



**Puppeteer 22
National Championships
26th & 27th August 2023**



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organising Authority is Howth Yacht Club CLG

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of Irish Sailing and the rules of the Puppeteer 22 Class.
- 1.2 All boats shall carry a VHF radio.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions (SI) 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. COMMUNICATIONS TO COMPETITORS:

- 3.1 Notices relating to the management of racing will be posted on the Puppeteer Class WhatsApp
- 3.2 Competitors are advised to keep a listening watch on Ch. 77 where information relevant to racing may be broadcast. Should this information be broadcast, it shall not constitute outside assistance and shall not be the subject of any protest. Failure to broadcast this information shall not be the basis for any claim for redress.

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 at the top of HYC Marina Bridge
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in Race Signals AP

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Race	Date	Warning Signal
1	Saturday 26 th August	11:00
2	Saturday 26 th August	As soon as possible after Race 1
3	Saturday 26 th August	As soon as possible after Race 2
4	Sunday 27 th August	11:00
5	Sunday 27 th August	As soon as possible after Race 4
6	Sunday 27 th August	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.

This decision shall be solely at the discretion of the Race Committee.

7. CLASS FLAGS

The Class Flag for the Puppeteer 22 Class is ICF A.

8. RACING AREA

The race area will be North of Howth.

9. COURSES

Courses will be a mix of Windward/Leeward style courses, traditional 'Olympic' style (triangle and windward/leeward legs) and 'Round the Cans' courses chosen from the HYC Tuesday night course card.

Windward / Leeward and 'Olympic' style courses will be laid approx. as shown in the diagrams in the Addendum to these SI and with marks rounded in the sequence listed.

The HYC Club Tuesday Committee Vessel Course Card can be downloaded and printed from [www.https://hyc.ie/club-events](https://hyc.ie/club-events)

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:

Course Type	Flag
Windward / Leeward	ICF W
Olympic	ICF O
Round the Cans	ICF R

10. MARKS

Marks 1, 2 and 3 of the Windward / Leeward and Olympic style courses will be orange inflatables.

The Start Mark will be an orange cylindrical mark and the Finish Mark will be a red/orange spherical mark.

11. Not used

12. THE START

12.1 The starting line is between a red and white staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat (Star Point) at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting 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

13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

13.1 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. This changes RRS 33

13.2 Minor changes to the course will not be signalled. This changes RRS 33

14. THE FINISH

14.1 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.

14.2 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.

15. Not used

16. TIME LIMITS

The Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
2 hours	15 minutes

The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that came to the starting area. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

17. HEARING REQUESTS

17.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat in that class finishes the race or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

17.2 Hearing request forms are available online at

https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/6781/event_links?name=puppeteer-22-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 Centenary Room on the top floor of the Clubhouse.

18. SCORING

18.1 When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores.

18.2 When from 4 to 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

19.– 26. Not used

27. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

28. Not used

29. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as stated in NOR 7.

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:

Each participating boat shall be insured with adequate valid third-party liability insurance.

ADDENDUM - COURSES

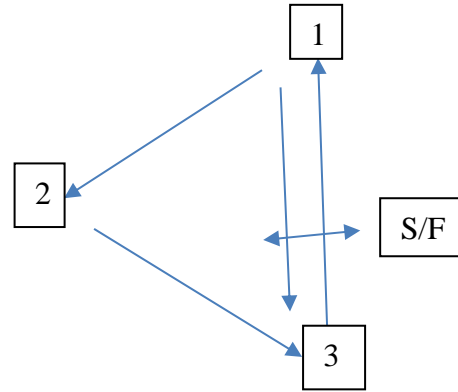
Diagrams are indicative only.

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

