



Sailing Instructions for RCYC 1720 Super League 2026

Racing Rules

1. Racing will be governed by the 'Rules' as defined in:
 - * The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 (RRS)
 - * Irish Sailing Prescriptions
 - * 1720 Class Rules. As per "1720 Sportsboat Class Rules" as per 1720Sptsboat.org
 2. Bowsprits, the following rules shall apply:

Bowsprits shall not be extended on an upwind leg. An upwind leg is a leg on which spinnakers cannot be set. The upwind leg starts 5 boat lengths after rounding the mark at the beginning of the leg and finishes at Mark 1 when the stern of the boat crosses the extension of an imaginary line drawn through Mark 3 and Mark 1, after rounding Mark 1. For the purposes of this SI the leg between Mark 1 and Mark 1a is NOT an upwind leg. (This means that bowsprits can be extended but boats cannot claim an overlap with a bowsprit if they couldn't fly a spinnaker on that leg.) For the purposes of RRS 18 when it is possible to set a spinnaker the normal position of the bowsprit is extended. When it is not possible to set a spinnaker the normal position of the bowsprit is retracted.

The penalty for infringing this SI shall be a one turn penalty, or a minimum of three points if on the water penalty is not taken.
 3. Weight and Crew limitations as specified in NoR 8.
 4. The Race Committee may, at its absolute discretion, display flag 'Q' before the warning signal for a race if they consider racing would be enhanced by mandating sail restrictions. This visual signal will be accompanied by one long sound signal. When this signal is displayed boats shall not use a large spinnaker but may use a small spinnaker which, if used, shall be flown from the hounds and not masthead. In addition, when this signal is displayed, boats shall not use a large jib but may use a small jib. This amends RRS 'Race Signals'.
- No warning signal shall be sounded for a minimum of 15 minutes after displaying or removing flag 'Q'

Entry and Eligibility

5. The series is an open event.
1. All those racing in the series shall submit a completed entry form online as per the following link

<https://www.royalcork.com/1720-april-league-2026-entry-form-payment/>

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7. An entry fee of €185.00 per boat shall also be submitted as part of the entry form.

Notices to Competitors

8. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Club Notice Board which is located on the window of the Race office and/or on the RCYC website

<https://www.royalcork.com/notice-board/> and/or via the event WhatsApp group
https://chat.whatsapp.com/Hwxn1rhshYyJL4yCdPkvZv?mode=gi_t



Changes to Sailing Instructions

9. 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 and/or via the event WhatsApp group

https://chat.whatsapp.com/Hwxn1rhshYyJL4yCdPkvZv?mode=gi_t



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.

Local Harbour Regulations

15. Use of the harbour is governed by the Port of Cork Byelaws and you are referred to the following relevant documents:

[Guidance notes for Leisure Craft](#)

[Port of Cork Byelaws 2016](#)

16. All boats shall not impede Commercial Vessels navigating within the defined navigation channel.
17. All boats shall keep at least 150 metres away from the Refinery Jetty or Vessels moored alongside.
18. If found to have been in breach of item 16 or 17 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.

Race Area

2. The Series will be held in the waters of, and adjacent to Cork Harbour.

Marks/Courses

19. Courses shall be:
 - 19.1 Windward / Leeward
- 20 Course and number of rounds shall be displayed on the CV Blackboard and on the VHF channel 69.

Starting/Finishing

20. Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
21. 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
22. The first warning signal is scheduled for 1255hrs. On the last day of the series no warning signal will be made after 1530hrs.
23. First Gun on Saturday the 2nd of May will be 11.55 as of notice of race.

Protests and Requests for Redress

24. In addition to RRS 61, persons intending to protest shall inform the RO immediately upon finishing or retiring of their intention to protest.
25. The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
26. Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

Arbitration

27. RRS Appendix T (Arbitration) will apply.

Scoring

28. The scoring system used shall be the 'RRS Appendix A Low Point System' except that where 4 or more races are completed 1 discard will apply and if 10 or more races are completed 2 discards will apply. .

Safety Regulations

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

Equipment and Measurement Checks

30. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.
31. Boat identification numbers (issued and recorded by Irish Sailing) shall be displayed on the Mainsail as prescribed by the IRC and RRS.

Radio Communications

32. 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.
33. Course and number of rounds may be announced on VHF channel 69 prior to starting sequence.

Prizes

34. 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 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.
35. Overall prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.
36. The final prizegiving shall take place after racing on the last day of the league.

Disclaimer of Liability

37. Competitors participate in the league entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, 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

38. 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 events sailed in.