



**NATIONAL 18**



# **SB20 & N18 EASTERN CHAMPIONSHIP 2017**

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**HOWTH YACHT CLUB  
Howth, Co. Dublin**

**Saturday/Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2017**

### **Channel 77**

#### **1. RULES**

- 1.1 The regattas will be governed by the rules as defined in the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association will apply.
- 1.3 The SB20 Class Rules as amended in the NOR shall apply to that class.
- 1.4 The Rules of the Irish National 18 Class Association will apply to that class.

#### **2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the official notice board located adjacent to the Marina Office.
- 2.2 The Race Committee may draw attention to Race Signals given on the Committee Boat, and communicate other information on VHF Channel 77 at any time. Failure to transmit or to receive such communication will not be grounds for redress by a boat. This changes rule 62.1(a).

#### **3. SPONSORS' ADVERTISING AND BOW NUMBERS**

- 3.1 RRS Regulation 20 will apply.
- 3.2 Boats may be required to display sponsors' stickers these shall be affixed, as directed at Registration, before launching.

#### **4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 4.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09.00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted at the event Notice Board by 20.00 on the day before it will take effect.

#### **5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at the top of the Marina Bridge.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes'.

#### **6. TIME OF BRIEFING, SCHEDULE OF RACES AND NUMBER OF RACES**

- 6.1 Competitors' Briefing for both classes will be held at 1000 on the first floor of the clubhouse.
- 6.2 Schedule of Races:

Date	Time of first SB20 Warning Signal	Number of Races Scheduled	High Water Howth	Low Water Howth
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	11.55	3	0853	1505
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	10.55	3	0950	1554

- 6.2 The warning signal for the National 18 class will be the start of the SB20 class or as soon as practicable thereafter.
- 6.2 The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable.
- 6.3 The Race Committee may run a fourth race on Sunday to enable the scheduled number of races to be completed. Hoisting ICF Numeral 4 at the end of the third race will signal this on that day.
- 6.4 On Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, the warning signal for a race will not be made after 15.00.

## 7. CLASS FLAGS

7.1 The Class flags and order of starts will be as follows:

SB20:	SB20 Class Flag
National 18:	Flag 'R'

## 8. RACING AREA

8.1 Racing will be in waters North of Howth harbour entrance and the start may be up to 3 miles from the harbour.

## 9. THE COURSE

- 9.1 The course will be of the Windward/Leeward type. The diagram in Appendix A shows the course, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left, and is described as follows:
- a) The order of mark rounding shall be: Start-1-2-3-1-2-3-Finish.
- 9.2 No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee may display the approximate compass bearing to Mark 1.

## 10. MARKS

- 10.1 Marks 1 and 3 will be large yellow inflatable buoys. Mark 2 will be a red spherical buoy.
- 10.2 Marks may be moved during racing to maintain the course configuration. Minor adjustments will not be signalled.
- 10.3 The Start Mark will be an orange cylindrical mark.
- 10.4 The Finish Mark will be a small red mark. The finish line will be between a red and white pole on the finishing vessel and the Finish Mark.

## 11. THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started in accordance with rule 26 (5 – 4 – 1 – Starting signal).
- 11.2 The starting line will be between a red and white pole on the Race Committee boat displaying an orange flag at the starboard end and the Start Mark at the port end. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 11.4 When the Race Committee determines that a boat has not complied with rule 29.1 the Race Committee may broadcast the boat's sail number on the designated VHF channel, no earlier than one minute after the starting signal. Failure to broadcast, or errors in the broadcast, will not be grounds for a request for redress by a boat. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 11.5 When rule 30.4 (Black Flag Rule) applies, and following a general recall, the Race Committee may, in addition to the requirements of Rule 30.4, broadcast sail numbers on the designated VHF channel. Failure to broadcast, or errors in the broadcast, will not be grounds for a request for redress by a boat. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 11.6 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule 63.1, A4 and A5.

## 12. CHANGE OF COURSE

- 12.1 The change will be signalled in accordance with rule 33. Minor adjustments of mark positions will not be signalled by the Race Committee.
- 12.2 Boats shall pass between the Race Committee vessel signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the committee vessel to starboard.

### **13. THE FINISH**

- 13.1 The finish line will be between a red and white pole on the finishing vessel flying a Blue flag and the Finish Mark.
- 13.2 When the Blue Flag is displayed no boat shall pass through the finishing line, in either direction, except to finish. Any boat in breach of this SI shall be scored as DNF without a hearing. This changes rules 63.1, A4.1 and A5.

### **14. SHORTENING COURSE**

- 14.1 The Race Committee may shorten the course under Rule 32.
- 14.2 When a Race Committee vessel displaying Code Flag V, making repeated sound signals, is positioned adjacent to a mark or gate of the course, boats, having rounded that mark, shall proceed directly to the Finish line to finish. SI 12.2 will apply.

### **15. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 15.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.

### **16. TIME LIMIT**

- 16.1 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 30 minutes of the starting signal, the race will be abandoned.
- 16.2 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course as required by rule 28 and finish is 75 minutes.
- 16.3 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, 63.1, A4 and A5.

### **17. PROTESTS, REQUESTS FOR REDRESS, ARBITRATION**

- 17.1 Boats intending to protest shall inform the Race Committee at the finish boat, either by hail at the finish of the race concerned or, if this is impractical, at the earliest opportunity.
- 17.2 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and request for redress shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 17.3 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 17.4 Notices will be posted on the official notice board within 15 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, the location of which will be posted on the official notice board.
- 17.5 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b)
- 17.5 Breaches of instructions 19, 20, 21, and 26 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification.
- 17.6 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered: -
- (a) Within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
  - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.
- This changes Rule 66.
- 17.7 Arbitration will be available in accordance with Appendix B.

### **18. SCORING**

- 18.1 The Low Points Series of rule Appendix A, will be used.
- 18.2 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.3 One discard will be allowed if 4 or more races are completed.

### **19. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 19.1 All competitors will wear adequate personal flotation devices at all times when afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Dry suits and wet suits are not adequate personal flotation devices.
- 19.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 19.3 Boats shall not impede fishing or ferry traffic in and out of Howth Harbour.

### **20. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 20.1 Substitution of competitors (helm or crew) will not be allowed, except in a medical emergency, without prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- 20.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **21. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

- 21.1 A boat, crew, equipment and safety equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.
- 21.2 Competitors may be asked to conduct safety/measurement checks on a random boat assigned at registration.

## **22. OFFICIAL BOATS**

- 22.1 Jury RIBs, if present, will be identified by a flag bearing the word "JURY" or yellow flag.

## **23. COACH/SPECTATOR BOATS**

- 23.1 Coach boats shall register with the race office and display such marking as may be required by the Race Committee.

## **24. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS**

- 24.1 SB20s shall not be removed from the water between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta. In an emergency, and only following a written request, the protest committee may waive this SI.
- 24.2 In the event of foul weather, the organising committee may direct that all boats moored be moved to another berth.

## **25. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

- 25.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pool or their equivalent shall not be used between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

## **26. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 26.1 A boat while racing shall neither make radio transmissions nor receive communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones, which shall be switched off while racing.

## **27. INSURANCE**

- 27.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €3,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

## **28. PRIZES**

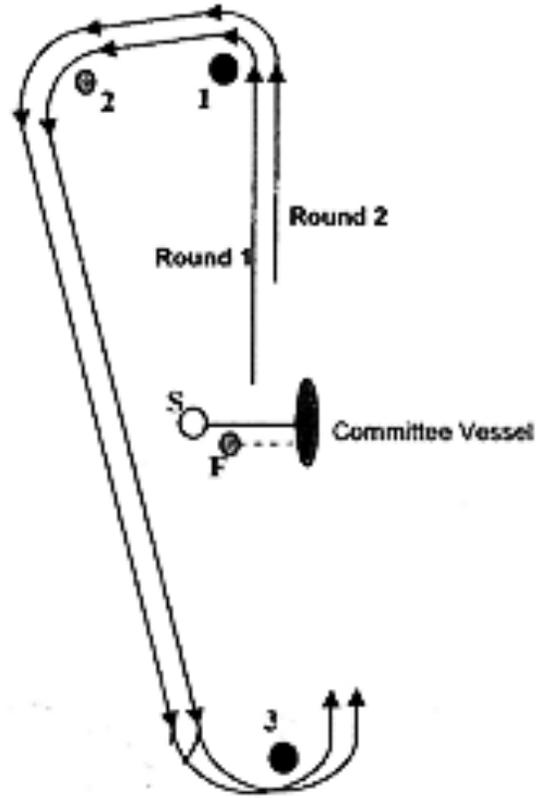
- 28.1 Prize giving will take place as soon as possible following the conclusion of racing.
- 28.2 Prizes will be awarded to first 3 boats overall in the SB20 Gold & first in SB20 Silver Fleet.
- 28.3 Prizes will be awarded to first 3 boats overall in the National 18 class.

## **29. LIABILITY**

- 29.1 Competitors participate in these Championships entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organising Authority, SB20 Ireland, the Irish National 18 Class Association and their officers, members and volunteers, will not accept liability for the loss of life or property, or personal injury, or damage caused by or arising out of the SB20 Eastern Championship 2017, including any pre-championship training at the championship site, and competitors take part in the championship entirely at their own risk. The establishment of the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions in no way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibilities of competitors being solely and entirely responsible for the management of a boat they are sailing. It is the responsibility of each competitor to participate in a race or to continue racing. A competitor is wholly and exclusively responsible for his or her personal accident and health insurance. A skipper is wholly and exclusively responsible for his or her third party liability insurance on the boat that he or she is sailing.

# APPENDIX A – COURSE DIAGRAM

WINDWARD - LEEWARD COURSE DIAGRAM



## **APPENDIX B - ARBITRATION**

- B.1 When a protest is lodged, all protests involving a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 will go through the Arbitration System.
- B.2 If the parties and the designated Arbitrator agree that Arbitration is suitable, the Arbitrator will call a hearing conforming to Section B of Part 5 of the Racing Rules of Sailing, except that the first sentence of rule 64.1 will not apply.
- B.3 When the Arbitrator decides that a boat that is a party to the arbitration hearing has broken a rule for which a penalty may be taken at the time of the incident (rule 44.1), the boat will be offered the opportunity to accept a penalty of 25% calculated according to rule 44.3(c). No penalty shall result in a score which would exceed that of a disqualification. The protestor will then be invited to withdraw the protest This changes rule 63.1.
- B.4 When a boat has accepted a penalty under B.3 rule 64.1b will apply at any subsequent hearing regarding this protest.
- B.5 When the arbitrator decides that a boat that is a party to the arbitration hearing has broken a rule and that the boat caused injury or serious damage, or gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach, that boat will be requested to retire. If the boat does not retire the arbitrator will call a normal protest hearing .
- B.6 When there is not an agreement to use Arbitration, or when during or after an Arbitration hearing, the Arbitrator decides that the facts do not allow Arbitration there will be a normal protest hearing, at which the Arbitrator may be a member of the protest committee. Rule 66, Reopening a hearing, will not apply to the arbitration decision.