



# DINGHY REGATTA 2022

## Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2022

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

**1. Rules :**

The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the ISA Prescriptions, the Class Rules of each class, the Notice of Race these Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereto.

**2. Entries :**

Entries should be made before racing, accompanied by the appropriate Entry Fee. All boats shall display the sail number under which they entered. Any boat wishing to use a different sail number shall request permission at the time of registration.

**3. Changes in Sailing Instructions:**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board in the passage next to the marina office before 0930 on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2022. Code Flag L will be displayed on the flagpole at the top of the Marina bridge to indicate that a change of instructions has been posted.

**4. Signals Made Ashore :**

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at the top of the Marina bridge. Code Flag AP with two sound signals (one sound signal when lowered) means the race is postponed. The warning signal will not be made less than one hour after AP is lowered.

**5. Schedule of Races, Class Flags :**

The starting area and the racing area will be to the North/Northwest of Howth Harbour. Three races 'back-to-back' will be sailed, subsequent races to be started as soon as possible after the last race. Starts shall be in accordance with RRS 26.

Class	Flag	Warning	Start
Sundry (PY class)	F	1255	1300
ILCA 7 / ILCA 6 / ICLA 4/Topper	*	1300	1305
Feva	R	1305	1310
Optimist	O	1310	1315

Entries in classes other than those specified above will start in the Sundry class under flag F.

**The above order may be changed if sufficient numbers of a class are received which will merit a separate start.**

**6. Courses, Marks Etc.:**

The courses for each class are described in the 'Courses to be sailed' section below. All marks shall be left to port. The windward, gybe and leeward (L1) marks will be Pink. The leeward mark (L2) will be yellow. The outer limit mark for the start will be an orange pillar mark and the finish line (unless the race is shortened) will be a black buoy.

**7. Starting / Finishing Line**

The starting line will be between the red/white pole or in the absence of a pole, the mainmast of a Committee Boat and the outer limit mark. Boats which have completed a lap of the course shall not sail through the starting line while starting sequences are under way. While the Finish Boat is displaying a blue finish flag, boats who are not on the final leg of their course may not cross the finishing line. Boats in breach of this SI shall be disqualified without a protest hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

**8. Course Change :**

Mark positions may be changed after the start at the discretion of the Race Officer. No signals will be made but, if deemed necessary by the Race Officer, a pathfinder flying flag L and making occasional sound signals may lead the leading boat of the fleet affected to the new mark position. This changes RRS 33.

**9. Finish:**

Unless the course is shortened, the finishing line will be between a pole/mast displaying a blue flag and the finish buoy. The line will be laid to windward of the Leeward mark.

**10. Shortened Course:**

Where 'shortened course' applies to all classes it will be indicated by hoisting the flag S and making two sound signals. In the case of an individual class or classes being shortened, the appropriate class flag(s) will be flown with Flag S. All shortened races will then finish in accordance with RRS 32.2. The Finishing Boat for shortened courses may be a RIB.

**11. Time Limit:**

The time limit for each class shall be the lesser of 90 minutes, or 20 minutes after the finishing time of the first boat of the class to sail the course and finish correctly. In the event of the first boat of a class finishing inside the 90-minute time limit, only boats of that class finishing within 20 minutes of the first boat will be recorded as finishers. This changes RRS 35.

After the first boat has finished, the Race Officer may offer a finishing position to the boat still racing in last place. The finishing position offered will be the number of boats finished and still racing plus 1. A boat is not obliged to accept such an offer unless it is the last boat still racing. The race officer is not obliged to make such an offer. A boat that accepts such an offer will immediately cease racing, and the Race Officer may repeat this process with the next boat. The offer may be made via rescue or support boat personnel. This changes the definition of the word "Finish". This changes RRS 35.

## **12. Scoring**

The scoring system shall be as per RRS Appendix A – Low Point System. If three races are sailed, then one discard shall be applied

Dinghies sailing under the Sundry category will have their times recorded and be scored a finishing position in accordance with the Portsmouth Yardstick (PY) handicap system.

## **13. Retirals:**

Boats retiring shall inform a safety boat as soon as possible and shall then obey the instructions of the safety boat crew.

## **14. Protests:**

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

[https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/5046/event\\_links?name=howth-yc-dinghy-regatta](https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/5046/event_links?name=howth-yc-dinghy-regatta)

They shall be lodged within 90 minutes of the finishing time of the last boat of the protestor's class in the last race of the day, or of the expiry of the time limit for that race if there is no finisher, or of the time of the abandonment signal if the last race is abandoned. Boats shall inform the Finishing Boat of intention to protest immediately after finishing the race in which the protest incident occurred.

## **15. Safety / Rescue Boats:**

All competing boats must carry a securely fixed painter not less than 5m long.

Competitors shall wear an EN or BS approved buoyancy aid at all times whilst afloat, apart from brief periods to change or adjust clothing.

Competing boats at all times shall keep clear of safety boats. Howth is a commercial harbour and competitors are required to give way to and stay clear of all commercial vessels entering, leaving, or manoeuvring within it and its environs.

## **16. Damage or Injury:**

Neither Howth Yacht Club nor the Race Organisers are responsible for any loss or damage to boats or equipment or for injury to competitors. It is advisable that all competitors carry adequate insurance.

Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rules 3 and 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing and for each competitor to be sure that they are capable of handling the prevailing wind and sea conditions.

## Courses to be Sailed

Marks shall be rounded in the following order:

ILCA 7 / ILCA 6 / Sundry

W-G-L2-W-L2- F (triangle, sausage)

ICLA 4 / Topper / Feva

W-G-L1-W-L1-F (triangle, sausage)

Optimist

W-G-L2- F (triangle)

After starting and until approaching the finish line to finish, the marks at the ends of the start/finish line are not marks on course. However, a Committee Boat may be an obstruction.

