

## **Sailing Instructions for 'O Leary Insurances' Royal Cork Yacht Club Winter League** **2023**

### **Racing Rules**

1. All races in the series shall be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), Irish Sailing (IS) Prescriptions, the Notice of Race (NOR), the Sailing Instructions (SIs) and any amendments thereto.
2. Competitors in IRC (International Rating Certificate) and Club handicap classes shall in addition comply with the rules of these handicapping systems.
3. IRC Rule 22.4.2 (Crew number/weight at IRC Rules and definitions 2022 doc page16) shall not apply.
4. There will be no limitations on crew number or weight.

### **Entry and Eligibility**

5. The series is an open event.
6. All those racing in the series shall submit a completed entry form on line as per the following link.  
<https://www.royalcork.com/oleary-insurances-winter-league-2023/>
7. An entry fee of €100 per boat shall also be submitted as part of the entry form.
8. A valid IRC certificate is required to have a valid entry for IRC results.
9. A valid ECHO certificate is required to have a valid entry for ECHO results.

### **Notices to Competitors**

10. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Club Notice Board which is located on the window of the Sailing Coordinator's office and/or on the RCYC website (Noticeboard) and or WhatsApp Group.

### **Changes to Sailing Instructions**

11. Any change(s) to the SIs will be posted on the Official Notice Board not later than two hours before the scheduled start of the first race of the day.
12. Changes to the schedule of racing will be posted no later than 18.00hrs on the day before said changes will take effect.

### **Signals made Ashore**

13. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Club flag staff.
14. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

### **Classes and Flags**

15. The Winter League will be sailed as an 'All-In Whitesail' Class with prizes under IRC and ECHO Handicap systems.
16. The overall trophy will be awarded under IRC.

### **Local Harbour Regulations**

17. Competitors are reminded that all commercial shipping has absolute right of way within the harbour area.
18. Port of Cork notice to Mariners no14 of 2018 refers:
  - 18.1 All boats shall keep at least 150 meters away from Commercial Vessels that are manoeuvring at all times (but shall in any event maintain a safe distance).
  - 18.2 All boats shall keep at least 50 metres away from the Refinery Jetty or Vessels moored alongside.

- 18.3 If found to have been in breach of item 18.1 and or 18.2 above, a boat may be disqualified from the race or league or event in which they are competing in or at the time of the incident.
- 18.4 Protests for infringement of 18.1 and or 18.2 above can only be initiated by the Race Committee. Note the protest time limit will not apply to infringements of 18.1 and 18.2 above.

### **Time Limits**

19. All races have a time limit of 3 hours.

### **Marks/Courses**

20. Courses will be 'Round the Cans' as per the current Royal Cork Course Card.

### **Starting/Finishing**

21. Grassy Walk Line shall be used to start and finish each race.
22. The line is formed by a transit of two white poles in front of the hut at the Grassy Walk. The ODM is Buoy C1 (Cage) Green.
23. If ICF "F" is displayed with repetitive sound signals by a committee vessel at a mark of the course yachts shall, having rounded said mark on the correct side, proceed directly to the finishing line. This is in addition to RRS 32.2.
24. On the last day of the series no warning signal will be made after 1400hrs.

### **Protests and Requests for Redress**

25. In addition to RRS 61, persons intending to protest should inform the RO immediately upon finishing or retiring of their intention to protest.
26. Protest forms are available from the Club office or Club bar. Protests and requests for redress or reopening of same shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
27. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
28. Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

### **Arbitration**

29. As an alternative to a full Protest hearing, the RRS (Appendix T) allow for an Arbitration system to be used.
30. When all parties to an incident who are present agree, a Protest may be decided by the Protest Arbitrator (or their designated substitute).
31. Such arbitration shall replace the protest hearing required under RRS 63.
32. This system may only be used, if before the hearing, all the parties PRESENT agree to accept the arbitration decision as final.
33. The Arbitrator shall decide if the protest is valid.
34. All the parties shall have the opportunity of stating their case.
35. The Arbitrator shall have total discretion as to whether any witness should be called.
36. At any time during the hearing they may terminate the arbitration process and refer the incident to a full protest committee hearing; otherwise, at the conclusion of the arbitration hearing they will reach a decision.
37. Any party they find to have infringed a rule will not be disqualified but shall incur a 25% place penalty with a minimum penalty of 3 places.
38. No penalty shall result in a score which would exceed that of a Disqualification.
39. Application of a penalty will not affect the place or score of other boats.
40. Any decision will be final, however a request for a reopening may be made under RRS 66.

41. Disqualification will result if any rule infringement is found at a full Protest Hearing when any party declines to accept arbitration at the time it is offered and insists on a full Protest Hearing.

### **Scoring**

42. The scoring system used shall be the 'RRS Appendix A Low Point System' with the following penalties:

	Description	Penalty
DNC	Did Not Compete	Series Entry Plus One Place
DNS	Did Not Start	Series Entry Plus One Place
OCS	On Course Side	Race Entry Plus One Place
RET	Retired	Race Entry Plus One Place
DNF	Did Not Finish	Race Entry Plus One Place
RAF	Retired After Finishing	Race Entry Plus One Place
OOT	Out Of Time	Race Entry Plus One Place
DSQ	Disqualified	Series Entry Plus One Place

43. As per Appendix A, each boats series score shall, subject to rule 90.3(b), be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score (aka 'discard').

44. If four or more races are completed in a series, then one discard shall apply.

### **Safety Regulations**

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

### **Radio Communications**

46. 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.

47. Courses may be announced on the designated VHF channels prior to starting sequence.

48. Typically, this will be **Channel 71**, if not specified in the notice of race and, if different, will be posted on the RC blackboard before the start.

### **Prizes**

49. 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.

50. Prizes will be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> boat but distributed on a one boat, one prize basis.

51. Overall prizes will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

52. The final prizegiving shall take place after racing on the last day of the league.

### **Disclaimer of Liability**

53. Competitors participate in the league entirely at their own risk. See Rule 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 event.

### **Insurance**

54. It is the duty of each boat owner to have their 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.