



Ruffian 23 Irish National Championship

Carrickfergus Sailing Club

Friday 26th to Sunday 28th June

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 0900 on the day it will 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. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Alcorn Room.
- 3.2. The race office is located at the Starting Battery, email sailing@carrickfergussc.org.
- 3.3. On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel M2/P4.
- 3.4. The following communications may be made by the race committee on VHF channel M2/P4; courses, change of courses, shortening, postponement, abandonment, recalls.
- 3.5. [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

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 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1. See Notice of Race 6.

- 6.2. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

7. CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1. The Ruffian 23 Class flag is Numeral Pennant 4.

8. RACING AREA

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

9. COURSES

- 9.1. The diagram(s) in SI Addendum A show(s) the course(s), 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 left.
- 9.2. No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee signal vessel will display an International Code Flag to indicate the course to be sailed.
- 9.3. Except to start or finish no boat shall pass through the line in the downwind direction. Any boat in breach of this SI may be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes rules A5.1 and A5.2.

10. MARKS

- 10.1. The course marks, including starting and finishing marks, will be described at the competitors' briefing. A written summary of the descriptions will be posted on the Official Notice Board prior to the first warning signal.

11. THE START

- 11.1. The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 11.2. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 11.3. If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line during the two minutes before her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF channel M2/P4. A boat may not request redress based on the race committee's failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately. This changes RRS 61.1(a).
- 11.4. 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.

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.
- 12.2. Minor changes to the next leg of the course will not be signaled. This changes RRS 33.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1. The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port end finishing mark.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1. See Notice of Race 10.1

15. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 15.1. There is no time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish.
- 15.2. The target time for each race is 45 minutes.
- 15.3. The Finishing Window is 20 minutes.
- 15.4. The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, and A5.2.
- 15.5. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

16. HEARING REQUESTS

- 16.1. The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat 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.

17. SCORING

- 17.1. See Notice of Race 11.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1. [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1. [DP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- 19.2. [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

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

21. BERTHING

- 21.1. [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the marina.

22. PRIZES

- 22.1. See Notice of Race 16.

23. RISK STATEMENT

- 23.1. See Notice of Race 13.

Addendum A - Courses

Windward/Leeward Course - Flag W

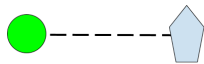


S - 1 - 2 - 3P/3S - S/F - 1 - 2 - 3P/3S - F

Marks 1 and 2 to be rounded to Port.

Marks 3P/3S are a gate.

Do NOT cross the Start/Finish line on legs from 2 to 3P/3S



Olympic Triangle - Flag T



S - 1 - 2 - 3 - S/F - 1 - 3 - S/F - 1 - 2 - 3 - F

Marks 1, 2 and 3 to be rounded to Port.

Do NOT cross the Start/Finish line on legs from 1 to 3.

