

Brass Monkeys Spring Series 2023

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Ethos: 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.

1. RULES

- 1.1 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.
- 1.2 EACH PERSON ABOARD A BOAT SHALL WEAR A PFD (Personal Flotation Device). RRS 40.1 shall apply.
- 1.3 Boats shall display the sail number under which they are entered on their spinnaker and on each side of the mainsail.
Where a boat wishes to change its sail number from the entered sail number, notice shall be given to the Race Officer prior to her start on the day of the race concerned. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in the boat being scored DNC without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 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.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the archway adjacent to the marina office.
- 3.2 All boats competing shall be equipped with a VHF radio and are requested to keep a listening watch on Ch.16, in case of emergency.
- 3.3 All communications to/from the Committee Boat will be on Ch. 77.
- 3.4 The Race Committee may broadcast information relevant to competitors on Ch. 77 and boats are advised to keep watch for such transmissions.

4. NOT USED

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 “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’.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Six races are scheduled as follows:

Sunday 29th January 2023

Sunday 5th February 2023

Sunday 12th February 2023

Sunday 19th February 2023

Sunday 26th February 2023

Saturday 4th March 2023 (followed by a prize-giving lunch)

6.2 The scheduled times of the warning signals each day are as follows

Class	Warning Signal
3	1025
1	1030
2	1035

7. CLASS FLAGS

7.1 Class pennants shall be flown from the backstay per the table below. Any boat not doing so may be scored DNS. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.1.

Class	Flag
3	Numeral Pennant 3
1	Numeral Pennant 1
2	Numeral Pennant 2

8. RACING AREA

8.1 SI Addendum A shows the location of the racing area.

9. COURSES

9.1 The table in SI Addendum B shows the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9.2 The course to be sailed will be displayed on the Committee Vessel indicated by numeral boards.

9.3 The course applicable to each Class will be displayed for not less than 4 minutes before that Class's start. This changes RRS 27.1.

10. MARKS

10.1 Marks are orange spherical or black conical and are described in Addendum A.

11. OBSTRUCTIONS

11.1 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.

12. THE START

- 12.1 The Starting Area will be Northwest of Ireland's Eye.
- 12.2 Boats are requested to sail near the Committee Vessel prior to their warning signal for identification purposes.
- 12.3 The starting line will be between the red and white pole displaying an orange flag on the Committee Vessel and a cylindrical orange buoy.
- 12.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 12.5 A boat shall not start later than 10 minutes after her starting signal. Any boat not doing so may be scored DNS. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.1.

13. NOT USED

14. THE FINISH

- 14.1 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.
- 14.2 Unless a race is shortened, all finishes will be south of the Island mark in the vicinity of The Sound.
- 14.3 Boats having finished, are required to keep clear of all boats still racing (including on a different race course). Those not doing so may be disqualified without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.1.

15. NOT USED

16. TIME LIMITS

- 16.1 On single race days, the time limit is 1245 for all Classes. If a boat in any Class finishes within that time limit, the time limit for that Class shall be extended to 1300.
- 16.2 On two race days the time limit for all classes will be 1315 for all classes. If a boat in any Class finishes within that time limit, the time limit for that class shall be extended to 1330

17. HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1 Protests, Requests for Redress or Reopening and Scoring Enquiries shall be submitted online at https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/5079/event_links?name=bright-motor-group-brass-monkeys
- 17.2 The Protest Time Limit is 60 minutes from the time of finish of the last boat in the last race of that day. Protest Time Limits shall be posted online at the same link per SI 17.1
- 17.3 Notices of protests by the Race Committee will be posted online, at the same link, to inform boats. This changes Rule 61.1(b).
- 17.4 Times and locations of protest/redress hearings shall be notified to all parties involved.

18. SCORING

- 18.1 Handicaps shall be assigned to competing boats at the discretion of the OA and will be revised throughout the series.
- 18.2 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.
- 18.3 When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 18.4 When six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 18.5 RRS A5.3 applies

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1 When entering and leaving the harbour, always pass other vessels PORT-TO-PORT.
- 19.2 Boats shall not impede trawlers or fishing vessels in the Sound or Harbour Entrance.
- 19.3 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.
- 19.4 A boat, having retired, shall inform the Committee Boat on Channel 77.

20. – 28. NOT USED

29. PRIZES

- 29.1 Prizes will be awarded in each Class

30. RISK STATEMENT

- 30.1 Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."
- 30.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees to and acknowledges the risk statement as included in the Notice of Race.

31. INSURANCE

- 31.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with adequate, valid, third-party cover with an appropriate extension for racing risks.

32. OTHER INFORMATION

High Tides Howth

Date	High Water Time
29 th January	0514
5 th February	1124
12 th February	0314
19 th February	1043
26 th February	0331
4 th March	0945

ADDENDUM A RACING AREA

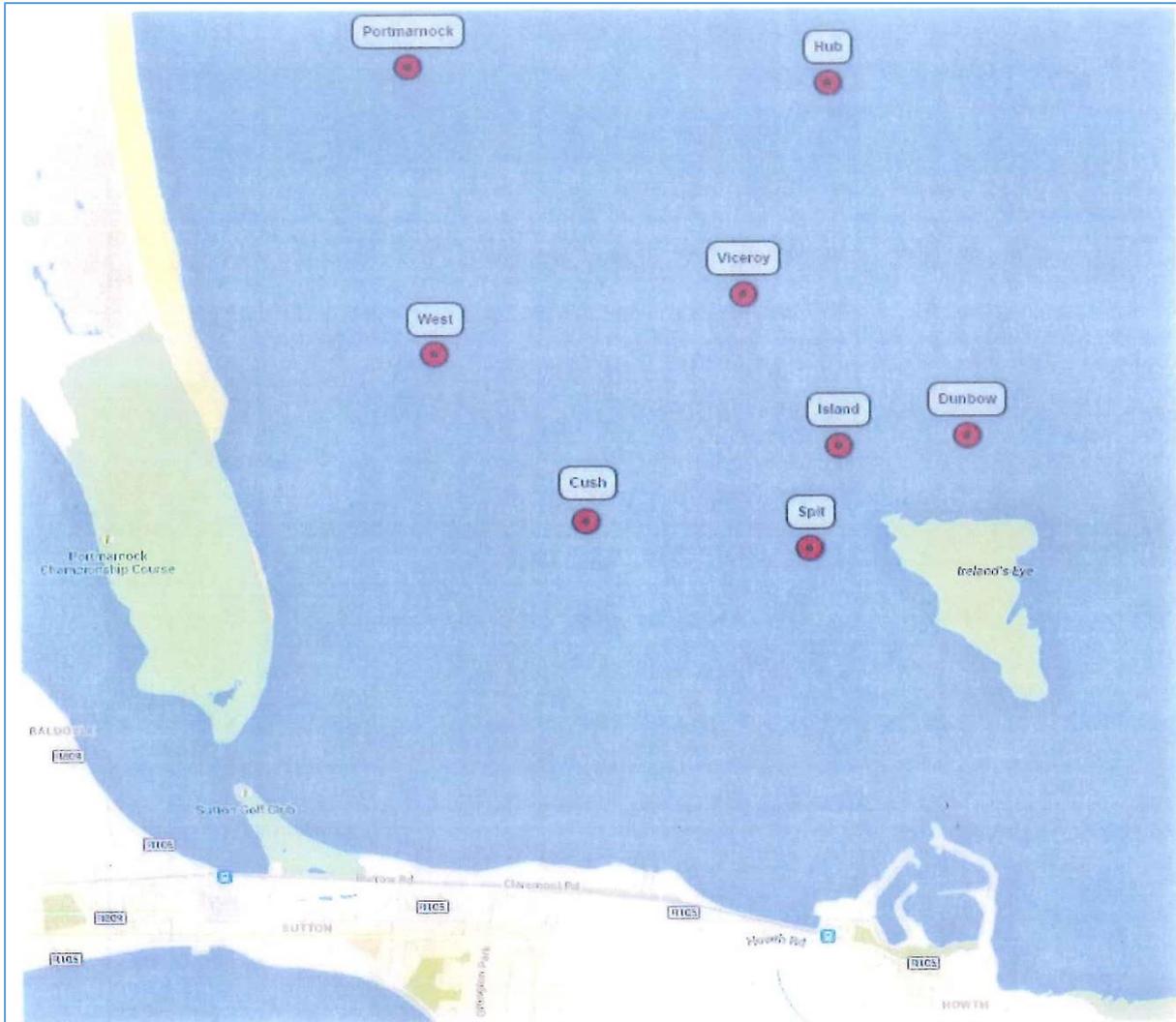


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Mark	ID	North	West
Cush	C	53 24.5	06 05.44
Dunbo	D	53 24.73	06 03.85
Hub	H	53 25.71	06 04.43
Island	I	53 24.7	06 04.39
Portmarnock	P	53 25.76	06 06.18
Spit	S	53 24.42	06 04.51
Viceroy	V	53 25.12	06 04.78
West	W	53 24.96	06 06.07

**ADDENDUM B
COURSE CARD**

NO.	WIND	COURSE
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, Ip, 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.