



## Autumn Series 2021

September 26<sup>th</sup>, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>

### Sailing Instructions

#### 1 RULES

The Series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association, 2021 IRC rules, relevant Class rules where applicable, the RCYC Club ECHO, the Notice of Race, these Sailing Instructions and any changes thereto. In the event of a conflict, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

#### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on window opposite main flag staff of RCYC Club House, the AIB Autumn Series WhatsApp group

[WhatsApp Group Invite](#)

and the AIB Autumn Series website

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#### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 09:30 on the day it will take effect.

#### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at main RCYC flag staff.

4.2 When Flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

#### 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Racing is scheduled for, Sunday September 26<sup>th</sup>, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>.

5.2 Classes will be divided into 3 Groups. (A, B & C)

5.3 The Warning Signal for first race of each day is scheduled for Group A & B 11.25. Group C 11.55

5.3.2 We intend running a combination of coastal courses, windward/Leeward courses, harbour/laid courses with a maximum of 2 races per day. The course to be sailed each day is at the complete discretion of the RO and races may differ during the series.

5.3.3 The fleets will be split into the following groupings: The OA may combine groups depending on group sizes

- Class 0, Class 1 & Class 2 Group A
- 1720's / Sports boats / Dayboats Group B
- White Sail 1 and 2 Group C

5.5 On the last day of the Regatta no warning signal will be made after 15.30

#### 6 CLASSES

6.1 All classes must clearly display their designated Class flag from their stem at all times. Any boat not doing so may be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS A5

6.2 The anticipated Class Divisions are as follows:

Class		Class Flag
0	IRC/TCF 1.020 and above	Numeral Pennant 0
1	IRC/TCF 0.930 to 1.019	Numeral Pennant 1
2	IRC/TCF 0.929 and below	Numeral Pennant 2
1720/Sports boat/Dayboat		ICF "R"
White Sail 1	IRC/TCF 0.950 and above	Green
White Sail 2	IRC/TCF 0.949 and below	White

6.3 The Race Committee reserves the right to place yachts in different Classes at their discretion and with reference to the speed of the boats and to the number of entries in any Class.

6.4 Classes and courses may be combined, if, in the opinion of the Race Committee, the number of entries does not warrant a Class or course of their own.

- 6.5 If Code Flag “Y” is displayed on the CV before the start of Group B race this indicates that all competitors must wear life jackets.

## 7 RACING AREAS

- 7.1 Appendix A shows the approximate locations of some potential Start Areas. Please be aware we may use Grassy or Weavers point land starting areas.
- 7.2 The location of the Committee Vessel (CV) and the course for this Start Area will be announced on appropriate VHF Channel for each fleet. It can vary from the expected area shown in appendix A dependent on weather.

## 8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The course for each fleet will be announced on VHF before the start. It may also be displayed on blackboard.
- 8.2 At the complete discretion of the RO the courses may be:  
A laid course from Appendix B  
OR  
A harbour course from Appendix A with additional laid marks  
OR  
A Coastal course using coastal navigation marks and marks from Appendix A and additional laid marks.  
OR  
A Coastal course using “natural features” such as using “Sovereigns” as a mark.
- 8.3 When a coastal course is being used it will be announced on the VHF and only one race will be sailed that day.
- 8.4 For laid courses, no later than the warning signal, the CV may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg and the designated course. This may be displayed on a blackboard on the stern of the CV.
- 8.5 Additional courses may be added during the Regatta at the discretion of the race committee. Additional courses will be announced on the VHF channel for that course or displayed on the official notice board prior to racing on that day.
- 8.6 The Race Officer at his/her discretion may alter existing courses. These changes will be announced on the VHF channel for that course prior to the warning signal and may also be displayed on the official notice board prior to racing on that day.

## 9 MARKS

- 9.1 For all Groups on laid courses, marks may be orange inflatable cylindrical marks.
- 9.2 A chartlet of Cork Harbour is provided for information purposes as Appendix A. This should not be relied on for navigation, and the position of any mark shown is approximate and for illustration purposes only.

## 10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

The following areas are designated as exclusion zones:

Within 50 metres of the oil refinery jetty.

Within 150 metres of any commercial shipping

- 10.1 A yacht that has, in the opinion of the OA, been in breach of point 10 of these sailing instructions may be disqualified from the race that she is competing in during the incident or from her next race if she is not racing at the time of the incident or for the remainder of the regatta.

- 10.2 All competitors should be aware of Junior sailing going on in the harbour and are advised to avoid sailing into their racing areas at all times.

## 11 THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2 For all courses the start line will be between a red and white pole on the CV or land based start (Weavers or Grassy) and a mark at the pin end of the line. The pin end mark may be a laid mark or a harbour mark.
- 11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 11.4 The order and grouping of starts will be at the Race Officers’ discretion and will be announced on the VHF channel for that course.

## 12 THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finishing line for the all groups Group will be between the red and white pole on the designated CV or land based finish (Weavers or Grassy) and an orange finishing mark or an adjacent harbour mark. The location of the finish line will be advised to the relevant fleet and may vary for each race depending on the course chosen. (NOTE: The Start line for the next race may be in position during the finish of a race, boats are to finish between the finish mark and CV and **NOT** the start Mark and CV).  
Please note that the finish for the second scheduled race of each day for the Outside Course may be within Cork Harbour. The location of the finish line will be advised to the relevant fleet and may vary each race depending on the course chosen.
- 12.2 If a race is to be shortened at the start/finish line, the signal shall be the display of Flag “F” with repetitive sound signals at a mark on the course. Having rounded that mark, boats shall proceed directly to the finishing line and finish by crossing the line from the direction of the last mark. This is in addition to RRS 32.2

## 13 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 13.1 When a COASTAL race has been indicated the time limit is 4 hours or 1 hour after the first boat in that class finishes, whichever is later.
- 13.1.1 Boats failing to finish COASTAL within 1 hour after the first boat in that class sails the course and finishes, will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.
- 13.2 All other races have a time limit of 2 hours.

13.2.1 Boats failing to finish within 45 minutes after the first boat in that start sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

13.3 At the complete discretion of the RO these time limits may be extended and if so the new time limit will be announced over the VHF.

## 14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 Protest forms are available online via the Race Office and available via QR code on the official notice board. protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

Protest Hearings will be held in the Royal Cork Yacht Club. Every effort will be made to have the hearing as soon as possible on the evening of sailing. We will comply with Covid-19 guidelines at the time. Contesting boats will be contacted by the Organising Committee once the protest form has been submitted online.

14.2 In addition to the requirements of RRS 61, boats who intend to protest another boat are required to inform the CV of their intention to protest, and the boat name or sail number of the intended protestee, as soon as possible after finishing and in any event not before leaving the vicinity of the finish line.

14.3 For each Class, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat in that class has finished the last race of the day.

14.4 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 at the RCYC Club House, beginning at the time posted.

14.5 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

14.6 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered

(a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;

(b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.

14.7 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.

14.8 Breaches of SI section 6 will not be grounds for protest by a boat or entrant. This changes RRS 60.1 (a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

## 15 MEDIATION

As an alternative to a full Protest hearing a Mediation System may be used. When all Parties to an incident(s) agree the Protest(s) may be decided by a Protest Mediator and his/her decision shall be final. This replaces the requirements of RRS 63. Having decided that the Protest(s) is valid the Mediator shall have total discretion on the question of witnesses etc., but shall give all the parties an opportunity to state their case. The Mediator has the right to terminate the Mediation process at any time and refer the matter to a full Protest hearing. Otherwise he/she shall reach a decision.

The advantage of this process is that any rule infringement will result in a 25% place penalty rather than a disqualification in the event of a full Protest hearing. The place penalty shall be subject to a minimum of 3 places but it shall not exceed the score of a disqualification. Any penalty shall not affect the score of other competitors. Competitors rights under RRS 66 shall not be affected.

## 16 SCORING

16.1 The Low Point System of RRS will apply.

16.2 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

16.3 (a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When 4 or more but less than 12 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

(c) When 12 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst two score.

(d) A boat's combined score each day will be used as the basis for daily prizes throughout the Regatta.

(e) Fleet B will be provided with one extra discard. The reason for this is given the 1720 Europeans are being sailed in Dunmore on the first weekend of the AIB Autumn Series and a number of boats will be racing from week 2.

16.5 For all classes, races will be scored as part of the SCORA league.

## 17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

## 18 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

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

18.2 For White Sail Classes: Sail identification number required on mainsail. Gennakers, bloopers, spinnakers, code zero or similar sails are prohibited.

18.3 No boat shall carry its anchor protruding from bow whilst racing.

## 19 RADIO COMMUNICATION

19.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all competing boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

19.2 Race Area VHF Channels

(a) VHF Channel 71 will be used for race management for the Group A & B

- (c) VHF Channel 69 will be used for race management for the Group C

**20 PRIZES**

- 20.1 Overall prizes will be awarded as follows: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in each Class in IRC and progressive Club ECHO of the AIB Autumn Series.
- 20.2 Daily prize giving will take place as soon as possible after sailing and expected to be no later than 18.00 hrs in the RCYC Club house. Prizes will be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> boat in each class but distributed on a one boat, one prize basis.
- We ask that skippers/owners only or a sole representative of the Boat present for daily prizegiving.
- 20.3 Final prize giving for the AIB Autumn Series will be presented after the final day of sailing. Further details will be provided closer to the date.

**21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Regatta.

**22 INSURANCE**

It is the duty of each boat owner to have his/her 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 AIB Autumn Series 2021.

## APPENDIX A – Possible Start Locations



This should not be relied on for navigation, and the position of any mark shown is approximate and for illustration purposes only.

## APPENDIX B

### **Race Area: South East of Roches Point**

No later than the warning signal the CV may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

The number of rounds to be sailed by each Class will be shown on a blackboard on the CV and may be broadcast on the designated VHF Channel.

The location of the finish line will be advised to the fleet and may vary each race depending on the course chosen. Please note that the finish for the 2nd scheduled race of each day may be within Cork Harbour.

#### Laid Course A

One Round : 1, SM, 3 – Finish

Two Rounds: 1, SM, 3, 1, SM, 3 – Finish

Three Rounds: 1, SM, 3, 1, SM, 3, 1, SM, 3 – Finish

#### Laid Course B

One Round : 1, 2, 3 – Finish

Two Rounds: 1, 2, 3, 1, 3 – Finish

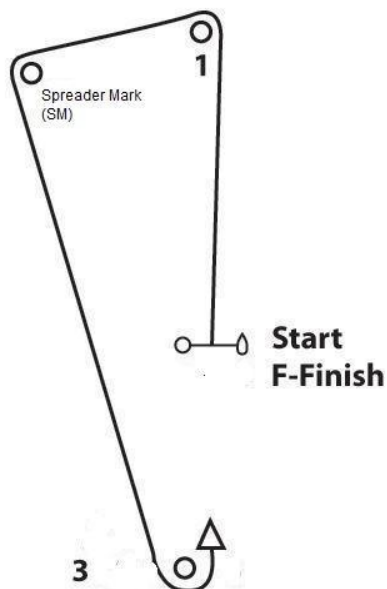
Three Rounds: 1, 2, 3, 1, 3, 1, 2, 3 – Finish

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### LAID COURSE A

#### **Windward-Leeward Course**

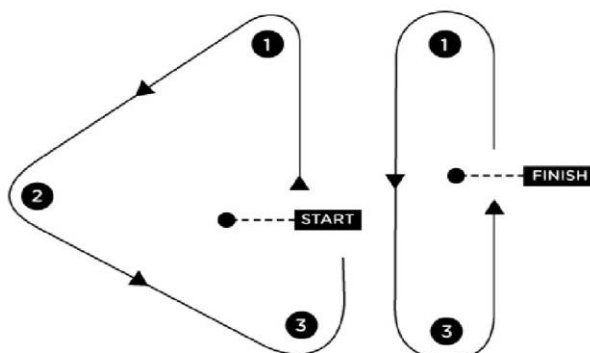
All marks to be rounded to port.



### LAID COURSE B

#### **Olympic Course**

All marks to be rounded to port.



## APPENDIX C

These diagrams are provided for information purposes only and merely as an explanatory supplement to the Sailing Instructions. They have no official status and will not be accepted as evidence in a Protest Hearing.

