



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

ROYAL SAINT GEORGE YACHT CLUB END OF SEASON RACE

Friday 1st. September 2017

1. **FORMAT OF THE EVENT:** There will be **one** race of duration approximately one hour with different start times for each type of yacht. Starts will be at one minute intervals, starting with slower boats. The overall winner is the first boat to finish. Starting handicaps **listed on a separate sheet** are established by a secret formula.
2. **ADVERTISING:** There is no limit or restrictions on advertising.
3. **ENTRIES:** All boat owners and helmsmen must be a member of the RStGYC. In order to ensure that all intending competitors are given a fair handicap, owners on boats which are not One-Design and are not listed on the list of start times, are asked to advise the Sailing Manager in the R.St.G.Y.C. of their boat name, type and sail number and IRC, ECHO, or PY Handicap at least 7 days prior to the race. It is recommended that members would use the on- line entry system.
4. **ENTRY FEE:** There is no entry fee. It is suggested that each boat would make a contribution of €5 per crew member to The RNLI.
5. **ELIGIBILITY:** The race is open to all mono-hull sailing boats, including dinghies and keelboats. Junior classes (Optimist, Mirror, Feva) may not compete.
6. **COMPLIANCE WITH CLASS RULES:** Class rules will not apply. In the interests of safe navigation, all yachts and dinghies are advised to carry a compass and VHF in addition to safety requirements of class rules.
7. **RACING AREA:** The race area will be north of Dun Laoghaire Harbour Pier Heads.
8. **SIGNALS ASHORE:** Signals Ashore will be hoisted on the yardarm of the R.St.G.Y.C.
Flag N over A- All classes abandoned.
Flag N over D. Dinghy classes abandoned.
9. **RACING RULES:** The race will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017- 2020 as published by 'World Sailing'.
The following rules are modified:

Rule 26 (Starting Races) is modified to read '**Starting Times for each boat shall be as listed in the list of start times**'.

Rule 26 (Starting Races) is modified to read '**Times shall be taken from *sound signals***. The absence of *visual signals* shall be disregarded'.

Rule 26 (Starting Races) is modified to read '**There will be no *warning signal***. The only *preparatory signal* will be at 18.00 hrs.'

Rule 26 (Starting Races) is modified to read 'The *One Minute Signal* will be one minute before the start time, and the ***preparatory flag will not be removed***.

10. **TIMING.** The committee boat will hoist Numeral Code Flags at five minute intervals starting with Numeral One at 18.00, Numeral Two at 18.05 etc. The purpose of these flags is to assist competitors with their start times. Times will also be advised by VHF, Channel 77.
11. **COMPETITORS TO ADVISE THE COMMITTEE BOAT:** All competitors are required to sail alongside the committee boat in order to alert the committee boat of their sail number.
12. **DUTY OF CARE:** The RRS apply to all boats both large and small. Large boats must keep an effective watch to avoid collisions with small boats. Large boats must 'give way' to small boats who have 'Right-of-Way'. All boats are asked to keep watch to avoid foiling boats which can travel at high speed.
13. **TAKING A PENALTY:** For all classes Rule 44.1 (Penalties at the time of an incident.) shall apply, with one and two turn penalties.
14. **THE COURSE:** Courses shall be indicated on a board on the *flagship*. Courses may also be indicated on VHF. Courses may be *shortened* at any *mark* by displaying Flag 'S' in accordance with R.R.S. Rules. All *marks* to be rounded will be fixed D.B.S.C. Marks. (Bearings and distances between marks are indicated on **D.B.S.C. course cards**.) Competitors must note that the start may be away from the wind, and that the finish may be upwind. All **foiling craft** are required to sail two laps of the course. When one lap is completed the foiling yachts shall pass through the start line (as a gate) in the same direction as the other competitors. All **non-foiling craft** are required to sail one lap of the course.
15. **STARTING TIMES:** A list of **starting times** for all boats will be published on the R.St.G.Y.C. website before the event. Any boats missing from this list should contact the Sailing Manager in the RSTGYC as soon as possible. A *preparatory signal* for all boats will be sounded at 17.55hrs. The list of starting times will be available in the club on the day of the event. Code flags will be hoisted on the Committee vessel to assist with starting times. Long sound signals shall be made at 5 minute intervals and short sound signals at one minute intervals and a Numeral Code Flag erected to assist competitors to start on the correct time. Starting times may be advised by VHF.
16. **START LINE:** The start line is between the flagship flying a R.St.G.Y.C. Burgee and

an inflatable mark at a distance of approximately 100m. from her. All boats must start in the direction of the first mark.

17. **FINISH LINE:** The finish line is between the flagship flying a R.St.G.Y.C. Burgee and an inflatable mark at a distance of approximately 100m. from her. All boats must finish in the direction from the last mark.
18. **TIME LIMIT:** There is no time limit. The Race Officer will endeavour to shorten the course in the event of light winds. Every effort will be made to conclude racing before darkness falls.
19. **SCORING:** The winner is the first boat to finish.
20. **PRIZES:** The Shindilla Cup is presented to the first keelboat to finish. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organising committee.
21. **RESPONSIBILITY:** The responsibility for deciding to race or continuing to race rests entirely with the skipper of each yacht. The safety of a yacht and her crew and her entire management including insurance shall be the responsibility of the owner of the yacht. All boats must be adequately insured against third party liability. The Royal St. George Yacht Club or their respective representatives will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, or prior to, during, or after the Race.