

REVISED Brass Monkeys Winter Series 2016

Sailing Instructions

Competitors should note that the ethos of the Brass Monkeys is to provide a "Fun" sailing series and should be sailed accordingly.

1. Racing Rules and eligibility

- 1.1. Races shall be sailed under the Racing Rules of Sailing (2013-2016) ISA prescriptions, the Notice of Race, these Sailing Instructions (SI) and any Changes to the SI.
- 1.2. Entries are accepted at the sole discretion of the Brass Monkey Committee.

2. Safety

- 2.1. The attention of all competitors is drawn to the potential dangers of sailing at this time of the year. EACH COMPETITOR SHALL WEAR A LIFE JACKET. Competitors' attention is drawn to R.R.S. Part 1(Fundamental Rules) and the ISA safety booklet. Code flag "Y" shall be displayed from the Committee Boat. Code flag "Y" signifies that life jackets shall be worn. Boats shall carry adequate life-saving equipment for all persons on board.

Howth Yacht Club Ltd. and the Organising Committee are not liable for loss of or damage to boats or equipment or for death or injury to competitors

- 2.2. It is the responsibility of each skipper to decide, whether or not he or she should sail, in such weather conditions as may prevail and to ensure that all crew members are wearing lifejacket

3. Insurance

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

4. Radio Communication

- 4.1. All boats competing equipped with a VHF radio are requested to keep a listening watch on channel 16, in case of emergency.
- 4.2. All communications to the Race Officer shall be on channel 37

5. Notice Board

The Notice and Results Board is located in the archway at the marina entrance to the Club

6. Change to Sailing Instructions

Changes to SI's will be posted on the official notice board not later than 1.5 hours before the scheduled start of the first race so affected. Code Flag L displayed on the flagpole at the top of the marina bridge denotes that a change of SI has been made.

7. Classes

7.1. Three classes: Class 1, Class 2 and Class 3 are defined in the Notice of Race.

7.2. The Brass Monkey Committee reserves the right to allocate any boat to a class that it deems suitable. A list of boats and the classes to which they have been allocated will be displayed on the Notice Board on the morning of the first race. If there is any doubt, contact the Race Officer on Channel 37 before the start sequence.

7.3. Boats shall display the sail number under which they are entered, on each side of the mainsail. Failure to comply with this requirement shall result in the boat being treated as a non-starter

7.4. Class pennants shall be flown from the backstay. Those boats in breach of this SI shall be scored DNC.

7.5. An owner wishing to sail under a different sail number shall give notice in writing to the Race Officer prior to 0900 on the day of the race concerned.

8. Starting Area

8.1. The starting area will be North of Ireland's Eye.
Boats are requested to sail near the Committee Boat for identification purposes, prior to their warning signal

9. Starting Signals

9.1. Racing will be started in accordance with R.R.S. 26, with classes starting at 5 minute intervals.

9.2. The starting line will be a line between the red and white pole (or mainmast) on the Committee Boat and a cylindrical orange buoy. The class flag will be displayed 5 minutes before the start of the race to which it applies. Boats shall keep clear of the starting line until their warning signal.

10. Start Sequence

Warning Signal:		Start Time:
Class 3	10:25	10:30
Class 2	10:30	10:35
Class 1	10:35	10:40

11. Starting Time Limit

A boat shall not start later than 10 minutes after her valid starting signal.

12. Recalls

Individual recalls shall be in accordance with R.R.S. 29.1. General recalls shall be in accordance with R.R.S. 29.2.

13. Time Limit

The time limit is 12:45 for all classes. If a boat in a class finishes within that limit, the time for the class shall be extended to 13:00

14. Finishing

14.1. The finishing line shall be a line between the red and white pole/main mast on the Committee boat displaying a blue flag and an orange finishing mark which shall be left to port. Unless the race is shortened, all finishes will be south of the Island mark in the vicinity of the Sound.

14.2. Boats having finished are required to keep clear of boats still racing. Those not doing so may be disqualified

15. Shortening Courses

The Race Officer may shorten the course at any mark on the course. This changes R.R.S32

16. Marks

Special Brass Monkey marks; West, Cush, Dunbo, Portmarnock, Viceroy, Hub, Spit and Island will be laid for the series.

17. Descriptions of Marks

P	Portmarnock Mark	(Orange)
I	Island Mark	(Orange)
H	Hub Mark	(Orange)
W	West Mark	(Orange)
D	Dunbo Mark	(Orange)
C	Cush Mark	(Orange)
V	Viceroy	(Orange)
S	Spit Mark	(Orange)

18. Courses

18.1. Courses will be in accordance with the appropriate course card and will be indicated by a numeral board displayed on the Committee Boat

18.2. R.R.S. 27.1 is amended as follows: The course boards for each class will be displayed following its 5 minute warning signal and will be displayed for not less than 4 minutes before its start.

19. Postponement

A postponement will be indicated in accordance with R.R.S. 27.3.

20. Abandonment

Abandonment of a race will be indicated in accordance with R.R.S. 27.3 or R.R.S.32, except in the case where the race for a particular class(es) only is to be abandoned, in which case flag 'N' over the appropriate class(es) flag(s) will be flown.

21. Retiring

A boat, having retired, shall inform the Race Officer on channel 37.

22. Scoring

Scoring shall be as per R.R.S. appendix A4, low points system. Six races are scheduled and if six are completed, two discards will be allowed. If six races are completed, one discard will be allowed

23. Alternative Penalty

R.R.S. 44.1 shall apply.

24. Handicap

Handicaps will be assigned to competing yachts. All handicaps will be at the handicapper's discretion, and shall be revised during this series

25. Protests

The protest time limit shall be 60 minutes from the finishing time of the last boat finishing. Times of Protest meetings will be notified by the Event Chairman to the boats concerned

26. Harbour Usage Rules

26.1. When leaving and entering the Harbour stay on the RIGHT HAND SIDE of the fairway and Harbour entrance. Always pass another oncoming vessel PORT-TO-PORT

26.2. Boats should not impede trawlers in the Sound and Harbour Entrance.