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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1.0 Notice to Competitors

H.W. Sat. 12.20, Sun. 13.00

1.1 Notices relating to the management of racing will be posted on the Puppeteer Class WhatsApp

2.0 Changes to Sailing Instructions or Schedule of Races

2.1 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on WhatsApp at least 2 hours before the start 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.

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 60 minutes' in Race Signal AP.

4.0 Schedule of Races

Race No.	Day	First Warning Signal
1	Saturday Sept 10 th	11.00 hrs
2	Saturday Sept 10 th	As soon as possible after Race 1
3	Saturday Sept 10 th	As soon as possible after Race 2
4	Sunday Sept 11 th	11.00 hrs
5	Sunday Sept 11 th	As soon as possible after Race 4
6	Sunday Sept 11 th	As soon as possible after Race 5

Race 4 and Race 5 may be sailed on Saturday should the Race Committee consider it prudent to do so based on Sunday's forecast. In this case, the display of **ICF R** at the finish of a race will indicate another race will be sailed.

Races not sailed on Saturday may be rescheduled for Sunday but no more than five races may be sailed on Sunday.

These decisions 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 and traditional 'Olympic' style (triangle and windward/leeward legs) which will be laid approx. as shown in the diagrams in the attached appendix and with marks rounded in the sequence listed.



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	ICF W
Olympic style course	ICF O

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 F** will be displayed from a RIB to leeward of Mark 3 accompanied by repeated sound signals. This changes RRS Race Signals.

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7.0 Marks

7.1 Marks 1, 2 and 3 of the Windward / Leeward and Olympic style courses will be yellow inflatables. The Start Mark will be an orange cylindrical mark and the Finish Mark will be a red/orange spherical mark.

8.0 The Start

8.1 The Committee Starting Vessel will be a large blue yacht named Blue Fox. The start line shall be between a Red and White striped pole or the main mast that is displaying an orange flag on the Committee vessel and an orange pillar mark, which shall be left to port when starting.

8.2 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 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 a pole or main mast displaying a Blue flag on the Committee Finishing Vessel (except where a race is being shortened at a rounding mark when the S flag will replace the Blue) 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 a 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 15 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 submitted online at

https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/1289/event_links?name=irish-puppeteer-22-championships



12.2 The Protest time limit shall be 2 hours after the last boat finishes racing each day and shall be posted on https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/1289/event_links?name=irish-puppeteer-22-championships

12.3 The schedule of protests hearings shall be posted on https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/1289/event_links?name=irish-puppeteer-22-championships within 30 minutes of the Protest Time Limit.

12.4 Protests shall be heard in the Centenary Room on the 2nd floor of the clubhouse.

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.

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14.0 Communication to Competitors whilst afloat

14.1 All boats shall carry a VHF radio and maintain a listening watch on VHF Ch 69 to receive communications from the Race Committee.

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.

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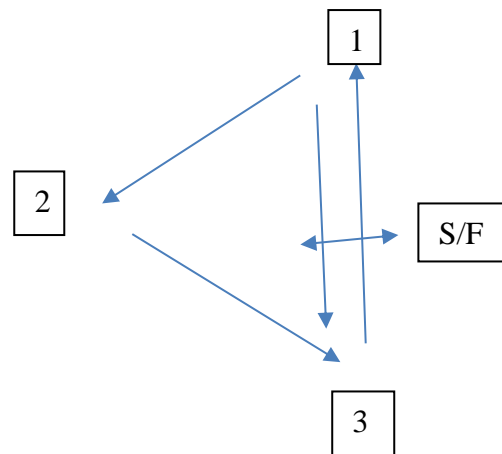
APPENDIX - COURSES

Diagrams are indicative only.

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

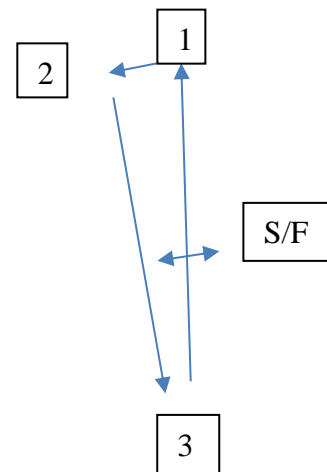
Olympic Style – ICF O

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



NOTES:

1. With the Optimist Ulster Championships taking place this weekend, it will not be possible to run "Round the Can" races.
2. The location of the Start Line will be decided to avoid interfering with the Optimist race area and could be north of a line between the Portmarnock and Hub marks.