



# Brass Monkeys

Spring Series 2022

*Sponsored by Bright Motor Group, Airside*



## Sailing Instructions

### 1. Ethos

1.1. The ethos of the Brass Monkeys series is to provide a “fun” sailing series. Competitors should note this ethos and races should be sailed accordingly.

### 2. Rules & Eligibility

2.1. The races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of Irish Sailing, the Notice of Race, these Sailing Instructions (SI) and any changes thereto. In the event of a conflict between the NoR and the SI, the SI shall take precedence.

### 3. Safety

3.1. The attention of all competitors is drawn to the potential dangers of sailing at this time of the year. **Each crew member shall wear a PFD (personal flotation device)** and RRS 40.1 shall apply. Competitors' attention is also drawn to RRS Part 1 (Fundamental Rules).

3.2. Boats shall carry adequate life-saving equipment for all persons on board. Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk, see RRS 3, Decision to Race. Neither Howth Yacht Club CLG, the Race Committee nor the Organising Committee, including those individuals who comprise them, are liable for loss of or damage to boats or equipment or for death or injury to competitors.

### 4. Radio Communications

4.1. All boats competing equipped with a VHF radio are requested to keep a listening watch on Ch.16, in case of emergency.

4.2. The Race Committee may broadcast information relevant to competitors on Ch 77 and boats are advised to keep watch for such transmissions.

### 5. Notice Board

5.1. The notice board is located in the archway adjacent to the marina office.

### 6. Signals Made Ashore

6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at the top of the marina bridge. When flag AP is displayed ashore “one minute” is replaced with “not less than 45 minutes” in race signal AP. This changes RRS “Race Signals.” Boats are requested not to leave the harbour until flag AP is lowered. This changes RRS ‘Race Signals’.

### 7. Changes to Sailing Instructions

7.1. Changes to the Sailing Instructions 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 denotes that a change of SI has been made.

## 8. Classes

- 8.1. Boats shall display the sail number under which they are entered on their spinnaker and on each side of the mainsail. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the boat being treated as a non-starter.
- 8.2. Where a boat wishes to change its sail number from that on the entry form, notice shall be given to the Race Officer prior to her start on the day of the race concerned. **Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the boat's disqualification.** This changes RRS 63.1.
- 8.3. Class pennants shall be flown from the backstay. Class pennants are as designated in the Notice of Race. **Any boat not doing so may be scored DNS.** This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.1.

## 9. Starting Area

- 9.1. The Starting Area will be Northwest of Ireland's Eye.
- 9.2. Boats are requested to sail near the Committee Vessel prior to their warning signal for identification purposes.

## 10. Starting Signals

- 10.1. Racing shall be started in accordance with RRS 26, with classes starting at 5-minute intervals.
- 10.2. The starting line will be between the red and white pole displaying an orange flag on the Committee Vessel 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.

## 11. Start Sequence

Class	Flag	Warning Signal
Class 3	No. 3	1025
Class 1	No. 1	1030
Class 2	No. 2	1035

## 12. Starting Time Limit

- 12.1. A boat shall not start later than 10 minutes after her starting signal. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.

## 13. Recalls

- 13.1. Individual recalls shall be in accordance with RRS 29.1. General recalls will be in accordance with RRS 29.2.

## 14. Finishing Time Limit

- 14.1. The time limit is 1245 for all Classes. If a boat in a Class finishes within that time limit, the time limit for that Class shall be extended to 1300.

## 15. Finishing

- 15.1. The finishing line will be a line between a red and white pole displaying a blue flag on the Committee Vessel and a spherical orange cherry mark, unless a race is shortened.

15.2. Unless a race is shortened, all finishes will be south of the Island mark in the vicinity of the sound.

15.3. Boats having finished are required to keep clear of all boats (including Lasers) still racing. Those not doing so may be disqualified.

## **16. Shortening Courses**

16.1. The Race Officer may shorten the course at any mark on the course. This changes RRS 32.

## **17. Marks & Descriptions of Marks.**

17.1. Special Brass Monkey marks will be laid for the series.

17.2. Marks are orange spherical as follows:

<b>Letter</b>	<b>Name</b>
W	West
C	Cush
D	Dunbo
P	Portmarnock
V	Viceroy
H	Hub
I	Island

## **18. Courses\***

18.1. Courses will be in accordance with the course card, which forms part of these Sailing Instructions and will be indicated by numeral boards displayed on the Committee Vessel. The course applicable to each Class will be displayed for not less than 4 minutes before its start. This changes RRS 27.1.

**\*Note:** The Course Card had been changed and is different from the Autumn 2021 Course Card.

## **19. Obstructions**

20.1 The attention of competitors is drawn to the existence of underwater hazards in the vicinity of Ireland's Eye, Howth Sound and over the Spit Bank. Should they choose to sail amongst these hazards, they do so at their own risk. Howth Yacht Club CLG, the Race Management and Organising Committee accept no responsibility for the consequences of any such deviation from the set courses.

## **20. Retiring**

20.1. A boat, having retired, shall inform the Committee Boat on Channel 77.

## **21. Handicap**

21.1. Handicaps shall be assigned to competing boats as outlined in the Notice of Race.

21.2. All handicaps are at the discretion of the OA and will be revised throughout the series.

21.3. Where there is a change to either a boat or her crew that may materially affect that boat's performance, her owner must, in writing, inform the OA of the change. In such a case, the OA may amend that boat's performance handicap to reflect that change. Failure to notify the OA may result in disqualification.

## **22. Protests**

22.1. Protests, Requests for Redress or Reopening and Scoring Enquiries shall be submitted online at:

[https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/3039/event\\_links?name=frostbites-and-brass-monkeys](https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/3039/event_links?name=frostbites-and-brass-monkeys)

Hard copy submissions shall not be accepted.

22.2. The Protest Time Limit is 1600 on each race day except Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March when it is 60 minutes from the time finish of the last finisher on that day.

Protest Time Limits shall be posted online at:

[https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/3039/event\\_links?name=frostbites-and-brass-monkeys](https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/3039/event_links?name=frostbites-and-brass-monkeys)

Notices of Protests by the Race Committee will be posted online, at the same link, to inform boats. This changes Rule 61,1(b).

22.3. Times and locations of protests/redress hearings shall be notified to all parties involved.

## **23. Navigation**

23.1. When entering and leaving the harbour, always pass other vessels PORT-TO-PORT.

23.2. Boats shall not impede trawlers or fishing vessels in the Sound or Harbour Entrance.

23.3. Competitors' attention is drawn to the designated navigation channel through the harbour. Boats should remain within the channel markers whilst entering and leaving the harbour.

### **Times of High-Water Howth**

13 February	0926	6 March	1350
20 February	1350	13 March	0754
27 February	0838	20 March	1251

# COURSE CARD



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Mark	ID	North	West
Cush	C	53 24.5	06 05.44
Dunbo	D	53 24.73	06 03.85
Hub	H	53 25.71	06 04.43
Island	I	53 24.7	06 04.39
Portmarnock	P	53 25.76	06 06.18
Spit	S	53 24.42	06 04.51
Viceroy	V	53 25.12	06 04.78
West	W	53 24.96	06 06.07

<b>NO.</b>	<b>WIND</b>	<b>COURSE</b>
1	N	Hp, Wp, Ip, Hp, Wp, Is, F.
2	N	Hp, Wp, Ip, Hp, Ip, Hp, Wp, Is, F.
3	N/E	Hp, Wp, Cp, Hp, Wp, Is, F.
4	N/E	Hp, Wp, Cp, Vp, Cp, Hp, Vp, Is, F.
5	E	Dp, Hp, Wp, Ip, Vp, Is, F.
6	E	Dp, Hp, Wp, Ip, Vp, Wp, Is, F.
7	S/E	Ip, Pp, Ip, Dp, Vp, Is, F.
8	S/E	Ip, Pp, Ip, Dp, Pp, Is, F.
9	S	Ip, Dp, Hp, Ip, Dp, Hp, Is, F.
10	S	Ip, Dp, Hp, Ip, Dp, Hp, Ip, Hp, Is, F.
11	S/W	Cp, Ip, Hp, Cp, Hp, Vp, Is, F.
12	S/W	Cp, Dp, Hp, Cp, Dp, Hp, Vp, Is, F.
13	W	Wp, Cp, Is, Wp, Is, Wp, Is, F.
14	W	Wp, Cp, Dp, Wp, Dp, Wp, Is, F.
15	N/W	Pp, Wp, Cp, Wp, Cp, Wp, Is, F.
16	N/W	Pp, Wp, Ip, Pp, Wp, Cp, Wp, Is, F.