



LACY WALSH
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RS Feva National Championships 2018
Saturday June 30th, Sunday 1st July 2018
Hosted by Howth Yacht Club CLG

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of Irish Sailing shall apply.
- 1.3 In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence.
- 1.4 RRS Race Signals AP, 32.2, 33, 35, 40, 60.1(b), 61.3, 62.1(a), 62.2, A2, A4, A5 and T1(a) will be changed. Details of the changes are provided in these Sailing Instructions (SI) or in the Notice of Race (NOR).
- 1.5 Rules of the RS Feva Class will apply.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at the archway in the vicinity of the Marina Office.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at top of the marina bridge.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the RRS Race Signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES, ETC.

- 5.1 Briefing – A Briefing will be held at 1030 on Saturday 30th June 2018.
- 5.2 8 races are scheduled.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Race</i>
Saturday 30 th June	Race 1 to 4
Sunday 1 st July	Races 5 to 8

- 5.3 The Organising Authority reserves the right to sail one extra race per day, subject to an overall maximum of eight. ICF R displayed on the Finishing Vessel during the finish of a race shall indicate that another race is to be started that day.
- 5.4 The scheduled time of the first Warning Signal on Saturday 30th June is 1155. The scheduled time of the first Warning Signal on Sunday 1st July is 1055.
- 5.5 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will normally be displayed with one sound signal at least five minutes before a Warning Signal is made, unless a Postponement, General Recall or Abandonment of the next race to start has been signalled.

6 CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 IC Flag F

7 RACING AREA

7.1 Races will be sailed in the waters North of Howth Harbour and the starting area could be up to 3 miles from the Harbour.

8 THE COURSE

8.1 Trapezoid and or windward /leeward course will be used. The diagram in Addendum A show the course options, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be passed.

8.2 The course to be sailed will be displayed on the Race Committee Starting Boat not later than the Preparatory Signal. This changes RRS 27.1.

8.3 If IC Flag V is displayed on a vessel making repeated sound signals located near a mark on the course, boats shall pass between the vessel and the mark and sail to the finishing line after rounding the mark. This changes Rule 32.2.

9 MARKS

9.1 Marks 1, 2, 3, & 4 will be large black inflatable marks. The start mark will be an orange cylindrical mark, the finish mark will be small round orange mark.

10 THE START

10.1 Starts will be in accordance with RRS 26 with a 5 minute sequence as follows: -

The starting line will be between a red and white pole displaying a white flag on the Race Committee Starting Boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

10.2 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after the Starting Signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will move the original mark to a new position.

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

12 THE FINISH

12.1 The finishing line, other than when Shortened Course at a mark of the course is signalled, will be between a red and white pole on the Committee Boat, which shall display a blue flag, and a small round orange mark located as indicated on the Course Diagram.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 The Exoneration Penalty and Appendix T Arbitration will be available.

13.2 Decisions from Arbitration can be referred to the Protest Committee but cannot be reopened or appealed. 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 TIME LIMITS

14.1 The time limit for each race shall be 70 minutes. Any boat failing to finish within 15 minutes from when the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

14.2 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. Her 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 RRS 60.1(b), 62.1(a), A4 and A5.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 Boats intending to protest for an incident on the race course shall inform the Race Committee vessel at the finish line.

15.2 Protest forms are available at the Race Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

15.3 The protest time limit is 90 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. The same time limit applies to protests by the Race Committee and protest committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.

- 15.4** Notices will be posted 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 Protest Committee room at the top floor of the Clubhouse.
- 15.5** Notices of protests by the Race Committee, Technical Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 15.6** Breaches of instructions 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the Protest Committee so decides.
- 15.7** On the last scheduled day of racing a request based on a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 16 SCORING**
- 16.1** Three races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.
- 16.2** When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores. When between 4 and 7 races are sailed a boat may discard the worst score from her total and when eight or more races are sailed a boat may discard the two worst scores from her total. This changes RRS A2.
- 17 SAFETY REGULATIONS**
- 17.1** Competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times when afloat. This changes RRS 40. Wet suits and dry suits are not considered to be adequate.
- 17.3** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**
- 18.1** Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- 18.2** Substitution of equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**
- 19.1** 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 measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.
- 20 SUPPORT BOATS**
- 20.1** Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the Preparatory Signal for each race until all boats have finished or retired or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 21 TRASH DISPOSAL**
- 21.1** Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.
- 22 RADIO COMMUNICATION**
- 22.1** Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications not available to all boats.
- 23 PRIZES**
- 23.1** Prizes will be presented as follows: First, Second and Third. Further prizes may be awarded.
- 24 RISK STATEMENT**
- 24.1** Risk Statement is as published in the Notice of Race.
- 25 INSURANCE**
- 25.1** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid and adequate third-party liability insurance for the duration of the event.

ADDENDUM 1 – Course

Trapezoid

Course A Start 1-2-3-2-3-Finish

Course B Start 1-4-1-4-Finish

