

Dinghy Summer Series

Carrickfergus Sailing Club

6 May to 26 August 2026

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.

The notation '[SP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that the standard penalty for a breach of the rule may be applied by the race committee or technical committee without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1830 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2200 on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.2. Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water by verbal notification from safety boats.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at www.carrickfergussc.org.
- 3.2. The race office is located at the Starting Battery, email sailing@carrickfergussc.org.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1. [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 starting battery.
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 20 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1. See Notice of Race 5.

7. CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1. The class flags are: RS400 - Flag F; PY Dinghy - Flag T

8. RACING AREA

- 8.1. The racing area is on Belfast Lough near to Carrickfergus Sailing Club.

9. COURSES

- 9.1. The diagram and table in SI Addendum A show the course, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

10. MARKS

- 10.1. Marks are red or white spherical.

11. THE START

- 11.1. Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 3 minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2. The starting line is between a red and white staff on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 11.3. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 11.4. If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. A boat may not request redress based on failure of the race committee to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed. This changes RRS 61.1(a).
- 11.5. A boat that does not start within five minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1. 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. THE FINISH

- 13.1. The finishing line is between a red and white staff on the signal boat and the course side of the finishing mark.
- 13.2. If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she shall report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1. See Notice of Race 8.

15. TIME LIMITS

- 15.1. The Race Time Limit (see RRS 35) is 90 minutes.
- 15.2. The Finishing Window is 45 minutes.
- 15.3. The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course. Boats failing to sail the course within the Finishing Window, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, and A5.2.

16. HEARING REQUESTS

- 16.1. For each class, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat in that class finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 16.2. Hearing request forms are available from the race office at the Starting Battery.
- 16.3. 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, located as posted, beginning at the time posted.
- 16.4. RRS 61.2(b)(2) and 63.7(b)(2) do not apply.

17. SCORING

- 17.1. See Notice of Race 9.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1. [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 18.2. Personal Flotation Devices shall be worn at all times when afloat (except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment) in accordance with the provisions of rule 40 except that flag Y will not be displayed and no sound signal will be made. This changes rule 40 and the preamble to part 4 of the RRS.
- 18.3. Boats shall give way to any ship underway in the Victoria Channel.

19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 19.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.
- 19.2. Support person vessels shall be identified with <description>.

20. TRASH DISPOSAL

- 20.1. Trash may be placed aboard official [or support person] vessels.

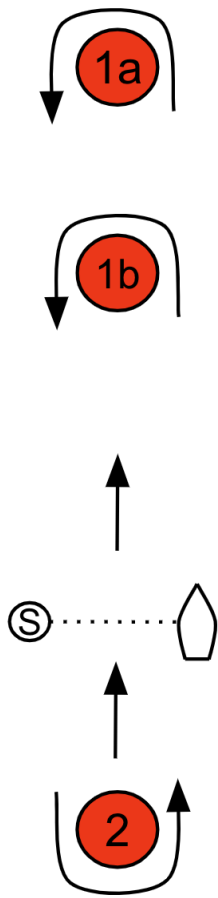
21. PRIZES

- 21.1. See Notice of Race 13.

22. RISK STATEMENT

- 22.1. See Notice of Race 10.

Addendum A - Dinghy Course



RS400 - Start - 1a - 2 - Start/Finish - 1a - 2 - Finish

PY Dinghy - Start - 1b - 2 - Start/Finish - 1b - 2 - Finish