



## **IUSA Student Yachting Nationals 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

### **Notice of Race**

The Organising Authority (OA) is Howth Yacht Club CLG (HYC), in association with the Irish University Sailing Association (IUSA).

- DP) denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the PC and may be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.1.
- (NP) denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

#### **1. Rules**

1.1. The event will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the Irish Sailing, the HYC J80 rules and this Notice of Race except as modified by the Sailing Instructions (SI) and any amendments there to.

1.2. Entries are accepted at the sole discretion of the OA.

1.3. The event is open to the top ten universities/colleges in Ireland. This ranking is decided by IUSA.

1.4. Appendix UF will apply.

1.5. RRS 62.1 (a), (b) and (d) are deleted.

1.6 HYC J80 rule C.8 is deleted

## **2. Notice to Competitors**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official regatta notice board in Howth Yacht Club. This is at the side of the Marina Office on the ground floor.

## **3. Changes in Sailing Instructions**

3.1 Changes to SI will be posted before 0900 on the day they take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3.2 Notwithstanding the provisions of SI 3.1, changes to the SI may be instructed orally on the water, including by VHF on the channel designated for the event. Such oral changes will be communicated to each boat before the Warning Signal of the race for which the change takes effect. This includes changes to the Race Schedule.

## **4. Signals made ashore**

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from a flagpole at the top of the Marina ramp.

4.2 When flag 'AP' is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced by "not less than 45 minutes" in the race signal AP.

## **5. Schedule of Races**

5.1 Refer to Appendix B for Schedule of Races

5.2 The scheduled time for the warning signal of the first race is 1000 on both days

5.3 The Warning Signal of a race will not be made after 1500 on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March, except for postponements, general recalls and abandonment of a race where the first warning signal was made before 1500.

## 6. Format

6.1 Five races are intended for each flight in the qualifying series. Five races are intended for the final series.

6.2 The flight list for the flights will be announced at the competitor briefing.

6.3 The top two teams from each flight in the qualifying series will progress to the final series.

The best third placed boat from both flights will qualify for the final series

6.4 Race scores of the qualifying teams will be carried forward to the final series.

6.5 There will be a draw for the boats to be used in the final series. There will be no boat changes in the final series.

6.6 The winner of the event will be the boat with lowest combined score from the qualifying and final series.

6.7 In order to conclude the event, the race committee may change or terminate any part of the format at any reasonable time taking into account the entries, weather, time constraints and other relevant factors.

## 7. Signals from the Committee Boat

7.1 The Class Flag will be Code Flag Q.

7.2 Before the Warning Signal the RC will signal the sail combination to be used. The signals shall have the following meanings:

- Flag 'A': Jib, full main and spinnaker
- Flag 'B': Jib, reefed main and spinnaker
- Flag 'C': Jib and reefed main only (no spinnaker).

This information may also be relayed via VHF.

## 8. Racing Area

The racing area will be to the north of Howth Harbour.

## 9. The Course

9.1 The diagram in Appendix A shows the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be passed. No later than the warning signal the RC will indicate which course is to be sailed.

## 10. Marks

10.1 Rounding marks will be black inflatable buoys.

10.2 The starting mark will be a pillar mark. The finishing mark will be a cherry mark.

10.3 In order to protect the integrity of the course, the RC, at their sole discretion, may amend the position of the marks without signalling. This changes RRS 33.

## 11. Harbour Traffic (DP, NP)

Fishing vessels and other powered craft have right of way in the channels leading into and through Howth Harbour. Competitors shall keep clear of all such craft and, in the event of any competitor breaching this requirement, they may be excluded from the event or have such lesser penalty imposed as deemed appropriate by the PC (this changes RRS 64.2).

## 12. The Start

12.1 The Warning Signal shall be given three minutes before the Starting Signal. The Preparatory Signal shall be given two minutes before the Starting Signal. The One Minute Signal shall be given one minute before the Starting Signal. (This changes RRS 26).

12.2 The starting line will be between a red and white pole on the RC Vessel and the starting mark.

12.3 The Race Committee may broadcast individual and general recalls on VHF. Failure to make or receive a broadcast shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

12.4 A boat shall not start later than 3 minutes after her Starting Signal.

## 13. Shortening the course

Should the Race Officer wish to shorten a race to finish upwind or downwind at the start/finish line (the boats having finished one or two rounds), it will be signalled by displaying code flag "F" from a RIB adjacent to the preceding mark, accompanied by repeated sound signals. This changes and amends the RRS Race Signals.

## 14. The Finish

The finishing line shall be between the main mast of the Committee Vessel, displaying a blue flag, and the finishing mark.

## 15. Time Limit

15.1 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish shall be 45 minutes.

15.2 Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

15.3 After the first boat has sailed the course and finished, the RC may offer a finishing position to the last placed boat still racing. The boat will be scored as if her position in the race at the moment the offer is made is her finishing place. A boat is not obliged to accept such an offer. A boat that accepts the place offered will immediately sail to the start/finish line and shall not continue in the race. The RC may repeat this process with the next and subsequent boats. This changes the definition of the word "Finish". This changes RRS 35 and A4

## 16. Penalty System and Protests

16.1. There will be umpired fleet racing as described in Appendix UF of these sailing instructions. Decisions taken by the protest committee are final.

16.2. Breaches of the following sailing instruction will not be grounds for protest/redress by a boat: SI 19. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

## 17. Damage

Gear failure will not be grounds for redress. If any boat suffers gear failure or damage which precludes that boat, or any crew assigned to race in it, from completing the series, the OA may amend the schedule or overcome the consequences of the failure / damage as they deem necessary for the conclusion of the event, up to and including the exclusion of entered crews from further participation.

## 18. Scoring

18.1 The Low Points scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.

18.2 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. No scores shall be excluded

18.3 In order to calculate the combined scores for all teams, the boats that do not qualify for the final series will be scored DNC for each of the final series' races.

18.4 If it is not possible to sail a final series, the winner and runner up may be determined on the basis of the best scoring crews from the qualifying series.

## 19. Safety Regulations (DP)

19.1 Personal Flotation Devices shall be worn at all times by competitors whilst afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices. ICF 'Y' will not be displayed. This changes RRS 40.

19.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

## 20. Radio Communication

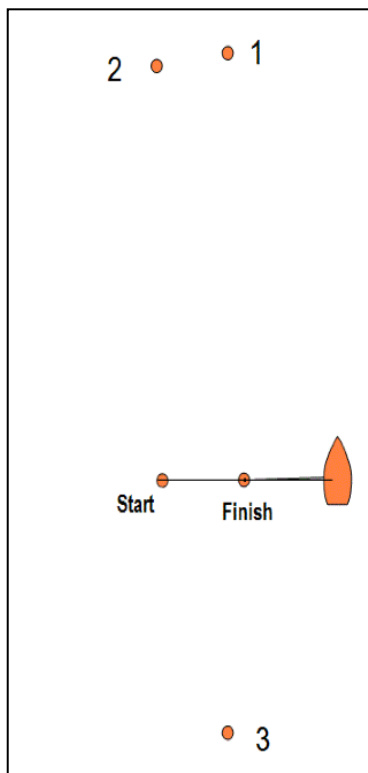
It is strongly recommended that all yachts carry a VHF radio. Communication on general matters relating to racing and safety may be transmitted by the RC. The RC will inform competitors at the briefing which channel will be used for these communications. The OA will **not** provide VHF radios for competitors but each competing crew shall be deemed to have a functioning VHF radio and to be keeping watch on the designated VHF channel for the event at all times whilst afloat.

## 21. Disclaimer of Liability

21.1 It is the sole responsibility of the person in charge of each team to decide if that team should race in the prevailing conditions or not. It is the sole responsibility of the person in charge of each boat to decide if that boat should race or continue to race.

21.2 Competitors compete in the event entirely at their own risk – see RRS 3, Decision to Race. The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the event. The OA encompasses everyone helping to run the event.

## Appendix A: Courses



All rounding marks to be left to port.

- One lap course - Code Flag 1 displayed

Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish

- Two lap course - Code Flag 2 displayed

Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish

- Three lap course - Code Flag 3 displayed

Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 - Finish

## Appendix B: Format

Team 1
Team 2
Team 3
Team 4
Team 5
Team 6
Team 7
Team 8
Team 9
Team 10

Team numbers to be allocated at registration  
Rankings to be taken from Student Yachting Nationals 2019

### **Qualifying Series**

Flight 1	Flight 2
Team 1	Team 2
Team 3	Team 4
Team 5	Team 6
Team 7	Team 8
Team 9	Team 10

### **Final Series**

Final
Winner Flight 1
Winner Flight 2
Runner Up Flight 1
Runner Up Flight 2
Lowest Scoring 3 <sup>rd</sup> Placed Boat



**APPENDIX UF**  
**UMPIRED FLEET RACING**  
**2022 IUSA Student Yachting Nationals Edition**

**Version:** 22.03.2022

*Umpired fleet races shall be sailed under The Racing Rules of Sailing as changed by this appendix. Races shall be umpired. The rule changes in UF1 have been approved by World Sailing under Regulation 28.1.5(b) on the condition that only the provided options are used. This appendix applies only when it is referred to in the Notice of Race and made available for all competitors.*

**UF1 CHANGES TO THE DEFINITIONS, THE RULES OF PART 1 AND 2, AND RULE 70**

**UF1.1** Add to the definition *Proper Course*: 'A boat taking a penalty or manoeuvring to take a penalty is not sailing a *proper course*.'

**UF1.2** Add new rule 7 to Part 1:

**7 LAST POINT OF CERTAINTY**

The umpires will assume that the state of a boat, or her relationship to another boat, has not changed, until they are certain that it has changed.'

**UF1.3**

Rule 14 is changed to:

**14 AVOIDING CONTACT**

14.1 If reasonably possible a boat shall

- (a) avoid contact with another boat,
- (b) not cause contact between boats, and
- (c) not cause contact between a boat and an object that should be avoided.

However, a right-of-way boat, or one sailing within the *room* or *mark-room* to which she is entitled, need not act to avoid contact until it is clear that the other boat is not *keeping clear* or giving *room* or *mark-room*.

14.2 When there is contact between hulls, the umpires may, without a hearing, impose a scoring penalty of two points on a boat that was penalized in the incident. Furthermore, the umpires may also impose a scoring penalty of one point on other boats if they consider that these boats contributed to the contact. This rule also applies to spars and sails.

14.3 When there is contact that causes damage, or the umpires decide a boat has broken rule 14 and damage resulted, they may, without a hearing, impose a scoring penalty on any boat involved in the incident. The minimum penalty to be applied in such a case is two points.

- UF1.4** When rule 20 applies, the following arm signals are required in addition to the hails:
- (a) for *room* to tack, repeatedly and clearly pointing to windward; and
  - (b) for ‘You tack’, repeatedly and clearly pointing at the other boat and waving the arm to windward.
- UF1.5** Rule 70 is deleted.

**UF2 CHANGES TO OTHER RULES**

**UF2.1**

Rule 28.2 is changed to:

**28 SAILING THE COURSE**

28.2. A boat may correct any errors in *sailing the course*, provided she has not rounded the next mark or crossed the finishing line to *finish*.

**UF2.2** SPARE

**UF2.3** SPARE

**UF3 ON WATER PROTESTS AND PENALTIES**

**UF3.1** In this appendix, ‘a penalty’ will mean the following:

A One-Turn Penalty taken in accordance with rule 44.2.

**UF3.2** The first sentence of rule 44.1 is changed to: ‘A boat may take a penalty when, in an incident while *racing*, she may have broken one or more of the *rules* of Part 2 (except rule 14 when she has caused damage or injury), rule 31 or rule 42. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 and rule 31 in the same incident, she need not take the penalty for breaking rule 31’

**UF3.3 On the Water Protests by Boats and Penalties**

(a) While racing, a boat may protest another boat under a rule of Part 2 (except rule 14) or under rule 31 or rule 42; however, a boat may only protest under a rule of Part 2 for an incident in which she was involved. To do so she shall hail ‘Protest’ and conspicuously display a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity for each. She shall remove the flag before, or at the first reasonable opportunity after a boat involved in the incident has taken a penalty voluntarily or after an umpire’s decision.

(b) A boat that protests as provided in rule UF3.3(a) is not entitled to a hearing, Instead, a boat involved in the incident may acknowledge breaking a rule by

voluntarily taking a penalty. An umpire may penalize any boat that broke a rule and was not exonerated, unless the boat took a penalty voluntarily.

#### **UF3.4 Penalties and Protests Initiated by an Umpire**

- (a) When a boat
  - (1) breaks rule 31 and does not take a penalty,
  - (2) breaks rule 42,
  - (3) gains an advantage despite taking a penalty,
  - (4) commits a breach of sportsmanship, or
  - (5) fails to comply with rule UF3.6 or to take a penalty when required to do so by an umpire,
  - (6) fails to comply with rule UF2.1 (rule 28.2) an umpire shall disqualify her under rule UF3.5(c),
  - (7) breaks HYC J80 Rule C.3

an umpire may penalize her without a protest by another boat. The umpire may impose a penalty or more, each signalled in accordance with rule UF3.5(b), or disqualify her under rule UF3.5(c), or report the incident to the protest committee for further action. If a boat is penalized under rule UF3.4(a)(5) for not taking a penalty or taking a penalty incorrectly, the original penalty is cancelled,

- (b) An umpire who decides, based on his own observation or a report received from any source, that a boat may have broken a rule, other than rule UF3.6 or rule 28 or a rule listed in rule UF3.3(a), may inform the protest committee for its action under rule 60.3. However, he will not inform the protest committee of an alleged breach of rule 14 unless there is damage or injury.

#### **UF3.5 Umpire Signals**

An umpire will signal a decision as follows:

- (a) A green and white flag with one long sound means 'No penalty.'
- (b) A red flag with one long sound means 'a penalty is imposed or remains outstanding.' The umpire will hail or signal to identify each such boat.
- (c) A black and white flag with one long sound means 'A boat is disqualified.' The umpire will hail or signal to identify the boat disqualified.

#### **UF3.6 Imposed Penalties**

- (a) A boat penalized under rule UF3.5(b) shall take a penalty.
- (b) A boat disqualified under rule UF3.5(c) shall promptly leave the course area.

### **UF4 RACE COMMITTEE ACTIONS**

#### **UF4.1**

After boats have finished, the race committee will inform competitors about the results over radio on the channel notified at the competitors' briefing. Results may be displayed on a board on the race committee boat.

**UF5 PROTESTS; REQUESTS FOR REDRESS OR REOPENING; APPEALS; OTHER PROCEEDINGS**

**UF5.1** No proceedings of any kind may be taken in relation to any action or non-action by an umpire.

**UF5.2**

**UF5.3** A boat intending to

- (a) protest another boat under a rule other than rule UF3.6 or rule 28, or a rule listed in rule UF3.3(a),
- (b) protest another boat under rule 14 if there was contact that caused damage or injury, or
- (c) request redress

shall inform the race committee in the following way:

by hailing the race committee before or within two minutes of the announcement of results.

**UF5.4** The time limit defined in rule UF5.3 also applies to protests under rule UF5.9, UF5.10 and UF5.11 when such protests are permitted. The protest committee shall extend the time limit if there is good reason to do so.

**UF5.5** The race committee will promptly inform the protest committee about any protests or requests for redress made under rule UF5.3.

**UF5.6** The third sentence of rule 61.1(a) and all of rule 61.1(a)(2) are deleted.

Rule 62.1(a) is deleted.

**UF5.7** The first three sentences of rule 64.2 are changed to: 'When the protest committee decides that a boat that is a *party* to a protest hearing has broken a rule, it may impose penalties other than disqualification, and may make any other scoring arrangement it decides is equitable. If a boat has broken a *rule* when not *racing*, the protest committee shall decide whether to apply any penalty to the race sailed nearest in time to that of the incident or make some other arrangement.'

**UF5.8** Hearings

Except for a hearing under rule 69.2

- (a) Protests and requests for redress need not be in writing.
- (b) The protest committee may inform the protestee and schedule the hearing in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate this orally.
- (c) The protest committee may take evidence and conduct the hearing in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate its decision orally.
- (d) If the protest committee decides that a breach of a rule has had no effect on the outcome of the race, it may impose a scoring penalty of points or fraction of points or make any other arrangement it decides is fair, which may be to impose no penalty.
- (e) If the protest committee penalizes a boat in accordance with rule UF5.7 or if a standard penalty is applied, all other boats will be informed about the change of the penalized boat's score.

**UF5.9** The race committee will not protest a boat.

**UF5.10** The protest committee may protest a boat under rule 60.3. However, it will not protest a boat for breaking rule UF3.6 or rule 28, a rule listed in rule UF3.3(a), or rule 14 unless there is damage or injury.

**UF5.11** The technical committee will only protest a boat under rule 60.4 when it decides that a boat or personal equipment does not comply with the class rules, rule 50, or the rules in the equipment regulations of the event, if such exist. In such a case, the technical committee shall protest.

**UF5.12** Rule 66.2 is changed to 'A *party* to the hearing under this appendix may not request a reopening.'