



1720 National Championships

21st – 23rd August 2025

Organising Authority (OA) is Howth Yacht Club, Middle Pier, Howth, Co. Dublin, D13 E6V3.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

1.1 Racing will be governed by the 'Rules' as defined in:

- The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 (RRS)
- Irish Sailing Prescriptions
- 1720 Class Rules. As per "1720 Sportsboat Class Rules", v.9 approved May 2024. As listed on 1720sportsboat.org.

1.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA

1.3 World Sailing RRS Appendix UF; Umpired Fleet Racing will apply. See Appendix UF to these Sailing Instructions

1.4 Bowsprits, the following rules shall apply:

Bowsprits shall not be extended on an upwind leg. An upwind leg is a leg on which spinnakers cannot be set. The upwind leg starts 5 boat lengths after rounding the mark at the beginning of the leg and finishes at Mark 1 when the stern of the boat crosses the extension of an imaginary line drawn through Mark 3 and Mark 1, after rounding Mark 1. For the purposes of this SI the leg between Mark 1 and Mark 2 is NOT an upwind leg. (This means that bowsprits can be extended but boats cannot claim an overlap with a bowsprit if they couldn't fly a spinnaker on that leg.) For the purposes of RRS 18 when it is possible to set a spinnaker the normal position of the bowsprit is extended. When it is not possible to set a spinnaker the normal position of the bowsprit is retracted.

The penalty for infringing this SI shall be a one turn penalty, or a minimum of three points if on the water penalty is not taken.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted online at:

<https://hyc.ie/open-events?year=2025#event-552>

The event WhatsApp Group may circulate relevant information:

https://chat.whatsapp.com/BmlA8BwdrWt1QfSeysaoTv?mode=ems_copy_t

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS OR SCHEDULE

Any alterations to the SIs will be posted not later than two hours prior to the scheduled start of the first race on the day it will take effect except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 21:00 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from a flagpole at the top of the marina bridge.

4.2 After a postponement has been signalled the Warning Signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after the signal is lowered (changes Race Signals).

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5. SCHEDULE

5.1 Nine races are scheduled.

Thursday 21 st August	Up to 4 Races	1 st Warning Signal 11:25
Friday 22 nd August	Up to 4 Races	1 st Warning Signal 10:55
Saturday 23 rd August	Up to 4 Races	1 st Warning Signal 10:55

5.2 To signal that a race will be sailed the Race Committee will display Flag 'R' at the finish of the third scheduled race of the day. This SI amends RRS 'Race Signals'.

5.3 No Warning Signal will be made after 15:00 hrs Saturday 23rd August 2025, except to start a sequence after postponements, general recalls or abandonment of a race for which the first warning signal was made before 15:00 hrs.

6. CLASS FLAGS

The 1720 Class Flag will be used for this event.

7. RACING AREA

Racing will take place on the waters north of Ireland's Eye.

8. THE COURSE

8.1 The diagram in addendum A shows the course, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2 The number of rounds will be displayed on the Committee Starting Vessel

8.3 In the event that there is only one leeward mark set instead of leeward gate 3(p)/3(s), the mark shall be rounded to port.

9. MARKS

9.1 Marks 1, 1a, 2p & 2s are large yellow cylindrical inflatables.

9.2 The starting mark (ODM) will be a large orange cylindrical inflatable.

9.3 The finish mark, unless a race is shortened at a mark of the course, will be a red cherry mark.

10. THE START

10.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made five minutes before the starting signal.

10.2 The starting line shall be between a red and white pole displaying an orange flag on the Committee Starting Vessel at the starboard end and an orange cylindrical inflatable mark at the port end.

10.3 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4.

11. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

11.1 To change the next leg of a course the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as possible. Minor changes will be made by moving the original marks and will not be signalled. This changes RRS 33.

11.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the Race Committee vessel signalling the change to the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the Race Committee vessel to starboard. This changes RRS 28.

12. SHORTENING COURSE

If at mark 2 or at the gate a Race Committee vessel displays Flag "F" and makes repeated sound signals, boats shall leave the mark on the required side and then sail directly to the Finish. SI 13 shall apply.



13. THE FINISH

Unless a race is shortened to finish at a mark of the course, the Finishing Line shall be between a red and white pole displaying a blue flag on a Committee Vessel and the finish mark - note that the start line ODM may remain in position while boats are finishing. Where a race is shortened in accordance with RRS32.2, the Finishing Line shall be between the relevant mark of the course and the pole displaying Flag "S" on the Committee Vessel.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 The penalty for breaking a Rule of Part 2 of the RRS shall be a One-Turn Penalty. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1.
- 14.2 For infringements of the Class Rules the Protest Committee may impose penalties other than disqualification.

15. TIME LIMIT

Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes of the first boat to sail the course and finish will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

- 16.1 Hearing requests other than those covered by App UF 5, shall be lodged online.
- 16.2 **HEARING REQUESTS** https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/12288/event_links?name=1720%2520Irish%2520Championships
- 16.3 The protest time limit is the later of 60 minutes after the finishing time of the last boat in the last race of the day or the display of the signals for 'No More Racing Today'.
- 16.4 Notices will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform of hearings in which they are parties or names as witnesses. Notices of protests by the Race Committee, Technical Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 63.1)
- 16.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 61.2(b).
- 16.6 **World Sailing RRS Appendix UF will apply. Please see attached appendix UF**

17. SCORING

See NoR 10 and NoR Amendment 01.

18. COMMUNICATION

Competitors are advised to carry a VHF and listen for any communication on VHF Channel 77

19. CREW & WEIGHT LIMITS

- 19.1 The weighing scales provided by the 1720 Class Association shall be used for all competitors. The scales used are deemed to be accurate and, in amendment of RRS 61.1, no redress will be granted in respect of this.
- 19.2 **Weight limits shall apply: 1720 Class – 450kg**

20. EQUIPMENT & MEASUREMENT CHECKS

Boats may be inspected at any time during the event. On the water, a boat may be instructed by a member of the Race Committee or Technical Committee to proceed to a designated area for inspection.



21. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

22. PRIZES

The Prize Giving Ceremony will take place at the Championship Dinner on Saturday the 23rd August.

Prizes will be awarded to at least the boats placed 1st to 3rd overall
Perpetual prizes remain the property of the 1720 Class.

23. RISK STATEMENT

23.1 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”

23.2 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 and acknowledges that:

- (a) they are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions and omissions;
- (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (e) provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the OA does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- (g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

24. INSURANCE

It is the duty of each boat owner to have their boat adequately insured against the risk, including civil responsibility to third parties and to ensure that it remains valid for the entirety of the regatta.

25. COMPETITOR INFORMATION

25.1 Competitors shall be deemed Temporary Members of Howth Yacht Club for the duration of the Event and are invited to make use of all club facilities.

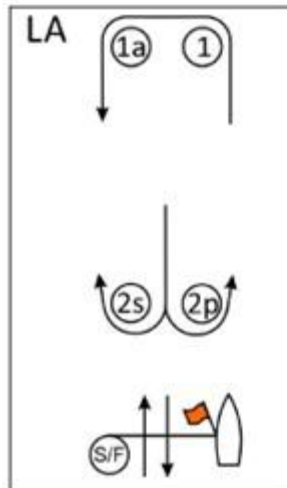
25.2 Media waiver: Competitors give their consent to Howth Yacht Club, its sponsors and the OA to use their name, comments, photographs and likeness to promote the Club, the 1720 Class, the National Championships and any subsequent events.

25.3 Howth Harbour is a National Fishery Centre and trawlers, ferries and the like have priority within the harbour itself and in the fairways approaching the harbour from both the east and the west. Any competitor impeding, or otherwise threatening the safety of, a priority vessel will be subject to action by the Harbour Master and may also be subject to protest by the Race Committee. Within the channel from the general harbour to the marina area, boats shall pass ‘port side to port side’.

Addendum A

Course LA – Windward/Leward with Offset Mark, Leeward Finish

Course Diagram :



Course LA – Windward/Leward with Offset Mark, Leeward Finish	
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
LA2	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish
LA3	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish
LA4	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish