



Irish National Championship

Friday 30th and Saturday 31st August 2019

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of Irish Sailing, the Class rules of the Shipman Association, this Notice of Race (NoR), the SI (SI) and any changes thereto. In the event of any conflict between the NoR and the SI, the latter shall prevail.
- 1.2 The SI will be posted on the HYC website no later than Wednesday 28th August 2019.
- 1.3 The Championship is open to all Shipman 28 boats and whose owners/skippers are fully paid up members of the Shipman Association. Entries are accepted at the sole discretion of the OA.
- 1.4 The boat must be helmed by the owner, or part owner who must be a regular helm of the boat in the current season and be a Member of the Shipman Association.
- 1.5 The crew on each boat shall consist of the team which normally crew that boat at club level or crew of equivalent skill and experience.
- 1.6 All boats will display the Shipman Burgee on the backstay while racing.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located beside the Marina Office at Howth Yacht Club.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the SI will be posted before 0900 on the day that change takes 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 shall be displayed from the flagpole at the top of the Marina ramp.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Date	Time of 1st Warning Signal	Number of Races	High Water	Low Water
Friday 30th August	1155	2	1229	1752
Saturday 31st August	1055	2	1317	1838

Note: The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable.

6. CLASS FLAG

Class flag for the Shipman Class will be Code Flag G.

7. RACE AREA

Races will be sailed in the waters north-west of Ireland's Eye. Starts may be up to 3 miles from Howth harbour.

8. THE COURSE

- 8.1 (A) The Course on Friday 30th for the 2 races scheduled.

Both races will use the HYC fixed racing marks, as per Addendum B to these SI

The courses to be sailed will be announced on **Channel 77** before the warning signal of each race

- (B) The Course on Saturday 31st for the 2 races scheduled.

The first race will use the HYC Marks.

The course to be sailed will be announced on **Channel 77** before the warning signal of the race

The second race will be of the Windward - Leeward type as per the diagram in Addendum A.

- 8.2 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 - ICF W
- HYC "Round The Cans" course - ICF R

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

- 8.3 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.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 Marks 1, 2, and 3 of the Windward / Leeward 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.
- 9.2 "Round The Cans" marks will be as per Addendum C "Course Card Marks & Bearings"

10. THE START

- 10.1 The starting line will be a line between a red-and-white striped pole or the main mast of the Race Committee vessel and an outer limit mark. The outer limit mark will be an orange inflatable mark, which shall be left to port when starting.
- 10.2 When Rule 30.4 (Black Flag Rule) applies, and following a general recall, the Race Committee may, in addition to the requirements of Rule 30.4, broadcast sail numbers on the designated VHF channel.
- 10.3 When the Race Committee determines that a boat is OCS, the Race Committee may broadcast the boat's sail number on the designated VHF channel, no earlier than one minute after the starting signal. Failure to broadcast, or errors in the broadcast, will not be grounds for a request for redress by a boat. This changes Rule 62.1(a).
- 10.4 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes Rule 35, A4 & A5.

11. CHANGE OF COURSE

- 11.1 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.
- 11.2 Minor changes to the course (+/ - 10 degrees, or +/- 100 metres) will not be signalled.
- 11.3 SI 11.1 and SI 11.2 change RRS 33.

12. SHORTENING COURSE

- 12.1 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.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between a red-and-white striped pole on a Race Committee Vessel displaying a blue flag and the finishing mark.
- 13.2 When the Blue Flag is displayed no boat shall pass through the finishing line, in either direction, except to finish. Any boat in breach of this SI shall be scored as DNF without a hearing. This changes Rules 63.1, A4.1 and A5.
- 13.3 The course may be shortened in accordance with Rule 32 or SI 11.3.

14. TIME LIMIT

- 14.1 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course as required by Rule 28 and finish is 2 hours.
- 14.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes Rules 35, 63.1, A4 and A5.
- 14.3 Any boats in the Shipman Class in White Sails will be allowed an extended finish of 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes.

15. PENALTIES

- 15.1 Rule 44.1 is changed to read "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident when racing."

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and Requests for Redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 16.2 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 later.
- 16.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under Rule 61.1(b).
- 16.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
- (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes Rule 66.

16.6 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 Rule 62.2.

16.7 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply. 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). (ED I recommend you add this.)

17. SCORING

17.1 RRS Appendix A4 using the Low Point scoring system shall apply

17.2 A boat that did not start, did not finish or that retired after finishing shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than that of the total number of boats confirmed at registration. A boat disqualified shall be scored additional points equal to 5 or more than the number of boats confirmed at registration. This changes RRS A4.2.

17.3 The Championship shall comprise four races and one race shall be sufficient to provide a result. If all four races are completed, each boats series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. If only three races are completed all race scores will count unless the Race committee decides otherwise.

17.4 The Irish Shipman Championship and Shipman Handicap Race Series are run on the following basis:

- The Low Point System RRS Appendix A.4.1 shall apply to the Irish Shipman Championship
- The Handicap Series will run concurrently with the Championship and separate prizes will be awarded for the Handicap results. The handicapping of boats shall apply as fixed by the Race Committee and Handicapper. The Shipman Race Committee and Handicapper reserve the right to alter the appropriate handicaps before and during the Championship.
- A boat may not win a Scratch and Handicap prize in the same race or series. The Scratch series shall take precedence.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

19. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

19.1 Substitution of boats, hulls or sails will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee

19.2 No boat shall use the sail number of another boat that is competing in the event.

20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

20.1 Boats may be checked at any time at the discretion of the Race Committee.

20.2 Each boat, with her sails and equipment, shall be available for inspection as stated in the Notice of Race.

21. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

21.1 Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the prior written permission of the race committee. Any boat permitted by the race committee to be removed from the water to inspect damage and/or effect repairs shall not be scrubbed or cleaned below the waterline other than is necessary to effect repairs and must be re-launched as soon as possible.

22. DIVING EQUIPMENT

22.1 Underwater breathing apparatus shall not be used between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

23. RADIO COMMUNICATION

23.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

23.2 The race committee may make broadcasts of course location and Race Signals on VHF **Channel 77**. Failure to transmit or receive such broadcasts shall not be grounds for a request for redress by a boat. This changes Rule 62.1 (a).

24. PRIZES

- First Race: Scratch; The O' Connor Cup
Handicap; The Viking Cup
White sails;
- Second Race: Scratch; The Olle Enderlein Plate
Handicap; The Whiterock Plate
White sails;
- Third Race: Scratch; The Commodore Trophy
Handicap; The Vice Commodore Trophy
White sails;
- Fourth Race: Scratch; The Tony Geraghty Memorial Trophy (picture)
Handicap; The Shipman Trophy (wheel)
White sails
- Best new entrant: Donal O'Sullivan Trophy

All major trophies are awarded on an annual basis and are to be held by the winners until 2020, additional prizes for placed boats in individual races or overall may be awarded at the discretion of the Committee.

25. DISCLAIMERS OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta 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. HYC, including its officers' employees and agents, the race management team, the support boats and anyone helping to run the event shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury however caused to the owner/competitor or crew as a result of their taking part in the event.

25. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €1,500,000 per incident or the equivalent.

Addendum A

COURSE DIAGRAM: Windward-Leeward Course (not to scale)

Marks shall be rounded as follows after the Start: 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 2 - 3, thence to Finish.

Marks shall be rounded to port.

