



ILCA Ireland

National (Open) Championships

18-20 August 2023

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation [NP] in a rule of the Sailing Instructions means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Racing rule(s) Signal AP, 33, 35, 60.1(a), 60.1(b), 61.3, 62.1(a), 62.2, A2, A5.1, A5.2 will be changed. The changes will appear, in full, in these sailing instructions.
- 1.3 Appendix T "Arbitration" shall apply to this event.
- 1.4 Appendix P shall apply to this event.
- 1.5 Competitors should note that Howth Harbour is a commercial port. Commercial vessels have right of way in the navigation channels inside and outside the harbour.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 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 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board on the HYC website (<https://hyc.ie/open-events>).

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

[DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole located at the top of the marina bridge.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes in the race signal AP.'

- 5.3 [DP] Flag D with one sound signal means the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after flag D is displayed. Boats shall not leave the shore until this signal is made.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 Racing: *Date* *Race*
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| Friday 18 August | Races 1, 2, 3 |
| Saturday 19 August | Races 4, 5, 6 |
| Sunday 20 August | Races 7, 8, 9 |
- 6.2 Nine races are scheduled.
- 6.3 The scheduled time of the first warning signal on Friday 18 August is 1300. The scheduled time of the first warning signal on the remaining days will be 1055.
- 6.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 6.5 A fourth race may be run on any day at the discretion of the race committee. To indicate this intention the finish boat will display flag Numeral 4 at the end of the third race on any day.
- 6.6 No Warning signal will be made after 1500 on the last day of racing, except for postponements, general recalls and abandonment of a race where the first warning signal was made before 1500.

7 CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be:

ILCA 7 fleet	White ILCA 7 Class Flag
ILCA 6 fleet	Green ILCA 6 Class Flag
ILCA 4 fleet	Yellow ILCA 4 Class Flag

8 RACING AREAS

The Sailing Area will be as described in the Notice of Race.

9 COURSES

- 9.1 Trapezoid courses will be used. The diagram in Attachment A show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2 The course to be sailed will be indicated by board(s) displayed on the side of the committee vessel.

10 MARKS

Marks 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be large orange inflatable marks. Mark 5 will be a large black inflatable mark. The start mark will be a RIB or a cylindrical mark. The finish mark will be a spherical mark.

11 OBSTRUCTIONS

Does not apply.

12 THE START

- 12.1 The starting line will be between a staff on a committee vessel displaying an orange flag at the starboard end and the staff of the start boat or the course side of the start mark.
- 12.2 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
- 12.3 [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.
- 13.2 Minor Course changes may not be signaled, this changes RRS 33.

14 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a committee vessel and the course side of the finish mark.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS P2.3 does not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it applies to any penalty after the first one.

16 TIME LIMITS

- 16.1 Boats failing to finish within a 20-minute finishing window after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.
- 16.2 In addition to RRS 32, the race committee may also award a finishing score to a boat that is still racing by displaying to her from a committee vessel (which may be in motion) flag W with one sound signal. A boat so notified is no longer required to sail the course, shall stop racing and shall return to the starting area, or return ashore if there is no more racing. A finishing score under this sailing instruction will be the score she would have received had she sailed the course and finished within any time limit, without gaining or losing any place. However, when two or more boats that are overlapped are notified, they will be scored as if they were tied. The decision by the race committee to use this procedure or not to use it shall not be grounds for requesting redress. This changes rules 60.1(b) and 62.1(a).

17 HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1 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 the later. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 17.2 Hearing Request forms are available at the online portal (https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/5291/event_links?name=ilca-irish-national-championships).
- 17.3 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. Hearings will be held in the protest room (Centenary Room, top floor of HYC).

18 SCORING

As per NoR 15

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

19.1 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

19.2 [DP] All competitors shall tally out and tally in as described at the briefing.

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

20.1 [DP] [NP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

20.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity.

21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

21.1 [NP] A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.

21.2 Competitors shall display sponsor's materials as advised during registration.

21.3 The top 3 sailors in each fleet at the beginning of a day's racing shall wear supplied vests for that day's racing, and return them to the race committee following the day's racing.

22 SUPPLIED BOATS

Does not apply.

23 OFFICIAL VESSELS

Official vessels will be identified as follows:

- Start Boat: Starpoint – white motor cruiser
- Finish Boat: Sea Wych – navy motor cruiser

The race committee may substitute or alter these boats if necessary. Such change shall not be grounds for protest or request for redress.

24 [DP] [NP] SUPPORT TEAMS

As per NoR 16

25 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.

26 BERTHING

[DP] [NP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the dinghy park.

27 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Does not apply.

28 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Does not apply.

29 PRIZES

As per NoR 24

30 RISK STATEMENT

30.1 Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

30.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees to and acknowledges the risk statement as included in the Notice of Race.

31 INSURANCE

As per NoR 23.

ATTACHMENT 1 – Courses

Trapezoid Course

- O2** 1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 5, Finish
- O3** 1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 2, 3, 5, Finish
- O4** 1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 2, 3, 2, 3, 5, Finish

- I2** 1, 4, 1, 2, 3, 5, Finish
- I3** 1, 4, 1, 4, 1, 2, 3, 5, Finish
- I4** 1, 4, 1, 4, 1, 4, 1, 2, 3, 5, Finish

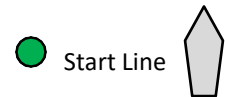
Marks 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 are to be left to port

NB – Diagrams are indicative only and not to scale

 M1

M2 

 M4



M3 



M5 

Sailors discount code: IRISHILCA15 and those entered can receive 15% off an order from europe.roostersailing.com (Must be the European store)