



RS Aero Irish National Championships 15th & 16th June 2024

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a)

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Racing rules Race Signals AP, 33, 35, 60.1(a), 60.1(b), 61.3, 62.1(a), 62.2, A2 A5.1 and A5.2 will be changed. The changes appear, in full, in these sailing instructions.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09:00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 The official noticeboard is on the wall outside the Marina Office. The event WhatsApp Group is an aide to competitors but does not replace the official noticeboard.
- 3.2 While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

[DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at the top of the Marina walkway.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in Race Signals AP. This changes race signals AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Briefing : A briefing will be held near the bottom of the main stairs outside the clubhouse at 10:30 on Saturday 15th June

6.2 Races are scheduled as follows:

Date	First Warning Signal	Planned Races
Saturday 15 th June	11:55	3
Sunday 16 th June	10:55	3

6.3 On the last day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:00, except for postponements, general recalls and abandonment of a race where the first warning signal was made before 15:00.

6.4 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.

6.5 A 4th race may be run on the Saturday at the discretion of the Race Committee. To indicate this intention the finish boat will display flag Numeral 4 at the end of Race 3.

7 CLASS FLAGS

All classes will start together under Numeral pennant 7.

8 RACING AREA

In the area west and north of the entrance to Howth Harbour.

9 COURSES

9.1 The diagrams in Addendum A show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be passed.

9.2 The courses to be sailed will be indicated on a board on the side of the Committee Vessel.

10 MARKS

10.1 Marks 1, 1A, 2S and 2P will be large Orange inflatable marks. The start mark will be an Orange pillar mark and the finish mark will be a spherical Cherry Red mark.

10.2 If either 2S or 2P are missing, i.e. if only one mark is present, that mark shall be rounded to port.

11 OBSTRUCTIONS

Except when leaving or entering Howth Harbour boats must keep clear of the Harbour entrance and give way to commercial vessels.

12 THE START

12.1 The starting line will be between a red and white striped pole displaying an orange flag on the Committee Vessel at the starboard end and the course side of a port-end starting mark.

12.2 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 A5.1 and A5.2.

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

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13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

13.2 Minor course changes may not be signalled. This changes RRS 33.

14 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a red and white striped pole displaying a blue flag on the Committee Vessel at the port end and the course side of the starboard-end finishing mark.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

15.1 The scoring penalty RRS 44.1 and 44.2 shall apply.

15.2 Appendix T and the Post Race Penalty shall apply to this regatta except that the post-race penalty is 20% or at least two place points. This changes T1(b).

15.3 RRS 64.1 (b) applies: if a boat has taken an applicable penalty shall not be penalised further with respect to the same incident unless the Rule she broke is a disqualification that is not excludable from her series score.

16 TIME LIMITS

16.1 Boats failing to finish within a 15-minute finishing window after the first similar RIG sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2

16.2 In addition to RRS 32, the race committee may also award a finishing score to a boat that 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).

17 HEARING REQUESTS

17.1 The protest time limit is 60 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. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.

17.2 Protests, Requests for Redress and Scoring Inquiries should be submitted online, within the protest time limit, at

https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/7553/event_links?name=rs-aero-irish-championships

17.3 Notices will be posted on the event WhatsApp group within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Centenary Room on the 2nd floor of the Clubhouse.

17.4 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.

17.5 Notices of protests by the Race Committee will be posted at

https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/7553/event_links?name=rs-aero-irish-championships

This changes Rule 61.1(b).

18 SCORING

- 18.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.2 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.
- 18.3 All boats shall be scored under the Portsmouth Yardstick handicapping system.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1 [DP] [NP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 20.1 [DP] [NP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- 20.2 [DP] [NP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorised by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity.

21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

[NP] A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.

22 SUPPLIED BOATS

Does not apply.

23 OFFICIAL VESSELS

The Committee Vessel will be 'Star Point', with a white hull.

24 [DP] [NP] SUPPORT TEAMS

Does not apply

25 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.

26 BERTHING

[DP] [NP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the dinghy park.

27 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Does not apply.

28 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Does not apply.

29 PRIZES

As per NoR 24

24 RISK STATEMENT

24.1 Rule 3 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."

24.2 Sailing is, by its nature, an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees to and acknowledges the risk statement as included in the Notice of Race."

25 INSURANCE

Per NoR 23

ADDENDUM A – Courses

- Course 2 - 1, 1a 2P/2S, 1,1a 2P – Finish
- Course 3 - 1, 1a 2P/2S, 1,1a 2P/2S, 1,1a 2P – Finish
- Course 4 - 1, 1a 2P/2S, 1, 1a 2P/2S 1,1a 2P/2S, 1,1a 2P – Finish

