



**Puppeteer 22
National Championships
25th & 26th July 2026**



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 working VHF radio.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions (SI) will be posted on the "Puppeteer Fleet" 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 The official notice board is located outside the Marina Office in HYC.
- 3.2 The on-line notice board is at:
https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/messages?event_id=15357&klass=Event
- 3.3 Notices relating to the management of racing will be posted on the Puppeteer Class WhatsApp.
- 3.4 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, or to receive, 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 on 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 25 th July	11:00
2	Saturday 25 th July	As soon as possible after Race 1
3	Saturday 25 th July	As soon as possible after Race 2
4	Sunday 26 th July	10.30
5	Sunday 26 th July	As soon as possible after Race 4
6	Sunday 26 th July	As soon as possible after Race 5

Race 4 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 4** at the finish of a race on Saturday will indicate another race will be sailed. 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 Ireland's Eye.

9. COURSES

- 9.1 Courses may be a mix of Windward/Leeward style courses, the traditional 'Olympic' style (triangle and windward/leeward legs).
- 9.2 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.
- 9.3 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

10. MARKS

Marks 1, 2 and 3 of the Windward / Leeward and Olympic style courses will be orange inflatables. The Start Mark will be a Red Dan Buoy displaying an Orange flag. The Finish Mark will be a red/orange spherical mark.

11. THE START

- 11.1 The starting line is between a red and white staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat (North Star) at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 11.2 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored as Did Not Start, without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 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
- 12.2 Minor changes to the course will not be signalled. This changes RRS 33

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finish line, except where a race is shortened at a mark of the course, will be between a pole or main mast displaying a Blue flag on the Committee Finishing Vessel, and a small round Orange/Red buoy. Note: the starting mark for the next race may be in position during the finish.
- 13.2 Races may be shortened at a mark of the course in accordance with RRS 32.2.
- 13.3 Where a race is being finished from a RIB, the line shall be between a vertical staff on the Finishing RIB and the mark forming the outer end of the finish line.
- 13.4 In addition to the normal procedure of shortening the course at a mark, the Race Committee may also shorten the course by requiring boats to sail directly from a mark to the finishing line. As boats round a mark, flag 'F' may be displayed from a nearby RIB, accompanied by repeated short sound signals. Boats shall then sail directly from that mark to the Start / Finish line and finish from the direction of the last mark rounded. This changes rule 32.2. Where a WL course is in use and the RIB is in the vicinity of marks 1 and 1a, the flag shall be deemed to be flown beside mark 1a.

14. 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	20 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, penalised or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for a retiral. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

15. HEARING REQUESTS AND SCORING ENQUIRIES

- 15.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race started on a day or the Race Committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 15.2 Hearing requests shall be submitted online at:
https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/protests?event_id=15357
- 15.3 Notices of protests by the RC or Protest Committee will be posted online to inform boats under Rule 60.2(d).
- 15.4 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.
- 15.5 The listing of a boat on this schedule shall constitute informing her of a hearing under Rule 63.2.
- 15.6 Parties involved shall be present with their witnesses at the time and place indicated on the schedule.
- 15.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request to reopen a hearing shall be delivered to the Protest Committee not later than 30 minutes after the party was informed of the decision. This changes Rule 63.7.
- 15.8 Scoring enquiries shall be submitted online at:
https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/scoring_inquiries?event_id=15357

16. SCORING

- 16.1 When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores.
- 16.2 When from 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score, except as provided for in Rule 90.3(b).
- 16.3 Two races are required to be completed to constitute an event.

17. 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.

18. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as stated in NOR 15

19. RISK STATEMENT

- 19.1 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."
- 19.2 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."

20. INSURANCE:

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

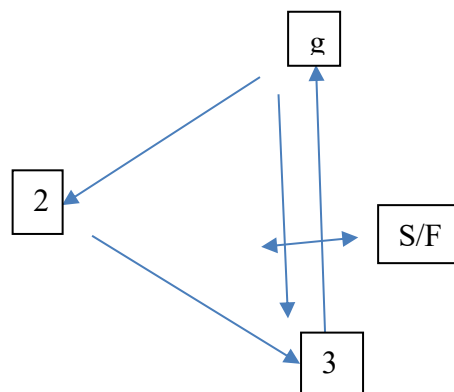
ADDENDUM - COURSES

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 with Gate – ICF W

Course (unless shortened)
Start - 1 – 1a – 2p/2s – 1 – 1a – 2p/2s – Finish

