



AIB 1720 SOUTHERN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Hosted by the Royal Cork Yacht Club on 28th, 29th & 30th August 2020

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Coronavirus
COVID-19



This event is subject to the Covid 19 guidelines as laid out by the Irish Government. All people associated with this event must comply with these conditions. These conditions are changing as the event approaches and will influence the running/organisation/cancellation of this event.

1. RULES

1.1 The Championship will be governed by the “rules” as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020, the current rules of the 1720 Sportsboat Class Association, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions. If there is any conflict between the Notice of Race (NOR) and the Sailing Instructions (SIs), the SIs shall take precedence.

1.2 The Organising Authority is The Royal Cork Yacht Club.

1.3 Except in an emergency, and with the written permission of the Race Committee, Boats shall not be removed from the water between the time of the scheduled start for Race 1 and the finish of her last race of the series.

2. SCRUTINEERING

2.1 Boats may be scrutinized at any time during the event.

2.2 The boat owner or his approved representative will be required to sign a form undertaking at registration to carry safety equipment as listed in the class constitution. This form will be online. Note: Weight of the anchor its suitability, the weight of the rope and its suitability, the newtons of the lifejacket and the suitability and condition of the equipment are all the responsibility of the boat. All equipment is the responsibility of the boat.

2.3 Failure to comply with any part of SI 2.2 may result in a scoring penalty of 20% being applied to the appropriate boat (without a hearing) in respect of all races sailed until those SIs are

complied with (amends RRS 63.1). This penalty shall be applied as set out in RRS 44.3(c) except that each boat that finished after her shall be moved up one place.

3. SAILS ON BOARD

3.1 1720SCA Rules C.2.1 and C.2.2 will be strictly applied and are reproduced in the notes appended.

3.2.1 Boats shall use only the sails (max. 6) that were on board when the boat left the Marina and no sail shall be taken afloat in, or transferred to or from, a RIB (or other craft) except as provided for in SI 3.2.2.

3.2.2 If a sail becomes damaged to the extent that it could not be repaired on the water a replacement may be obtained from onshore, otherwise no sail shall be exchanged between races on the same day.

3.2.3 Any boat replacing any sail shall notify the Race Committee immediately on arrival ashore that day and, if requested, shall produce the damaged sail for inspection. If, in the opinion of the Race Committee, the sail is not damaged to the extent required by 1720SCR C.2.2 the boat shall be penalised as described in SI 2.3. In amendment of SI 2.3, the penalty will be applied to each race during which the replacement sail was used.

3.3 1720SCR C.2.4, 'wind limit of 25 knots' shall be replaced with 'at the discretion of the race committee'.

4. ELIGIBILITY

4.1 Only boats registered with the 1720SCA (and for which the 2020 Class Fee of €50 has been paid) shall be eligible to compete. Entry to the class will be via Clive O'Shea in cash, at the event.

4.2 Crews shall comply with the maximum Crew Weight Limit, as set out in the Class Rules. The scales used are deemed to be accurate and, in amendment of RRS 62.1, no redress will be granted in respect of this issue. Crews may only be substituted with the approval of the race officer and replacement crew must be within 10 kgs of the substituted crew.

4.3 The Race Organisers shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/competitor, his skipper or crew as a result of their taking part in the race or races. Moreover every competitor warrants the suitability of his boat for the race or races.

4.4 A boat is entirely responsible for its own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.

4.5 It is for the boat to decide whether it is fit to sail in the conditions in which it will find itself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that it is fit for those conditions and that its crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

4.6 The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold adequate insurance against third party claims.

4.7 No act by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the racing and the event and includes the Organising Authority, the 1720 Sportsboat Class Assoc., the Race Committee, the Race Officer, patrol boats and Beachmasters.

4.8 Each boat is responsible to ensure that it is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and that the crew know how to use it.

4.9 The fact that the Race Committee, Jury or another boat conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of the boat set out in this paragraph.

5. OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD & BRIEFING

The Official Notice Board will be on WhatsApp, please follow this link to join the group – <https://chat.whatsapp.com/DwSh4qUoYMX2HphZ21eINQ>

A Briefing for all competitors will take place at 13.30 hrs on Friday 28th August via Zoom. Please join the briefing here <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83317792101>

6. ALTERATIONS TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS OR SCHEDULE

Any alterations to the SIs will be posted on the Official Notice Board not later than two hours prior to the scheduled start of the first race on the day

7. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

7.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagstaff at The Royal Cork Yacht Club.

7.2 After a postponement has been signaled the Warning Signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after the signal is lowered (amends Race Signals).

8. REGISTRATION & RACE PROGRAMME

8.1 Registration and weigh-in shall take place at the Royal Cork Yacht Club between 18.00 and 21.00 hrs. on Thursday 27th August and 12.00 to 13.00 on Friday 28th August.

8.2 Schedule of Races

Friday 28th – Schedule 2 races – warning signal 15.25 hrs

Saturday 29th – Schedule 3 No. Races – warning signal 10.25 hrs

Sunday 30th – Schedule 3 No. Races – warning signal 10.25 hrs

8.3 The Race Committee reserve the right to run 1 additional Race per day. The race committee will fly NP1 before the first boat finishes to signal that it is their intention to run 1 additional race. This rule overrides Sailing Instructions 6.0

8.4 Four races sailed shall constitute a series.

8.5 No race shall go into sequence after 14:00 hrs on Sunday 30th August.

9. CLASS FLAG

The Class code flag shall be the 1720 Class Flag.

10. SAFETY

Whilst the Organising Committee strongly recommends that personal buoyancy be worn at all times. It is the responsibility of each boat to comply with Class Rules, and wear adequate personal buoyancy for the prevailing conditions. No signal will be flown on the Committee Boat.

11. RACING AREA

Unless amended subsequently, racing will take place in the area South East of Roches Point near Trabolgan. Any changes to this race area will be advised on the official notice board as provided for in SI 6.

12. THE COURSE

12.1 The course for all races will be Windward/ Leeward with the number of rounds indicated on a blackboard on the committee boat.

12.2 After starting marks shall be rounded as follows: 1(p) - 2(p) - 3(p)/3(s) - 1(p) - 2(p) - 3(p)/3(s) and so on. On the final leg, competitors may sail directly from 2(p) to the finish line.

12.3 The mark numbers are as follows: 1- Weather Mark 2- Wing (Spreader) Mark 3- Leeward Gate To Windward Of Committee Boat.

13. MARKS

Racing Marks will be described in the briefing.

14. THE START

14.1 Races will be started using RRS 26

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

15. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

15.1 Minor changes to the course will not be signalled.

15.2 If the Race Committee is unable to relocate an existing mark it will substitute an alternative mark.

16. SHORTENING COURSE

16.1 In amendment of RRS 32 the course may be shortened for any reason at the discretion of the Race Committee provided that at least three legs have been sailed.

16.2 Subject to 16.1 above, if a race committee boat located in the vicinity of mark 3 displays ICF "F" with repeated sound signals this will mean – "the course is shortened and proceed to finish line after rounding mark 3". This is in addition to RRS 32.

17. THE FINISH

The Finishing Line shall be between the red and white pole on the committee boat and the Finishing ODM, which shall be the same mark as the starting ODM, positioned closer to the committee boat.

18. TIME LIMIT

In amendment of RRS 35 any boat which fails to finish within 20 minutes of the leading boat shall be scored as 'Did not Finish'. The Time Limit for the leading boat shall be 90 minutes.

19. RETIRING

A retiring boat shall make every effort to promptly inform the Race Committee, either by hailing or on VHF, and in particular whether she intends to compete in subsequent races that day or go ashore.

20. PROTESTS

20.1 In addition to the obligations in RRS 61.1(a) protesting boats shall, immediately after finishing, inform the Race Committee (on the Committee Boat at the Finish) of their intention to lodge a protest.

20.2 Protest Forms will be available from the Race Office.

20.3 All protests shall be delivered to the Race Office within protest time. Protest time will end approximately 90 minutes after the finishing time of the last boat in the last race of the day.

20.4 The sail numbers of boats involved in protests together with the schedule of protests will be posted on the Official Notice Board 15 minutes after the time limit for protests. The listing of a boat on this schedule shall constitute informing her in the context of RRS 61.1(b).

20.5 Protests lodged on Friday may be held over until the subsequent day before being heard.

20.6 In amendment of RRS 66, on the last day of the regatta a request to reopen a hearing shall be delivered:- (a) within protest time if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day (b) no later than 15 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision that day.

20.7 Arbitration may be offered by the Race Committee.

21. BOWSPRIT RULE

21.1 Bowsprits shall not be extended on an upwind leg. An upwind leg is a leg on which spinnakers cannot be set. The upwind leg starts 5 boat lengths after rounding the mark at the beginning of the leg and finishes at Mark 1 when the stern of the boat crosses the extension of an imaginary line drawn through Mark 3 and Mark 1, after rounding Mark 1. For the purposes of this SI the leg between Mark 1 and Mark 2 is NOT an upwind leg. (This means that bowsprits can be extended but boats cannot claim an overlap with a bowsprit if they couldn't fly a spinnaker on that leg.) For the purposes of RRS 18 when it is possible to set a spinnaker the normal position of the bowsprit is extended. When it is not possible to set a spinnaker the normal position of the bowsprit is retracted.

21.2 The penalty for infringing this SI may be a points penalty, suspended or imposed, instead of disqualification.

22. PENALTIES

Infringements of the Class Rules may incur penalties other than disqualification.

23. SCORING & DISCARDS

Eight races are scheduled of which four shall be completed to constitute a series. The low-point scoring system, RRS Appendix A, will apply. If five or more races are completed one discard will be applied.

24. ON THE WATER UMPIRES

On the water Umpires may be present during the event, to observe and record rule infringements. Umpires may at their discretion initiate a protest against one or all boats involved, especially where no penalty results.

25. VHF COMMUNICATION

The Race Committee will liaise with the fleet by VHF at times, the channel for will be posted on the official notice board.
