



Astra Construction Topper Ireland

Winter Championships

Royal Cork Yacht Club

24th July – 25th July 2021



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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 which is the whatsapp group created for this purpose, and notified to each competitor.

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 24 th July | 3 races planned |
| | | Sunday 25 th July | 3 races planned |

5.2 Six Races are scheduled.

5.3 The scheduled time of the first warning signal on Saturday 24thJuly is 11:55. The scheduled time of the first warning signal on Sunday 25th July is 10:25.

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 15:00 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 via the on line briefing on Saturday 24th July.

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/orange marks.

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

A patrol/safety 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 and a similar staff on an anchored rib at the pin end of the line.

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.

11.5 If a start under rule 30.3, Black Flag Rule is recalled, the sail numbers of the boats identified in the triangle will be displayed on a board at the stern of the race committee signal vessel for a minimum time of 3 minutes. A repeated sound signal will be made as the numbers are displayed. This changes rule 30.3. Any boat so notified that she has been disqualified shall not sail in any restart or re-sail of that race.

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 red and white staff on the committee boat displaying a blue flag and a white pin end 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 as notified online.
- 13.3 In addition to rule 32, the race committee may also award a finishing score to a boat is 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.
- 15.4 Abandonment under SI 15.1 , or 14.2 or 14.3 will not be grounds for redress. This changes rules 60.1(b) and 62.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protests and scoring enquiries shall be made on line from the indicated link published on the event website, and linked here [Virtual protest tool](#). Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2 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 vessel to recover after a capsize or to return the competitor to the boat

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

19.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

19.2 On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector 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:

(a) 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.

(b) 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.

(c) Make excessive wash.

22.3 Shall comply with race committee safety instructions.

23 TRASH DISPOSAL

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

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.

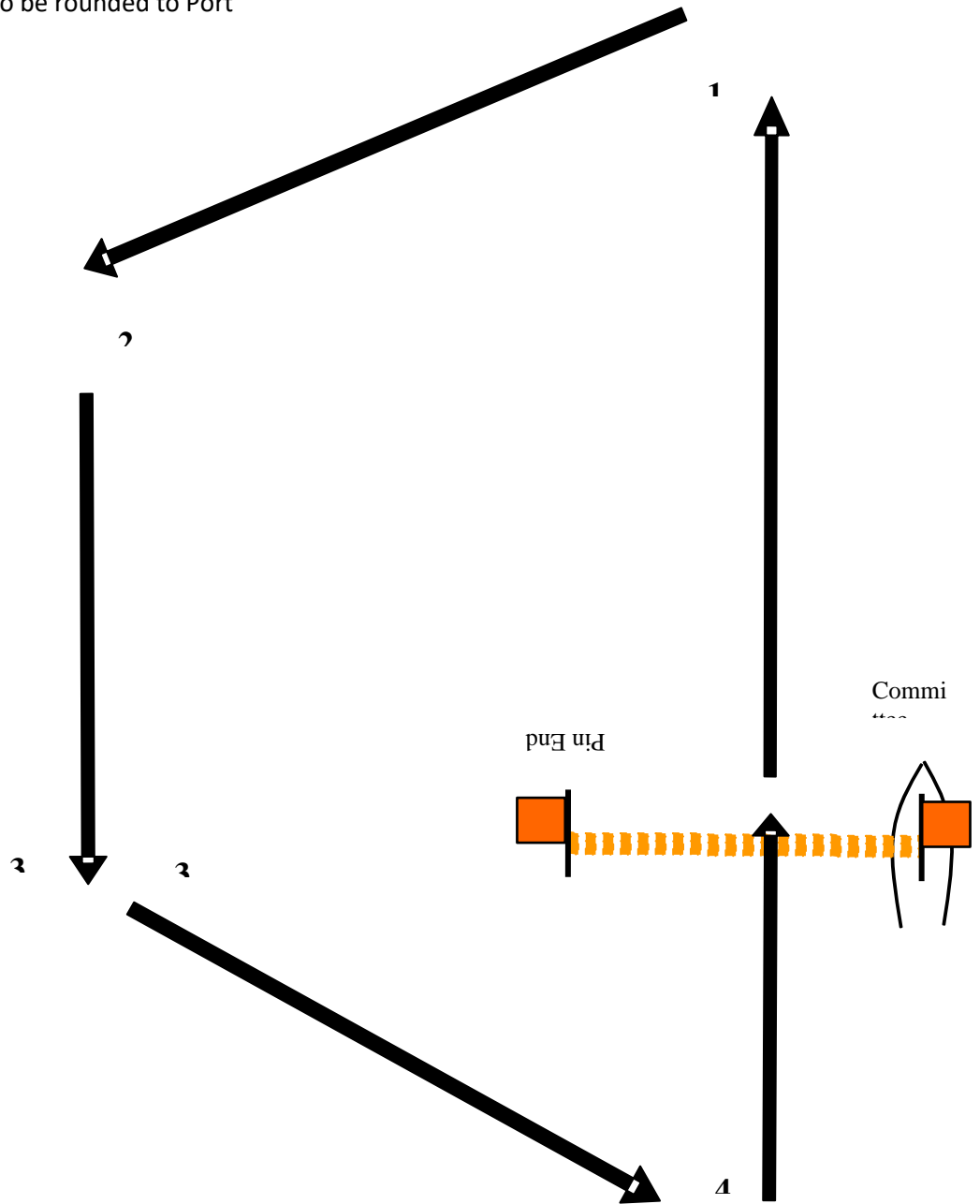
28 COVID STATEMENT

By taking part in 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 COVID-19 and for complying with the RCYC 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). [DP]

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

