



## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Racing rules Race Signals AP, 31, 33, 35, 44.1, 60.1, 61.1(a), 6.3(b), 61.4(b), 61.2(b), A2 A5.1 and A5.2 will be changed. The changes appear, in full, in these sailing instructions.

### 2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025 with the exception of any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 26<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

### 3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at ground floor window of the Alcorn Room below the balcony on the seaward side of the clubhouse.

### 4 CODE OF CONDUCT

[DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

### 5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the main flagpole to the west of the club battery.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP. This changes race signals AP.

## **6 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

See NoR 9.

## **7 CLASS FLAGS**

RS 400	Numeral 1
RS 200	Numeral 2

## **8 RACING AREA**

Racing will take place on Belfast Lough near to Carrickfergus sailing club.

## **9 COURSES**

- 9.1 Windward leeward courses will be used. The diagrams in Addendum A show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be passed.

## **10 MARKS**

- 10.1 Marks 1, 4S and 4P will be Red Spherical buoys. Mark 1A is a smaller Black spherical buoy The start / Finish mark will be a Green Spherical buoy.
- 10.2 Hitting a mark other than the start or finish marks will not be penalised. This changes RRS 31.
- 10.3 If one or other of the gate marks is missing, the remaining mark shall be rounded to port.

## **11 OBSTRUCTIONS**

There is a reef which extends 600mtr in a south easterly direction from the castle. Its end is indicated by a black buoy.

An area of shallow water exists immediately to the west of the marina entrance. Its outer limit is also marked by a black barrel.

## **12 THE START**

- 12.1 The starting line will be between an orange mast on the committee boat displaying an orange flag at the starboard end and the course side of a port-end starting mark.
- 12.2 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

## **13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.
- 13.2 Minor course changes may not be signalled. This changes RRS 33.

## **14 THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between a mast on the committee boat displaying a blue flag at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end finishing mark.

## **15 PENALTY SYSTEM**

See NoR 14.

## **16 TIME LIMITS**

- 16.1 Boats failing to finish within a 15 minute finishing window after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2

- 16.2 In addition to RRS 32, the race committee may also award a finishing score to a boat that is still racing by displaying to her 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 finishing score under this sailing instruction will be the score she would have received had she 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 61.1(a) and 61.4(b).

## **17 HEARING REQUESTS**

- 17.1 The protest time limit for protests about an incident observed in the racing area is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the later. This changes RRS 60.3(b) and 61.2(b).
- 17.2 Hearing Request forms are available at the race office.
- 17.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room (Alcorn Room ground floor of sailing club building)

## **18 SCORING**

As per NoR 15

## **19 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 19.1 [DP] [NP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 19.2 Competitors shall use the tally system as described on the notice board. Tally board will be located at the top of the slipway. Numbers will be assigned during registration.

## **20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 20.1 [DP] [NP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 20.2 [DP] [NP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

[NP] A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.

## **22 SUPPLIED BOATS**

Does not apply.

## **23 OFFICIAL VESSELS**

Official vessels will be identified as follows: Yacht with white hull and topsides.

## **24 [DP] [NP] SUPPORT TEAMS**

As per NoR 16

## **25 TRASH DISPOSAL**

Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.

## **26 BERTHING**

[DP] [NP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the dinghy park.

**27 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

Does not apply.

**28 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

Does not apply.

**29 PRIZES**

As per NoR 24

**24 RISK STATEMENT**

As per NoR 22.

**25 INSURANCE**

As per NoR 23

# ADDENDUM A – Courses

## Windward – Leeward

L2      1, 1A, 4P/4S, 1, 1A, 4P, Finish

Marks 4P/4S are a gate

Marks 1, 1A and 4P to be rounded to Port

