <https://www.royalcork.com/event/topper-ireland-southerns-championships-2020/>

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.



## 20. EVENT ADVERTISING

Does not apply to this event.

## 21. OFFICIAL BOATS

Will be described at the briefing.

## 22. SUPPORT BOATS

22.1 Unless a boat is in danger, team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay 100m outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. [DP]

22.2 Except when helping a boat or competitor in danger, a support boat shall not:

- Communicate with a competitor from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start of a race until the competitor boat has finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- Come within 100 metres to leeward of the starting line during starts, within 100 metres of any course mark or of a boat that is racing, or within any other area designated by the race committee.
- Make excessive wash.

22.3 Shall comply with race committee safety instructions.

## 23. TRASH DISPOSAL / THE ENVIRONMENT

Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats with the exception of the committee boat.

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## 24. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications not available to all boats. [DP]

## 25. PRIZES

As per the list in the Notice of Race.

## 26. RISK STATEMENT

Risk Statement is as published in the Notice of Race

## 27. INSURANCE

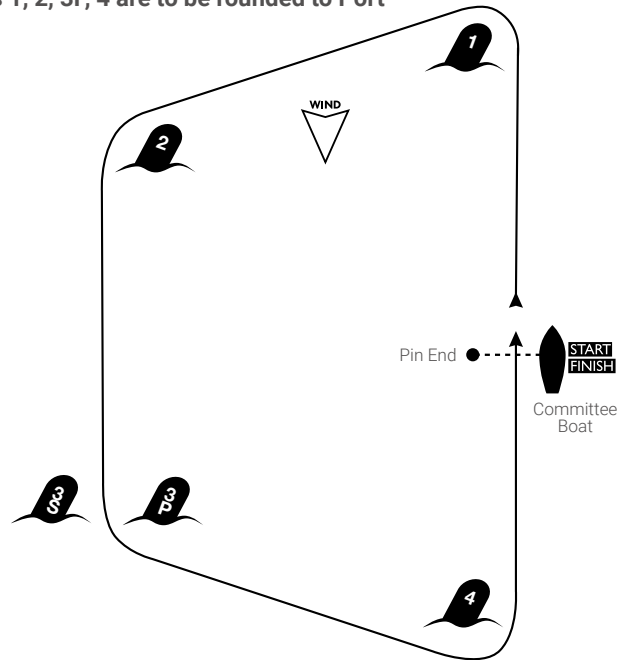
It is the duty of each boat owner to have his boat adequately insured against any risk, including civil responsibility to third parties and to ensure that such insurance remains valid for the entirety of the event.

## ATTACHMENT A – COURSES

### 4.2 m2 Course

Start – 1 – 2 – 3P – 4 – Finish

Marks 1, 2, 3P, 4 are to be rounded to Port

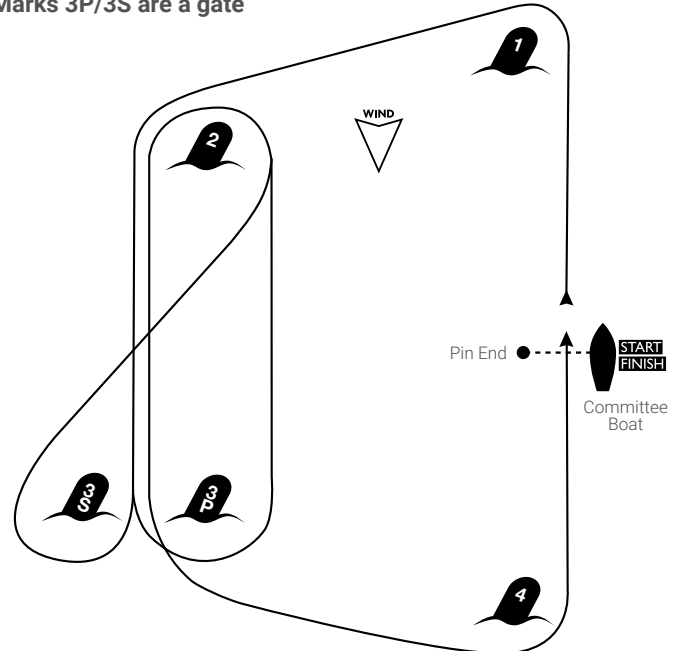


### 5.3 m2 Course

Start – 1 – 2 – 3P/3S – 2 – 3P – 4 – Finish

Marks 1, 2, 3P and 4 are to be rounded to Port

Marks 3P/3S are a gate



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