



## 2021 PY1000

### Sailing Instructions

Race day: Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2021

First Gun – 13.25hrs

High Tide Cobh – 14:08 @ 3.5m

Organised by The Royal Cork Yacht Club

#### **COVID-19**

By taking part in any of the events covered by this notice of race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID19 and for complying with the OA's COVID-19 procedures. Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols, or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions. A breach of this rule shall not be grounds for protest by another boat. This amends rule 60.1(a)

#### **1. Rules**

1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
2. Any Class rules that amend their sailing instructions against The Racing Rules of Sailing would not apply to this race. E.g. Rule 42 – excessive pumping will not be allowed.

#### **2. Notice to competitors**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official WhatsApp noticeboard which competitors can join [here](#). There will be no briefing due to COVID, all information will be posted to the group.

#### **3. Changes to the Sailing Instructions**

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 12:30 on the day it will take effect.

#### **4. Signals made ashore**

Signals made ashore will be displayed at main RCYC flagstaff. When Flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

#### **5. Race Format**

The Race will consist of a single mixed dinghy endurance race, scored using the *RYA Portsmouth Yardstick* system.

#### **6. Race Start & Finish**

##### *Starting Line*

The starting line shall be between a CV and an outer distance Buoy which may be a RIB at anchor. Exact position of start line will be announced at the briefing, it may be in the Owenabue River or on the Curlane Bank

##### *Starting Signals*

The starting sequence will be as defined in RRS Rule 26, (i.e. 5, 4, 1, Start). The Warning signal flag shall be code flag "B" (looks like a protest flag); the preparatory flag shall be code flag "P".

##### *Late Starters*

A boat starting later than 5 minutes after the starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). The Race Officer may override this rule at his discretion.

#### **7. The Course**

The Course shall be announced on WhatsApp and on the blackboard on the CV . In most years to now, racing would have taken place in the River but considering the size of our fleet and the conditions on the day, it may take place on the Curlane Bank and or the River

#### **8. Shortening the Course**

##### *Shortening the course at a mark*

The course may be also shortened at any course mark by a safety boat acting on the authority of the Race Officer. The Race Committee Vessel or a Safety Boat shall display the code flag "S" and shall make two sounds signals as described above. All other competing boats must continue to complete the same number of laps as the leader has completed.

If racing takes place on the Curlane Bank, the Race Officer may choose to finish racing upriver at Currabinny or the Club Line for instance. To do this, the race officer will fly flag C at a mark of the course with continuous sound signals. Competitors must then pass the mark at which the race committee are positioned to port and proceed to a layed large pink mark near the mouth of the river, pass this mark to Starboard and proceed to the finish. Again, all competitors must complete the same number of rounds as the leader before they proceed to the newly laid mark and on to the finish.

## 9. Time Limit

Time Limit for first boat	Time after first boat finishes
1 hour elapsed	30 minutes
2 hours elapsed	60 minutes (clarify this section)

Boats failing to finish within the time specified in column 2 after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored "Did Not Finish" (DNF). This alters RRS rules 35 and A4.1.

## 10. Grounding

Where a competitor's boat runs aground, they may use propulsion in order to free their vessel. However, they may not use propulsion in order to gain an advantage in the race. This alters RRS Rule 42.3(i).

## 11. Communications

Any information received by a means of communication which is not potentially available to other competing boats may be construed as outside assistance under RRS 41. There shall be no electronic communications used by or received by any competitor.

## 12. Protests

Protests shall be made in accordance with RRS Rule 61 and shall be lodged with the Race Officer within 30 minutes of the last boat finishing the race, unless extended at the discretion of the Race Officer.

## 13. Rule 42

APPENDIX P SPECIAL PROCEDURES FOR RULE 42 will apply and umpires will be on the water. Rule P5 will not apply to any class, whether in their class rules or not (i.e pumping, rocking and ooching when the wind speed exceeds a specified limit will not be permitted).

[https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/rules?part\\_id=41](https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/rules?part_id=41)

## 14. Handicap System<sup>[SEP]</sup>

*RYA Portsmouth Yardstick*

The RYA Portsmouth Yardstick Scheme for the current year shall be used for all classes listed within the scheme. Vessel's not listed on the scheme shall be given their historical handicap which may be amended by the organizing authority taking into account crew skill factor. This designated handicap shall be final. The right to appeal is denied.

## 15. Prizes

1<sup>st</sup> Place under the PY scoring method = €500

1<sup>st</sup> Place under 20 years of age on the day of the event for helm for singlehanders or both helm and crew for multi handed boats using the PY scoring method = €500

Additional prizes will be awarded on the day