

Brass Monkeys

Winter Series 2022

Sponsored by Bright Motor Group, Airside

Sailing Instructions

1. Ethos

1.1. The ethos of the Brass Monkeys series is to provide a “fun” sailing series. Competitors should note this ethos and races should be sailed accordingly.

2. Rules & Eligibility

2.1. The races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of Irish Sailing, the Notice of Race, these Sailing Instructions (SI) and any changes thereto.

3. Safety

3.1. The attention of all competitors is drawn to the potential dangers of sailing at this time of the year. Each crew member shall wear a PFD (personal flotation device) and RRS 40.1 shall apply. Competitors’ attention is also drawn to RRS Part 1 (Fundamental Rules) and the Irish Sailing safety booklet.

3.2. Boats shall carry adequate life-saving equipment for all persons on board. Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk, see RRS 3, *Decision to Race*. Neither Houth Yacht Club CLG, the Race Committee nor the Organising Committee, including those individuals who comprise them, are liable for loss of or damage to boats or equipment or for death or injury to competitors.

4. Radio Communications

4.1. All boats competing shall be equipped with a VHF radio and are requested to keep a listening watch on Ch.16, in case of emergency.

4.2. All communications to/from the Committee Boat will be on Ch. 77.

4.3. The Race Committee may broadcast information relevant to competitors on Ch 77 and boats are advised to keep watch for such transmissions.

5. Notice Board

5.1. The Notice Board is located in the archway adjacent to the marina office.

6. Signals Made Ashore

6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at the top of the marina bridge. When flag AP is displayed ashore “one minute” is replaced with “not less than 45 minutes” in race signal AP. This changes RRS “Race Signals”. Boats are requested not to leave the harbour until flag AP is lowered. This changes RRS ‘Race Signals’.

7. Changes to Sailing Instructions

7.1. Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board not later than 1.5 hours before the scheduled start of the first race so affected. Code Flag L displayed denotes that a change of SI has been made.

8. Classes

8.1. Boats shall display the sail number under which they are entered on their spinnaker and on each side of the mainsail. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the boat being treated as a non-starter.

8.2. Where a boat wishes to change its sail number from that on the entry form, notice shall be given to the Race Officer prior to her start on the day of the race concerned. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the boat’s disqualification. This changes RRS 63.1

8.3. Class pennants shall be flown from the backstay. Class pennants are as designated in the Notice of Race. Any boat not doing so may be scored DNS. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.1.

9. Starting Area

9.1. The Starting Area will be Northwest of Ireland’s Eye.

9.2. Boats are requested to sail near the Committee Vessel prior to their warning signal for identification purposes.

10. Starting Signals

10.1. Racing shall be started in accordance with RRS 26.

10.2. The starting line will be between the red and white pole displaying an orange flag on the Committee Vessel and a cylindrical orange buoy. Boats shall keep clear of the starting line until their warning signal.

11. Start Sequence

Class	Flag	Warning Signal
Class 3	No 3	10.25
Class 1	No 1	10.30
Class 2	No 2	10.35

12. Starting Time Limit

12.1. A boat shall not start later than 10 minutes after her starting signal. Any boat not doing so may be scored DNS. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.1.

13 Finishing Time Limit

13.1. On single race days, the time limit is 1245 for all Classes. If a boat in any Class finishes within that time limit, the time limit for that Class shall be extended to 1300.

13.2. On two race days the time limit for all classes will be 1315 for all classes. If a boat in any Class finishes within that time limit, the time limit for that class shall be extended to 1330

14 Finishing

15.1. The finishing line will be a line between a red and white pole displaying a blue flag on the Committee Vessel and a spherical orange cherry mark, unless a race is shortened.

15.2. Unless a race is shortened, all finishes will be south of the Island mark in the vicinity of the Sound.

15.3. Boats having finished, are required to keep clear of all boats still racing (including on a different race course). Those not doing so may be disqualified without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.1.

15 Shortening Courses

16.1. A race may be shortened at any mark on the course.

16 Marks and Descriptions of Marks.

17.1. Special Brass Monkey marks may be laid for the series.

17.2. Marks are orange spherical or black conical as follows:

Letter	Name
W	West
C	Cush
D	Dunbo
P	Portmarnock
V	Viceroy
H	Hub
I	Island

17 Courses

18.1. Courses will be in accordance with the course card, which forms part of these Sailing Instructions, available on the www.hyc.ie website and will be indicated by numeral boards displayed on the Committee Vessel. The course applicable to each Class will be displayed for not less than 4 minutes before its start. This changes RRS 27.1.

18 Obstructions

19.1 The attention of competitors is drawn to the existence of underwater hazards in the vicinity of Ireland's Eye, Howth Sound and over the Spit Bank. Should they choose to sail amongst these hazards, they do so at their own risk. Howth Yacht Club CLG, the Race Management and Organising Committee accept no responsibility for the consequences of any such deviation from the set courses.

19 Retiring

19.1. A boat, having retired, shall inform the Committee Boat on Channel 77.

21 Handicap

21.1. Handicaps shall be assigned to competing boats as outlined in the Notice of Race.

21.2. All handicaps are at the discretion of the OA and will be revised throughout the series.

21.3. Where there is a change to either a boat or her crew that may materially affect that boat's performance, her owner must, in writing, inform the OA of the change. In such a case, the OA may amend that boat's performance handicap to reflect that change.

22 Protests

22.1 Protests, Requests for Redress or Reopening and Scoring Enquiries shall be submitted online at

https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/5079/event_links?name=bright-motor-group-brass-monkeys

22.2 The Protest Time Limit is 60 minutes from the time of finish of the last boat in the last race of that day. Protest Time Limits shall be posted online at

https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/5079/event_links?name=bright-motor-group-brass-monkeys

Notices of protests by the Race Committee will be posted online, at the same link, to inform boats. This changes Rule 61.1(b).

22.3 Times and locations of protest/redress hearings shall be notified to all parties involved.

23 Navigation

23.1. When entering and leaving the harbour, always pass other vessels PORT-TO-PORT.

23.2. Boats shall not impede trawlers or fishing vessels in the Sound or Harbour Entrance.

23.3. Competitors' attention is drawn to the designated navigation channel through the harbour.

Boats should remain within the channel markers whilst entering and leaving the harbour.

Times of High-Water Howth

6th November	0956
13th November	1401
20th November	0838
27 th November	1339
3 rd December	0751

COURSE CARD



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Mark	ID	North	West
Cush	C	53 24.5	06 05.44
Dunbo	D	53 24.73	06 03.85
Hub	H	53 25.71	06 04.43
Island	I	53 24.7	06 04.39
Portmarnock	P	53 25.76	06 06.18
Spit	S	53 24.42	06 04.51
Viceroy	V	53 25.12	06 04.78
West	W	53 24.96	06 06.07

NO.	WIND	COURSE
1	N	Hp, Wp, Ip, Hp, Wp, Is, F.
2	N	Hp, Wp, Ip, Hp, Ip, Hp, Wp, Is, F.
3	N/E	Hp, Wp, Cp, Hp, Wp, Is, F.
4	N/E	Hp, Wp, Cp, Vp, Cp, Hp, Vp, Is, F.
5	E	Dp, Hp, Wp, Ip, Vp, Is, F.
6	E	Dp, Hp, Wp, Ip, Vp, Wp, Is, F.
7	S/E	Ip, Pp, Ip, Dp, Vp, Is, F.
8	S/E	Ip, Pp, Ip, Dp, Pp, Is, F.
9	S	Ip, Dp, Hp, Ip, Dp, Hp, Is, F.
10	S	Ip, Dp, Hp, Ip, Dp, Hp, Ip, Hp, Is, F.
11	S/W	Cp, Ip, Hp, Cp, Hp, Vp, Is, F.
12	S/W	Cp, Dp, Hp, Cp, Dp, Hp, Vp, Is, F.
13	W	Wp, Cp, Ip, Wp, Is, Wp, Is, F.
14	W	Wp, Cp, Dp, Wp, Dp, Wp, Is, F.
15	N/W	Pp, Wp, Cp, Wp, Cp, Wp, Is, F.
16	N/W	Pp, Wp, Ip, Pp, Wp, Cp, Wp, Is, F.