



Irish SB20 Southern Championships August 14th & 15th 2021

Sailing Instructions The Royal Cork Yacht Club Crosshaven, Cork, Ireland

1. Rules

- 1.1 The series will be governed by the latest edition of the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of Irish Sailing and the rules of SB20 Class Association.
- 1.3 The Organizing Authority shall be the Royal Cork Yacht Club in conjunction with the SB20 Ireland Class Association.
- 1.4 The event will coincide with the 1720 National Championships which run from Friday 13th to Sunday 15th August.
- 1.5 Class Rule C.3.1 will not apply i.e. crews will not have to comply with the maximum Crew Weight Limit.
- 1.6 Class Rule C.5.1(1) is deleted. There is no requirement to carry a bucket and lanyard.
- 1.7 Deleted There is a requirement to carry a non-floating line, minimum of 30m long of not less than 8mm in diameter. This amends the notice of race.
- 1.8 Class rule C.5.1(7) is deleted and replaced with "Two paddles of combined minimum weight not less than 1kg." This weight requirement will be strictly policed. Added weight will not be treated as part of the paddle.
- 1.9 Class Rule C.5.2 (17) is deleted (horseshoe lifebuoy).
- 1.10 Deleted Class Rule C.5.2 (18) remains in place. Please ensure the anchor is of adequate weight, type and the line is of sufficient length, to secure your boat. This amends the notice of race.
- 1.11 An additional purchase may be added to each jib sheet, terminating the sheet at the sail end, or jib car end in light airs, no restriction on type or size of additional/replacement block used shall apply, however it must be attached to the LM supplied jib car. This changes Class Rule C.9.5 (1).
- 1.12 All competitors must carry an operational handheld marine VHF radio.



2. Noticeboard

The official noticeboard for the event will be via a moderated admin only posting group on WhatsApp. Join the group by clicking here- <https://chat.whatsapp.com/EmmaRRodPRhF0ey5tLlsAw>

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS OR SCHEDULE

Any alterations to the SIs will be posted not later than two hours prior to the scheduled start of the first race on the day it will take effect except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 21:00 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from a flagpole at the marina entrance.
- 4.2 After a postponement has been signalled the Warning Signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after the signal is lowered (changes Race Signals).
- 4.3 When flag 'D' is signalled, boats shall not leave the harbour/marina. The Warning Signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after the signal is lowered (amends Race Signals).

5. Schedule

Day/Date	Time	
Fri 13/08/2021		Visiting competitors welcome to arrive at the club Lift in, via John Malone. Payment required here - https://www.royalcork.com/1720-nationals-and-sb20-southerns-lift-out-payment/
Sat 14/8/2021	09:30	Competitors' Briefing via Zoom – link to be posted on the official noticeboard
	11.00 or as soon as possible thereafter	First Gun 3 Races
Sun 15/08/2021	11:00 or as soon as possible thereafter	First Gun 3 Races
	15.30	No warning signal after this time.



	ASAP After Last race	Prize Giving – COVID restrictions may apply.
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6 races are scheduled (3 per day) with succeeding races being started as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race.

Depending on conditions, up to 5 races may be held on one day if deemed appropriate.

The sailing instructions will be available at the [event website](#)

6. Class Flag – The class flag will be code flag ‘R’. SB20’s will most likely start after the 1720 fleet.

7. Race Area

A number of race areas are available to the Race Committee; namely Cuskinny and South of Roches Point. The race area will be posted on the official noticeboard daily.

8. The Courses

8.1 The SB20’s will sail a windward leeward course, the number of rounds will be prescribed on a blackboard on the committee vessel.

8.2 The SB20’s windward mark and spreader will be to leeward of the 1720 windward mark and spreader. The windward mark for 1720’s will be tall orange cylindrical while the windward mark for the SB20’s will be a large round pink mark.

8.3 The leeward mark will be a gate positioned to windward of the start finish line.

8.4 Races will finish downwind unless shortened. On the final leg, boats can proceed straight from the spreader to the finish, the gate will not be a mark of the course.

9. Change Of Course

9.1 To change the next leg of a course the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as possible. When in a subsequent change a new mark will be replaced by an original mark. Minor changes will be made by moving the original marks and will not be signalled. This changes RRS 33.

10. Shortening Course

If at gate marks 3&4, the Race Committee vessel displays Flag “F” and makes repeated sound signals, boats shall leave the marks on the required side and then sail directly to the Finish. SI 12.2 shall apply.



11. Time Limit

The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 90 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes of the first boat to sail the course and finish will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

12. COMMUNICATION

Competitors are advised to carry a VHF and listen for any communication on channel 77.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 The penalty for breaking a Rule of Part 2 of the RRS shall be a One-Turn Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1.

13.2 For infringements of the Class Rules the Protest Committee may impose penalties other than disqualification.

13.3 There may be on the water Jury. They may signal a breach of the bowsprit rule, or another rule, to a competitor. Presence or absence of any Jury is not grounds for redress or breach of rules. The racing remains self-policing.

14. PROTESTS

14.1 Protests, Requests for Redress or Scoring Queries shall be lodged online at

https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/2038/event_links?name=sb20-southerns-2021

14.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the finishing time of the last boat in the last race of the day.

14.3 RRS Appendix T will apply. If a party is not present at an arbitration meeting, any party that was present may take a Post-Race Penalty at any time until the Protest Committee has completed taking evidence. This changes RRS T1 (a).

14.4 Notices will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or names as witnesses. Notices of protests by the Race Committee, Technical Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b)

14.5 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.



15. Scoring

15.1 Six races are scheduled and the Low Points Series of rule Appendix A, will be used.

15.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.3 A boat's worst score will be excluded if 4 or more races are completed

16. Haul Out Restrictions

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

17. Prizes

The Prize Giving Ceremony will take place after sailing on Sunday 15th August.

Prizes will be awarded to at least the boats placed 1st to 3rd overall and 1st in silver fleet.

18. Risk Statement

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

(a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event.

(b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat, and their other property whether afloat or ashore.

(c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions.

(d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.

(e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.

(f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

(g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event

(h) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat 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; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.

19. COVID Statement

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).

20. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance and appropriate cover.

21. Media Rights

Competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event. This may include the use of unmanned aerial vehicles (drones) operated under CAA guidelines.