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## **Sigma 33 Offshore One-Design Class Championship 2025**

Wednesday 25th - Sunday 29th June

Organising Authority (OA): Howth Yacht Club, Dublin, Ireland in conjunction with the Sigma 33 OOD Class Associations

### **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

25 Abbreviations:

[DP] The notation '[DP]' in a rule means a discretionary penalty may be applied by the protest committee.

#### **1. RULES**

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS). (a) A rule in the sailing instructions shall take precedence over a rule in the notice of race. This changes RRS 63.5(c).

(b) Other changes to the RRS are described in the relevant sailing instructions.

1.2 The official language is English..

#### **2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least two hours before the first scheduled warning signal for the first race on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted before 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

#### **3. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS**

3.1 The race office is located in the Junior room in Howth Yacht Club.

3.2 The official notice board is located outside the marina office in HYC:

3.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF channel 77.

3.4 The race committee will use WhatsApp to communicate informally with competitors.

3.5 [DP] Except in an emergency, from the first warning signal until the end of the last race each day a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats, unless using equipment provided by the OA.

#### **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 from the signals mast at the top of the marina entrance

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore "1 minute" is replaced by "not less than 30 minutes" in Race Signals AP. Boats are requested not to leave the marina until flag AP is lowered.

5.3 When flag L is displayed ashore it will be displayed only for the first day that the relevant notice to competitors comes into effect. This changes race signals L.

## 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

### 6.1 Schedule

Date	Activity	Time	Location
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Registration Briefing	18:00-19:00 19:00	Race Office Outside Marina Office
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> June	First Gun Followed by 2 more races back-to-back  Peer inspection	10:55am  Après Sailing	Race Course  Marina
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> June	First Gun Followed by 2 more races back-to-back	10:55am	Race Course
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> June	As per Fri schedule	10:55am	Race Course
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup>	First Gun Followed by <del>up to</del> 2 more races back-to-back	10:55am	Race Course

**6.2** The warning signal for a succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable.

To alert boats that a race will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound approximately one minute before a warning signal is displayed.

**6.3** The race officer may, at their sole discretion, decide to run an extra race on any day. This will be indicated by the displaying of International Code A at the the end of the last scheduled race of that day.

**6.3** No Sigma warning signal will be made after 1330 on Sunday 29th June.

## 7. CLASS FLAG

**7.1** The class flag displayed at the Sigma warning signal will be International Code “E”.

## 8. RACING AREAS

**8.1** Racing will take place in the area North of Ireland’s Eye.

## 9. COURSES

The diagrams in addendum A show the course, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The course signal and approximate bearing of the windward mark may be announced by VHF. Failure to hear this broadcast will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

**9.1** Round the Cans races may be run in accordance with the HYC Wednesday Night Course Card.

**9.2** A Coastal Race may be included. The course for this will be announced over VHF Radio.

**9.3** The course to be sailed will be indicated by flying the relevant flag on the Committee Boat.

Windward/Leeward - International Code W

Olympic - International Code O

Round the Cans - International Code R

Coastal Race - International Code K

## 10. MARKS

**10.1** Marks 1, 1a, & 2 will be black inflated cylinders.

**10.2** Marks 3s & 3p will be orange inflated cylinders.

**10.3** A new mark as provided in SI 13.1 will be a yellow inflated cylinder.

**10.4** The mark at the starboard end of the start line is the race committee signal vessel. The mark at the port is an inflatable pillar mark.

**10.5** The finish line marks are the race committee signal vessel at the starboard end and a buoy at the port end.

## 11. THE START

**11.1** The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the starboard end mark and the course side of the port end mark.

**11.2** A boat starting later than 5 minutes after the starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A4.

## 12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

**12.1** To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by the original mark.

**12.2** Marks may be moved by not more than 200m and/or 10 degrees without signalling. This changes RRS 33.

## 13. THE FINISH

The finish line is between the staff displaying a blue flag on the starboard end mark and the course side of the mark at the port end.

## 14. PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.2 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

## 15. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

**15.1** Time limits and target times are as follows:

	Time Limit	Finishing Window	Target Time
<b>Sigma 33</b>	90 mins	15 mins	50 mins

**15.2** 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, penalised 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 points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

**17.3** Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 61.4(b)(1).

## 16. HEARING REQUESTS

**16.1** The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

**16.2** Hearing Requests, for protests/requests for redress, shall be made through the Racing Rules of Sailing app or online with this link:

[https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/protests/new?event\\_id=11916](https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/protests/new?event_id=11916)

The QR codes should be available on the NB.

**16.3** 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 designated protest room located at HYC beginning at the time posted.

**16.4** Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 60.2(d).

**16.5** Adding to RRS 66, if race signal "N over A" is displayed ashore on the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered not later than 30 minutes after the signal is displayed.

## 17. SCORING

**17.1** See NoR 15.

**17.2** To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat shall complete a

Scoring Inquiry form through the Racing Rules of Sailing app or online with this link:  
[https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/scoring\\_inquiries/new?event\\_id=11916](https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/scoring_inquiries/new?event_id=11916)

## **18. SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP][NP]**

**18.1** Boats not leaving the berth for a scheduled race shall promptly notify the race committee by calling +353 857 206390

**18.2** On arrival in the racing area, boats shall, while sailing on starboard tack, pass under the stern of the race committee signal vessel.

**18.3** A boat that retires from racing shall notify the race committee before leaving the racing area.

## **19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT [DP]**

**19.1** Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

Requests shall be made on a form available at the race office

**19.2** Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee.

Requests shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS [DP]**

See NoR 10.

## **21. SUPPLIED BOATS**

Not applicable to this event.

## **22. OFFICIAL VESSELS**

**22.1** The race committee signal vessel is catamaran North Star

## **23. SUPPORT TEAMS [DP]**

Not applicable to this event.

## **24. TRASH DISPOSAL**

Please keep your trash and dispose of it ashore.

## **25. BERTHING [DP]**

See NoR 18.

## **26. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS [DP]**

See NoR 19.

## **27. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS [DP]**

See NoR 20.

## **28. PRIZES**

See NoR 24.

## **29. RISK STATEMENT**

See NoR 22.

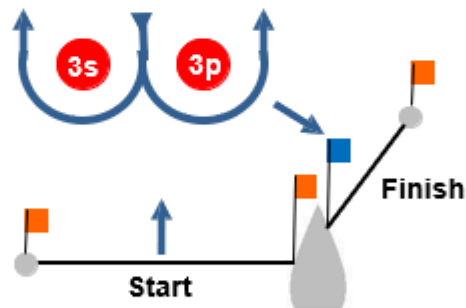
## **30. INSURANCE**

See NoR 23.

## Addendum A Course W

### Course illustration and mark rounding

#### Course W: Windward-Leeward



Signal	Mark Rounding Order
W2	Start - 1 - <u>1a</u> - 3s/3p - 1 - 1a - 3p - Finish
W3	Start - 1 - <u>1a</u> - 3s/3p - 1 - 1a - 3s/3p - 1 - 1a - 3p - Finish

If only one mark 3 is laid instead of a gate then it shall be left to Port.

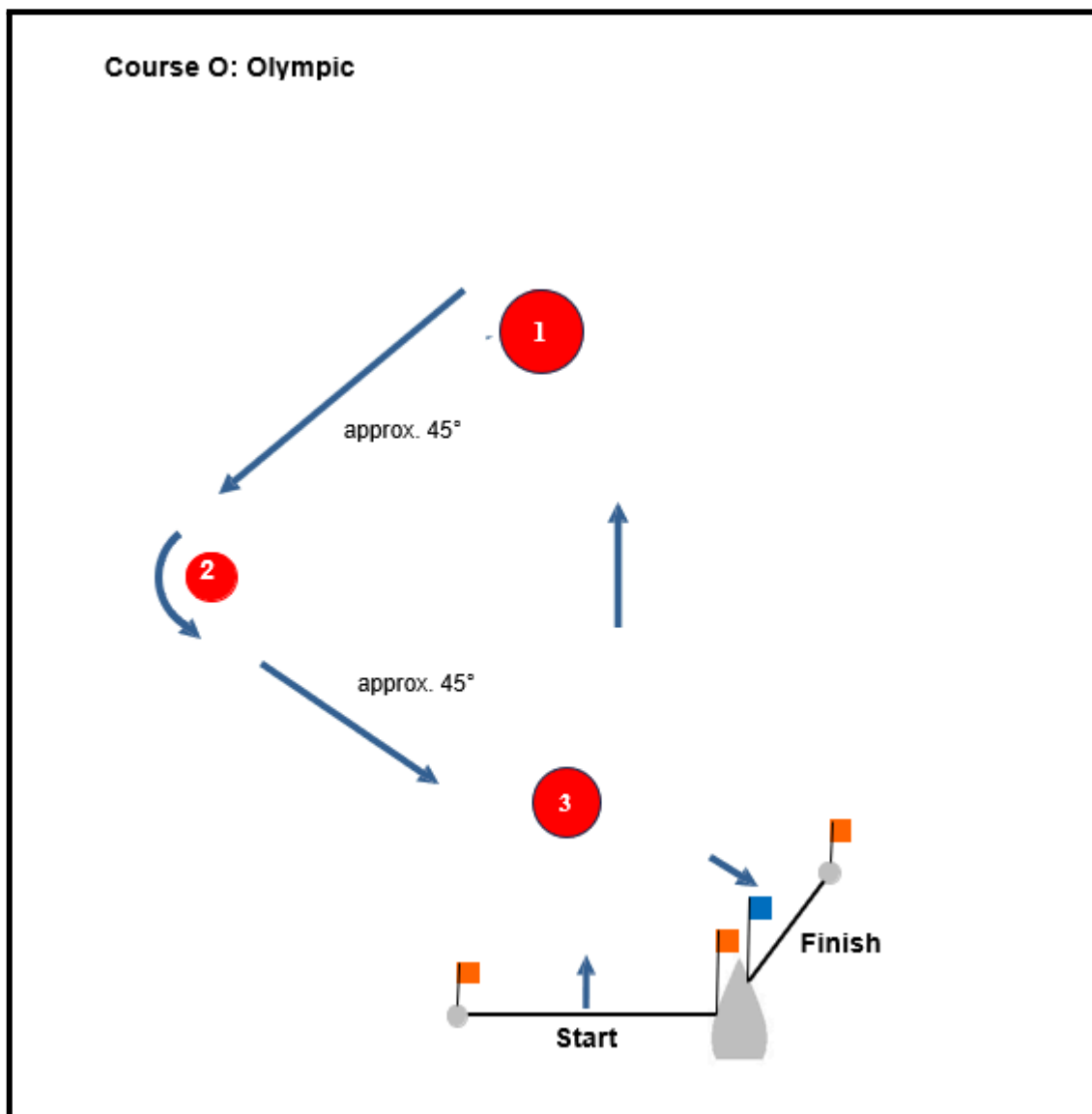
If flag F with repeated sound signals is displayed by a race committee vessel stationed at or near marks 3s/3p, then boats shall leave mark 3p on its required side and proceed to the Finish. This adds to RRS 32.2

## Course O

Signal O1: 1 - 2 - 3 - Finish

Signal O2: 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - Finish

Signal O3: 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - 1 - 2 - 3 - Finish



If flag F with repeated sound signals is displayed by a race committee vessel stationed at or near marks 3, then boats shall leave mark 3 on its required side and proceed to the Finish. This adds to RRS 32.2



## **Sigma 33 Nationals (Competitors)**

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