



DINGHY REGATTA

Sunday 25th June 2023

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organising Authority is Howth Yacht Club CLG

1. RULES

The event is 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.

(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 a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1 (a).

Appendix T (Arbitration) will apply.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0930 on the Official Notice Board located beside the marina office. Code flag L will be displayed from the flagpole at the top of the marina bridge to indicate a change has been posted.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located adjacent to the Marina Office at Howth Yacht Club

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from the race officials

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at the top of the marina bridge.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Three races “back-to-back” will be sailed, subsequent races to be started as soon as possible after the previous race.

Class	Flag	Warning Signal
PY / RS Feva / Topper	G	1100
ILCA 7 / ILCA 6 / ILCA 4	ILCA Class Flag	1105
Optimist	O (Oscar)	1110

Entries in classes other than those specified above will compete in the PY class under flag G.

The above order may be changed if sufficient numbers of a class are received which will merit a separate start.

7. NOT USED

8. RACING AREA

The racing area will be North/Northwest of Howth Harbour

9. COURSES

The courses to be sailed by each class is shown in Appendix A After starting and until approaching the finish line to finish, the marks at the ends of the start/finish line are not marks on course.

10. MARKS

The windward, gybe and leeward mark (L1) shall be orange round buoys. The leeward mark (L2) shall be a round yellow buoy. The outer limit mark for the start will be an orange pillar mark and the finish mark (if the race is not shortened) will be a pink cherry buoy.

11. NOT USED

12.THE START

12.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with a warning signal made five minutes before the starting signal

12.2 The starting line is between a mast displaying an orange flag on the Committee Vessel at the starboard end of the course side and an orange cylindrical mark at the port end of the start line.

12.3 Unless correcting a starting error, boats already racing shall not sail through the starting line whilst subsequent sequences are under way.

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 that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1

13. CHANGE TO THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

Minor course changes may not be signalled. This changes RRS33

14.THE FINISH

14.1 Unless the course is shortened, the finish line will be between a mast displaying a blue flag on the committee vessel and a pink outer distance mark.

14.2 Where shortened course applies to all classes, it will be signalled by displaying Flag S and two sound signals. In the case of individual class or classes the appropriate class flags will be displayed with Flag S. The finishing boat for such an instance may be a RIB.

14.3 A committee vessel located near a mark making repetitive sound signals and displaying Flag F shall signify that after rounding the mark, boats shall proceed directly to the finish line.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

16. TIME LIMITS

16.1 The time limit for each class shall be the lesser of 90 minutes, or 15 minutes after the finishing time of the first boat to sail the course and finish correctly. In the event of the first boat of a class finishing inside the 90 minute time limit, only boats of that class finishing within 15 minutes of the first boat will be recorded as finishers. This changes RRS 35.

16.2 The race committee may also award a race score to a boat that is still racing by displaying to them from a committee vessel (which may be in motion) Flag W with one sound signal. A boat so notified is no longer required to sail the course, shall stop racing and shall return to the starting area, or return ashore if there is no more racing. A race score under this sailing instruction will be the score they would have received had they sailed the course and finished within any time limit, without gaining or losing any place. However, when two or more boats that are overlapped are notified, they will be scored as if they were tied. The decision by the race committee to use this procedure or not to use it shall not be grounds for requesting redress. This changes rules 60.1(b) and 62.1(a).

17. HEARING REQUESTS

Online Protest Portal

https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/5289/event_links?name=dinghy-regatta

The Protest Time Limit for a boat is 30 minutes from the time that the last boat has tallied in ashore. The time will be posted on the Online Protest Portal

Hearing request forms are available on the Online Protest Portal

Notices of protests by the Race Committee, Technical Committee or Protest Committee will be posted before the end of the protest time limit to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

The time and place of Protest Hearings will be initially posted on the Online Protest Portal within 15 minutes of the Protest Time Limit. The listing of a boat on this schedule shall constitute informing her of a hearing as per RRS 63.2. Parties involved shall present themselves and their witnesses at the time and place indicated on the schedule.

To request correction of an alleged error in a posted race result, a boat shall complete a scoring enquiry via the Online Protest Portal.

18. SCORING

- 18.1 Boats sailing under the PY category will have their times recorded and be scored a finishing position in accordance with the Portsmouth Yardstick (PY) handicap system
- 18.2 The ILCA 4, 6, and 7 fleets will be scored individually.

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

Boats retiring shall inform a safety boat as soon as possible and shall obey the instructions of the safety boat crew.

20. - 22. NOT USED

23. OFFICIAL VESSELS

Official vessels shall comprise of the committee boat, mark laying boats and safety boats

24. NOT USED

25. TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard official or support boats

26. -28. NOT USED

29. PRIZES

Per Notice of Race 24

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."

APPENDIX A

Courses to be Sailed

Marks shall be rounded in the following order:

PY / ILCA / TOPPER

W-G-L2-W-L2- F (triangle, sausage)

Feva / Optimist

W-G-L1- F (triangle)

