



## HOWTH YACHT CLUB

### Sutton Cross Pharmacy Puppeteer 22 National Championships 2019

Howth Yacht Club, Aug 24<sup>th</sup> and Aug 31<sup>st</sup>

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1.0 Notice to Competitors

1.1 All notices will be posted on the Championship Notice Board located in the main archway beside the marina office.

### 2.0 Changes to Sailing Instructions or Schedule of Races

2.1 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at least 2 hours before the start on the day it will take effect except where any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect. In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence.

### 3.0 Signals Made Ashore

3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at the top of the marina walkway and will be accompanied by the appropriate sound signals.

3.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in Race Signal AP.

### 4.0 Schedule of Races

Race No.	Day	First Warning Signal
1	Saturday Aug 24 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 hrs
2	Saturday Aug 24 <sup>th</sup>	As soon as possible after Race 1
3	Saturday Aug 24 <sup>th</sup>	As soon as possible after Race 2
4	Saturday Aug 31 <sup>st</sup>	11.10 hrs
5	Saturday Aug 31 <sup>st</sup>	As soon as possible after Race 4
6	Saturday Aug 31 <sup>st</sup>	As soon as possible after Race 5

Races not sailed on Saturday, Aug 24<sup>th</sup> may be rescheduled for Aug 31<sup>st</sup> but no more than five races may be sailed on Aug 31<sup>st</sup>.

This decision shall be solely at the discretion of the Race Committee.

### 5.0 Courses and Flags

Courses will be a mix of Windward/Leeward style courses, traditional 'Olympic' style (triangle and windward/leeward legs) and 'Round the Gans' courses chosen from the HYC Tuesday night Committee Boat course card. Windward / Leeward and 'Olympic' style courses will be laid approx. as shown in the diagrams in the attached appendix and with marks rounded in the sequence listed.

The HYC Club courses can be downloaded and printed from [www.https://hyc.ie/club-events](http://www.https://hyc.ie/club-events)

The Class Flag for the Puppeteer Class is **ICF A**.



The type of course to be sailed will be indicated by the display on the Committee starting vessel, no later than the Warning Signal for the relevant race, of a flag indicating the course to be sailed in the upcoming race, as follows:

Windward / Leeward course	<b>ICF W</b>
Olympic style course	<b>ICF O</b>
HYC 'round the cans' course	<b>ICF R</b>

Where ICF R is displayed, the course selected from the HYC course card will be indicated by numerals displayed on the Committee starting vessel.

When the **Blue flag** is displayed on the Committee finishing vessel (finishing boat on station), boats may only cross the finishing line when attempting to finish the race after rounding the required marks of the course.

### **6.0 Shortening courses to finish at the start / finish line**

Should the Race Committee wish to shorten a race to finish upwind of Mark 3 at the start/finish line (the boats having finished one round), **ICF V** will be displayed from a RIB to leeward of Mark 3 accompanied by repeated sound signals. This changes RRS Race Signals.

### **7.0 Marks**

7.1 Marks 1, 2, and 3 of the Windward / Leeward and Olympic style courses will be black inflatables, as will the first mark (designated Z on the course card) when a HYC Club course is in use. The Start Mark will be an orange cylindrical mark and the Finish Mark will be a red/orange spherical mark.

7.2 Where HYC club racing marks are being used, the mark type and colours will be as per the information about their positions used for HYC Club racing. A copy of the sheet listing their positions and colours will be available from the Class Capt for boats entered from outside HYC.

### **8.0 The Start**

8.1 The start line shall be between the Red and White striped pole or the main mast on the Committee vessel and an orange inflatable mark, which shall be left to port when starting.

8.2 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26 with a five minute sequence.

8.3 A boat that has not started 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

### **9.0 Change of position of the next mark**

9.1 The Race Committee may change the position of any mark to maintain the course alignment with respect to the wind direction. The change will be made before the leading boat has begun the leg to the mark. For major changes only, the change may be signalled as per RRS 33 using RED/GREEN flags or boards and or (+) / (-) as appropriate. Where more than one mark is being changed to maintain the configuration only the first mark to be changed will be signalled.

9.2 Minor changes to the course (+/ – 10 degrees, or +/- 100 metres) will not be signalled.

9.3 9.1 and 9.2 change RRS 33.

### **10.0 The Finish**

10.1 The finish line will be between the Red and White pole or main mast on the Committee finishing vessel displaying a Blue flag (except where a race is being shortened at a rounding mark) and a small round Orange/Red buoy. Note: the starting mark for the next race may be in position during the finish.

10.2 Where a race is being finished from a RIB, the line shall be between the vertical staff on the finishing vessel and the mark forming the outer end of the finish line.

### **11.0 Time Limits**

11.1 The time limit for each race shall be 2 hours:

11.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5

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

12.1 Protests shall be written on an official Irish Sailing Protest Form and lodged with the Protest Convenor (or placed in the protest box) located in the Race Office. A limited number of protest forms may be available in the Race Office, however Protest forms are available to download from HYC website.

12.2 The Protest time limit shall be 1 hour after the last boat finishes racing each day and shall be posted on the main Championship Notice Board.

12.3 The schedule of protests hearings shall be posted on the Championship Notice Board and will be 10 minutes after the expiry time of the Protest Time Limit. Protests may be scheduled earlier subject to availability of the parties.

12.4 Any boat intending to seek Redress or to Protest another yacht in a race shall display a Red Flag in accordance with Rule 61.1(a), shall notify the Finishing Vessel of her intention to do so and seek acknowledgement from the Race Officials.

### **13.0 Scoring System**

13.1 The series will be scored as provided in Appendix A of the RRS using the Low Point Scoring System. If four or more races are completed, one discard will be allowed.

### **14.0 Communication to Competitors whilst afloat**

14.1 Boats shall carry a VHF radio and maintain a watch on Channel 77.

14.2 The Race Committee may issue communications to Competitors by VHF Radio on Channel 77.

### **15.0 General Comments**

15.1 The turnaround time after each race will be as short as possible. Boats are therefore required to clear the finish line area but stay in the vicinity of the Committee starting vessel.

### **16.0 Shipman starts**

16.1 The Shipman 28 Class will be racing on Aug 31<sup>st</sup>.

16.2 It is intended that the Shipman Class will usually start before the Puppeteers with a 5 minute gap between the Shipman start and the Warning Signal for the Puppeteer Class.

16.3 The Race Committee has discretion to start the Puppeteer Class in a sequence not involving the Shipmans, to start the Puppeteer Class ahead of the Shipmans or to make the Puppeteer Warning Signals at the time of the Shipman start. Competitors are advised to be aware of the Class flags displayed.

## APPENDIX - COURSES

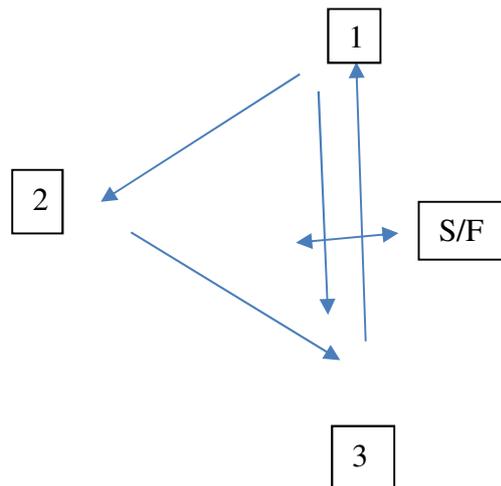
Courses will be either Windward/Leeward style, signalled by display of ICF W, a traditional 'Olympic' style, signalled by display of ICF O or selected from the HYC Tuesday night Committee Boat course card, signalled by the display of ICF R. Where ICF R is displayed, the course to be sailed will be shown by numerals displayed on the Committee starting vessel.

Laid courses will be approximately configured as shown below. Mark positions, leg lengths and angles shown are indicative only.

All marks shall be left to Port. The numbers indicate marks and S/F indicates the start / finish line.

### Olympic Style – ICF O

Course (unless shortened)  
Start - 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish



### Windward / Leeward – ICF W

Course (unless shortened)  
Start - 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 2 - 3 – Finish

