1. **RACING**

The MYC Kish race 2018 which also forms part of the MYC Series 1 race 5 club shall be governed by the rules as defined in the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing, ISA prescriptions, relevant Class rules and these Sailing Instructions, unless amended.

1. **COURSES**

The start/ finish area will be located at the Malahide safe water mark and will be from the mast on the committee boat and an outer orange buoy the course will be to sail to the Kish light house which will be left to Starboard all cardinal marks on the route to be obeyed.

1. **CLASSES AND STARTING SEQUENCE**

Cruisers, except for ‘Non-Spinnaker’, will be allocated to a Cruiser Class on the basis of their IRC handicap. Boats without an IRC handicap will be allocated by reference to the standard ECHO for the type of boat. Bands are:

**Class 2** 0.910 and greater

**Class 3** 0.909 and less

The starting sequence, Class Flag and intended times of Warning Signals for the first race are as follows:-

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| **CLASS** | **FLAG** | **WARNING SIGNAL** |
| Cruisers 2 | 2 | 13 00 |
| Cruisers 3 | 3 | 13, 05 |
| Non-Spinnaker | 4 | 13, 10 |
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Cruisers 2, 3 and Non-Spinnaker boats shall display their relevant Class numeral pennant when racing. Any boat not doing so may be scored as DNC without a hearing – changes rule 63.1, A4 and A5.

Three boats are required to constitute a Class. In the event of there being no entries for a Class, the Race Committee may omit the Class from the starting sequence and competitors are advised to keep watch on the Class flags being displayed on the Committee Boat.

1. **STARTING PROCEDURE**

Starts shall be in accordance with rule 26 - warning signal 5 minutes before each Class start. Any boat that has not started within 5 minutes of her Class’s starting signal shall be scored as DNS without a hearing – changes Rule 63.1, A4 and A5.

1. **STARTING / FINISHING AND TIME LIMIT**

The starting line will be between the main mast of the committee boat and an outer limit mark that shall be a left to port when starting. The starting boat shall display an orange flag.

1. **HANDICAPPING**

Yachts with an IRC handicap and / or included in the current ISA ECHO list will be eligible to compete in Cruiser Classes 1, 2, 3 and Non-Spinnaker. For ECHO handicaps, any change in the normal helm of a boat shall be notified to the Race Committee prior to the start and failure to do so will render a boat liable to protest by the Race Committee and/or arbitrary handicap allocation. The Race Committee may allocate an Echo handicap to any boat that does not have one and it shall race with the appropriate Class.

1. **CHANGE OF COURSE**

The Race Committee may change the course of the race due to adverse weather in Dublin bay to

The course will be confirmed by VHF radio Ch 77

1. To Rockkabill light house taken to port
2. Figure 8 Lambay to starboard Irelands Eye to Port
3. **ABANDONMENT**

Abandonment of racing will be signalled in accordance with Rule 27.3 or 32.1 by display of code flag ‘N’ with the Class flag(s) of the Classes affected. If no Class flag is displayed, then all Classes still racing are abandoned.

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1. **DAMAGE OR INJURY**

Attention is drawn to Rule 4 – Decision to race. Neither Malahide YC, its members nor the Race Committee undertake any liability for damage, loss or injury incurred by any person during this event.

1. **RIGHT OF WAY AND SAFETY**

Committee boats, including mark layers and patrol craft, have right of way over boats competing. Competitors retiring are asked to advise the Committee Boat.

1. **RADIO USE AND CHANNEL**

All boats are advised to carry a marine band VHF radio and keep a listening watch on **VHF channel 77** It may be used for Race Committee communication with competitors, receipt of which shall not be a breach of rule 41. Failure by the Race Committee to transmit, or of a competitor to receive, information shall not be grounds for redress – changes Rule 62.1.

1. **PENALTIES AND PROTESTS**

Scoring penalty (Rule 44.3) shall not apply.

Verbal notice of protest must be given to the Committee boat finishing the protestor’s race within five minutes of the protestor finishing and an acknowledgement received.

Protest forms must be lodged at Malahide YC’s St James’s Terrace clubhouse within ninety minutes of the last boat to finish racing in the Regatta or of the expiry of the time limit for the last boat to finish in the last race started in the Regatta, whichever is the later.

It is intended, if possible, to hear protests on the day of the event. Details of the date, time and venue for the protest hearing will be communicated to the contact details provided on the parties’ Protest Forms

1. **AMENDMENTS**

Amendments to the sailing instructions, as posted at the Malahide YC St James’s Terrace clubhouse at least two hours before the scheduled first warning signal, will be signalled by the display of code flag L on the starting boat prior to the first warning signal.

1. **SCORING AND TIE BREAKS**

Scoring shall be in accordance with Appendix A of the Racing Rules, low point system. No results shall be excluded in the calculation of a boat’s score.

1. **Entries**

Boats may compete by displaying their sail number to the committee boat 10 minutes before the first Gun @ 1300 hrs

**Other Information**

**QUERIES**

If you have any queries please contact:

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