



HOWTH YACHT CLUB

Sutton Cross Pharmacy Puppeteer 22 National Championships 2020

Howth Yacht Club, Aug 29th and Aug 30th

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1.0 Notice to Competitors

H.W. Sat. 09.40, Sun. 10.40

1.1 All notices will be posted on the Puppeteer Class WhatsApp

2.0 Changes to Sailing Instructions or Schedule of Races

2.1 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on WhatsApp at least 2 hours before the start on the day it will take effect except where any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect. In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence.

3.0 Signals Made Ashore

3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at the top of the marina walkway and will be accompanied by the appropriate sound signals.

3.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in Race Signal AP.

4.0 Schedule of Races

<u>Race No.</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>First Warning Signal</u>
1	Saturday Aug 29 th	11.00 hrs
2	Saturday Aug 29 th	As soon as possible after Race 1
3	Saturday Aug 29 th	As soon as possible after Race 2
4	Sunday Aug 30 th	11.00 hrs
5	Sunday Aug 30 th	As soon as possible after Race 4
6	Sunday Aug 30 th	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.

Races not sailed on Saturday may be rescheduled for Sunday but no more than five races may be sailed on Sunday.

This decision shall be solely at the discretion of the Race Committee.

5.0 Courses and Flags

Courses will be a mix of Windward/Leeward style courses, traditional 'Olympic' style (triangle and windward/leeward legs) and 'Round the Cans' courses chosen from the HYC Tuesday night course card. Windward / Leeward and 'Olympic' style courses will be laid approx. as shown in the diagrams in the attached appendix and with marks rounded in the sequence listed.

The HYC Club Tuesday Committee Vessel Course Card can be downloaded and printed from www.hyc.ie/club-events

The Class Flag for the Puppeteer Class is **ICF A**.



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:

Windward / Leeward course	ICF W
Olympic style course	ICF O
HYC 'round the cans' course	ICF R

Where ICF R is displayed, the course selected from the HYC course card will be indicated by numerals displayed on the Committee starting vessel.

6.0 Shortening courses to finish at the start / finish line

Should the Race Committee wish to shorten a race to finish upwind of Mark 3 at the start/finish line (the boats having finished one round), **ICF F** will be displayed from a RIB to leeward of Mark 3 accompanied by repeated sound signals. This changes RRS Race Signals.

7.0 Marks

7.1 Marks 1, 2 and 3 of the Windward / Leeward and Olympic style courses will be black inflatables, as will the first mark (designated Z on the course card) when a HYC Club course is in use. The Start Mark will be an orange cylindrical mark and the Finish Mark will be a red/orange spherical mark.

7.2 Where HYC club racing marks are being used, the mark type and colours will be as per the information about their positions used for HYC Club racing.

8.0 The Start

8.1 The start line shall be between the Red and White striped pole or the main mast on the Committee vessel and an orange pillar mark, which shall be left to port when starting.

8.2 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26 with a five minute sequence.

8.3 A boat that has not started 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

9.0 Change of position of the next mark

9.1 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.

9.2 Minor changes to the course will not be signalled.

9.3 9.1 and 9.2 change RRS 33.

10.0 The Finish

10.1 The finish line will be between the Red and White pole or main mast on the Committee finishing vessel displaying a Blue flag (except where a race is being shortened at a rounding mark) and a small round Orange/Red buoy. Note: the starting mark for the next race may be in position during the finish.

10.2 Where a race is being finished from a RIB, the line shall be between a vertical staff on the finishing vessel and the mark forming the outer end of the finish line.

11.0 Time Limits

11.1 The time limit for each race shall be 2 hours:

11.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5



12.0 Protests and Requests for Redress

12.1 Protests shall be written on an official Irish Sailing Protest Form and lodged with the Protest Convenor (or placed in the protest box) located in the Race Office. A limited number of protest forms may be available in the Race Office, however Protest forms are available to download from HYC website.

12.2 The Protest time limit shall be 1 hour after the last boat finishes racing each day and shall be posted on the main Championship Notice Board.

12.3 The schedule of protests hearings shall be posted on WhatsApp and will be 10 minutes after the expiry time of the Protest Time Limit. Protests may be scheduled earlier subject to availability of the parties.

12.4 Any boat intending to seek Redress or to Protest another yacht in a race shall display a Red Flag in accordance with Rule 61.1(a), shall notify the Finishing Vessel of her intention to do so and seek acknowledgement from the Race Officials.

13.0 Scoring System

13.1 The series will be scored as provided in Appendix A of the RRS using the Low Point Scoring System. If four or more races are completed, one discard will be allowed.

14.0 Communication to Competitors whilst afloat

14.1 All boats shall carry a VHF radio and maintain a listening watch on VHF Ch 77 to receive communications from the Race Committee.

15.0 General Comments

15.1 The turnaround time after each race will be as short as possible. Boats are therefore required to clear the finish line area but stay in the vicinity of the Committee starting vessel.

16.COVID-19 Mitigation Measures

Measures to mitigate the spread of COVID 19 will be in place for the event and will affect access to HYC, the conduct of persons on the premises and the management of the event ashore including the conduct of protest and redress hearings.

Further details of the COVID 19 mitigation measures will sent to competitors via WhatsApp in due course. These measures may be varied over the course of the event.



APPENDIX - COURSES

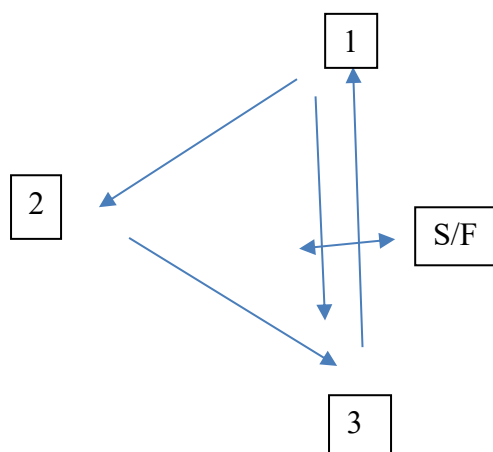
Courses will be either Windward/Leeward style, signalled by display of ICF W, a traditional 'Olympic' style, signalled by display of ICF O or selected from the HYC Tuesday night course card, signalled by the display of ICF R. Where ICF R is displayed, the course to be sailed will be shown by numerals displayed on the Committee starting vessel.

Laid courses will be approximately configured as shown below. Mark positions, leg lengths and angles shown 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 – ICF W

Course (unless shortened)
Start - 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 2 - 3 – Finish

