



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

for

Star European Championship 2011

1 Rules:

1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) except as any of these are modified by the Notice of Race and/or Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereto.

1.2 RRS Appendix P will apply. RRS Appendix P is changed to permit the hail to a protested boat to be either sail number or bow number.

1.3 The prescriptions of the national authority ISA apply per NOR. (See SI 22).

1.4 Racing rules 35, 62.2 and 66 are changed as follows: RRS 35 will be changed to provide that boats not finishing within 60 minutes after the first boat to finish will be scored "Did Not Finish" without a hearing. RRS 62.2 and 66 will be changed to shorten the time for requesting redress and requesting that a hearing be re-opened on the last day of racing.

1.5 Attention is drawn to Irish Marine Legal requirement Notice of Race 1.9 Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices (pfd's) at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. This changes RRS 40 and the Preamble to Part 4.

2 Notices to Competitors:

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located outside the race office in the RStGYC lower ground floor.

3 Crew Weight:

3.1 Crews must comply with class rule 31.1.3 at all times. During the series spot weight controls will be carried out. Ten percent (10%) of the crews will be weighed each day before the protest time limit expires. Crews found to be in violation of the rule shall be subject to disqualification without a hearing from any race sailed on the day of the violation. This change RRS 63.1 and A5

3.2 Crew weighing will take place in the room adjacent to the RStGYC race office. A notice will be posted at the finishing line and on the official notice board within 10 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks. Crews selected for weighing shall present themselves at the race office for weighing as soon as possible after the notice is posted and no later than the expiry of the protest time limit. Failure to do so shall be deemed to be in violation of class rule 31.1.3.

4 Changes in the Sailing Instructions:

4.1 Changes in the Sailing Instructions will be approved by the Jury and the Organizing Authority and will be posted before 0900 hours of the day they will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

5 Signals Ashore:

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the club main mast yard arm.

5.2 Code flag "AP" when displayed ashore means that the start has been postponed. The Warning Signal will be made not less than 90 minutes after the lowering of the signal.





6 Schedule of Measurement, Registration and Races

6.1 Registration & Measurement:

Friday 2nd September 1000 – 1800
Saturday 3rd September 0900 - 1700

6.2 Schedule of Races per STCR 27.2

Sunday 4th September	Race 1
Monday 5th September	Races 2 & 3
Tuesday 6th September	Race 4
Wednesday 7th September	Race 5
Thursday 8th September	Race 6
Friday 9th September	Race 7
Saturday 10th September	Reserve Day

6.3 The Race Committee may change the schedule. No more than 3 races per day may be sailed as per STCR 34.3.7

6.4 The scheduled time of the warning signal when there is one race is 13hrs00 and 11hrs30 when there is more than one race.

6.5 There will be no warning signal made after 15:00 on Saturday 10th September.

7 Class Flag:

7.1 The Class Flag shall be the International Star class flag.

8 Racing Area:

8.1 The racing area will be Dublin Bay.

9 Course:

9.1 Course "0", Course "1", Course "3", or Course "4", STCR 34.3, Format B, STCR 34.3.7 will be used. The Race Committee signal boat will display the course number by placard, prior to the Warning Signal, to indicate the course.

9.2 The approximate compass bearing from Mark 3 (or Marks 3S and 3P) to Mark 1 will be displayed on the Race Committee signal boat prior to or with the Warning Signal.

9.3 The courses will not be shortened. This changes RRS 32.

9.4 Lengths of legs of the course will not be changed after the Preparatory Signal, this changes RRS 33.

10 Marks:

10.1 Except as provided for in SI 10.2, 10.3, 10.4, 10.5, and 14.1 marks will be large yellow tetrahedron shaped inflatable marks.

10.2 A new mark will be large black inflatable mark. If a new mark is subsequently changed, it will be replaced with an original mark.

10.3 If employed, a "leeward gate" will consist of a pair of course marks, as described in SI 10.1, except if a new mark is used they will be changed to comply with SI 10.2

10.4 For Courses "3" and "4", Mark 2 will be a spherical orange buoy.

10.5 At any mark beginning a downwind leg on courses "0" and "1" the Race Committee will set an off-set mark. In that case, boats shall pass Mark 1 to port, and then round the off-set mark to port. The off-set mark will be a spherical orange buoy.





11 Check In:

11.1 Prior to the first Warning Signal of the first race a boat sails each day, boats shall sail past the stern of the Race Committee signal boat to be recorded. RRS A4.1 is changed to provide that boats not complying with this instruction will receive, without a hearing, the same score as a boat not starting. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5

12 The Start:

12.1 The starting line will be between a red/white pole (or main mast) from which an orange flag is displayed on the Race Committee signal boat and a red/white pole (or main mast) on the port end committee boat. In the event of the port end committee boat not being on station, it will be substituted by a candy strip large inflatable mark.

12.2 A boat not starting within 10 minutes after the Starting Signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

12.3 A Race Committee boat displaying Code flag "G" may pass to windward of the fleet in the event of an abandonment, postponement or general recall which means: "The Race Committee has signaled an abandonment, postponement or general recall. Boats are to return to the starting area immediately."

12.4 A Race Committee boat displaying Code flag "X" positioned near Mark 1 will attempt to notify premature starters and will display their bow numbers.

12.5 A Race Committee boat displaying a black flag positioned near Mark 1 will attempt to notify boats that have been disqualified in accordance with RRS 30.3 and will display their bow numbers. Any boat notified that she has been disqualified shall leave the race course immediately. However, if there are two races scheduled for that day, boats having been disqualified in the first race may stand by in an area outside the race course for the second race.

13 Change of Position of the Next Mark:

13.1 To change the position of the next mark, the race committee will lay a new black inflatable mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the mark may not yet be in position.

14 The Finish:

14.1 The finishing line will be between a red/white pole (or main mast) from which an orange flag is displayed on a Race Committee boat and candy stripe inflatable mark.

15 Time Limit:

15.1 The time limit will be 3 hours as described in STCR 34.3.7 Format B.

15.2 RRS 35, A4 and A5 is changed to provide that boats finishing more than 60 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored "Did Not Finish" without a hearing.

16 Protests:

16.1 Protest forms are available in the race office in the RStGYC. Protest shall be delivered there within the Protest Time limit.

16.2 Protests shall be received within one hour of the Race Committee finish boat signal boat docking time. Protest Time will be posted on the Notice Board.

16.3 Notices will be posted on the official notice board within 30 minutes of the Protest Time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in meeting room opposite the race office at the time posted.

16.4 A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 will be posted as soon as possible after the protest time limit.

16.5 Boats recorded on the finishing list as having not started or not finished will be posted on the Notice Board ½ hour before the end of Protest Time.

16.6 On the last day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:

- (a) Within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;





(b) No later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed

16.7 On the last day of racing a request for redress based on a jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

16.8 The Penalty for breaking SI and 12.4, 18, 19.1, 20, 21 and 23 will be at the discretion of the jury. For SI 20 the penalty may be applied to all boats associated with the team or private support boat.

17 Scoring:

17.1 The Low Point scoring system, RRS Appendix A, will apply; modified so that each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with the worst score discarded if more than 4 races are completed. Seven races are scheduled, of which four (4) races shall be completed to constitute a series.

17.2 There will be a Master's Division for skippers aged 50 years and over by the start of the first race. Entrants in this division will be competing for both the Masters' Championship and the overall Championship.

18 Liability and Safety:

18.1 The safety of a boat and her entire management, including insurance, shall be the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner and/or entrant.

18.2 Competitors leaving the race course before the end of a race shall inform the Race Committee as soon as possible. Competitors not leaving the dock on a race day shall inform the race office +3531 280 1811.

19 Crew Changes:

19.1 Any request for a change of crew must be submitted to the International Jury in writing prior to 0900 hours on the day of the race for which the change is to be made. If the International Jury grants permission, it will do so in writing and post such notice on the Notice Board.

19.2 A change of helmsman will not be permitted.

20 Team and Private Support Boats:

20.1 Coach boats will be required to register with the Organizing Authority and fly the coach boat identifying flag provided.

20.2 Coach boats and private spectator boats are expected to render assistance to a boat in danger when requested by the boat, or at the request of the Race Committee or jury.

20.3 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay 100 meters outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the Warning Signal until all boats have finished racing.

20.4 A yacht shall receive no outside assistance from support boats or otherwise once she has left the dock for the day until the finish of the last race of the day, except in the case of emergency and/or towing supplied by the organizer and available to all participants

21 Haul out Restrictions:

21.1 All boats shall be berthed, when not sailing, at the pontoons on the East side of the Carlisle Pier, commencing on Saturday 3 September 2011 at 17.30 hours until the end of the Championship. The only exception to this will be in the event that the Emergency Plan is invoked, see 21.3 below

21.2 All boats shall be afloat from 17.00 hours on Saturday 3 September 2011 until the end of the Championship. Boats shall not be hauled out during the Championship except with and in accordance with the prior written permission of the measurer or his representative or the International Jury.

21.3 In the event that sea conditions at the berthing pontoons give rise to concern that boats may be damaged an Emergency Plan will come into operation. Details of the Plan will be given to Competitors at Registration and will be available on the Championship website. If possible a specific briefing will be given on the required procedure

Activation of the Emergency Plan will be indicated by the hoisting of Flag O on the Flagship (when at sea) and on the Club mast.





22 ISA Prescriptions which apply to The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2009 – 2012

RRS 5 Anti-Doping

The ISA has adopted the World Anti-Doping Code. The Code is available from the ISA and is reproduced on the ISA's website, www.sailing.ie and on the ISAF website www.sailing.org.

RRS 68 Damages

No claims for damages arising from an infringement of any of the rules, as defined, shall be adjudicated upon by any protest committee or appeal authority but shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.

RRS 86.3 Rule Changes

The written approval of the ISA is required for the implementation of rule 86.3.

RRS 88.2 Changes to National Authority Prescriptions

Notices of race and sailing instructions shall not change a prescription of the ISA. However, when an international jury has been appointed for an event, only the prescriptions to rules 5, 68, 86.3 and 88.2 shall apply.

23 Radio Communication:

23.1 A boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions (including cellular telephone), while racing.

24 Prizes:

24.1 Perpetual Trophies will be awarded in accordance with STCR 24.

24.2 Prizes will be awarded to the skipper and crew, as follows:

Championship Series - places 1st to 6th.

Daily Races - places 1st to 3rd.

Master's Division - 1st place

25 Disclaimer of Liability:

Participants agree that no person or organization involved in the conduct of this Championship will be liable for any accident, injury, fatality, or damage or loss of boat or personal property arising out of a participant's preparation for or participation in any on-the-water or on-shore activities (whether social, recreational, launching, hauling, boat storage or otherwise) associated with the Championship. Nothing in these Sailing Instructions or oral statements by the Organizing Authority, their officers, directors or agents, shall modify or otherwise impair the effect of the Waiver of Liability Form, the execution of which is a condition of entry.

