



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

ROYAL SAINT GEORGE YACHT CLUB BEGINNING OF SEASON EVENT

Sunday 8 May 2016
HW 13.25

N. B. AS THESE REGULATIONS DO NOT FOLLOW A STANDARD FORMAT, YOU ARE RECOMMENDED TO READ EACH ITEM CAREFULLY.

1. **FORMAT OF THE EVENT:** There will be **two** courses for the event, a longer outer loop course for the faster boats, and a slower inner loop course for the slower boats. The objective is to have a sociable event and communicate with as many competitors on the other boats on the race course as possible.
1. **ADVERTISING:** There is no limit or restrictions on advertising.
2. **ENTRIES:** All boat owners and helmsmen must be a member of the RStGYC. Entries shall be made on the on-line entry system at www.rsgyc.ie Members without access to computers can enter directly with the Sailing Manager, Ronan Adams.
3. **ENTRY FEE:** There is €5 entry fee for all boats regardless of size. The entry money will be forwarded to a charity selected by the Commodore.
4. **ELIGABILITY:** The race is open to all mono-hull sailing boats, including dinghies and keelboats. Moths are welcome. Junior classes (Optimist, Mirror, Feva) may not compete unless there is an adult on board.
5. **COMPLIANCE WITH CLASS RULES:** Class rules will not apply. (If your class rules limit numbers of crew, the rule is waved for this event.)
6. **BRIEFING:** There will be a briefing at 12:30 held at the Quarterdeck where Communication

forms can be picked up. Late entries will be accepted with a late entry fee of €10.

7. COMMUNICATION FORMS: You are asked to collect the communication forms at the briefing. You should fill in the form during the event, and return it to the Officer of the day on completion of the event.

8. START TIMES FOR SLOW CLASSES

Slow boats Water Wags	14.00 hrs.
Glens.....	14.03 hrs.
Parent and child teams in Fevas	14.06 hrs.
Special needs Squibs and Laser 4.7	14.09 hrs.
Shipmans and Laser Radial.....	14.12 hrs.
Mermaids, Lasers and Squibs and OK.....	14.15hrs.
Ruffians. Cruiser 3 (slow group).....	14.18 hrs.

9. COURSE FOR SLOW CLASSES:

Start line between laid buoys in Dun Laoghaire Harbour.

Pass between pier heads.

Leave laid mark outside Harbour to **Starboard**.

Pass between Dalkey Island and Ireland.

Leave Dalkey Island to **Port**.

Leave laid mark outside Harbour to **Port**.

Finish between laid buoys in Dun Laoghaire Harbour.

10. START TIMES FOR FAST CLASSES.

1. Dragon, Cruiser 3 (fast group) and RS200..... **14.21hrs.**
2. All white sail cruisers and Finn..... **14.24hrs.**
3. SB20, Cruisers 2, Fireball and RS400
4. 1720, Cruiser 1 and 0 and Moths

11. COURSE FOR FAST CLASSES:

Start line between laid buoys in Dun Laoghaire Harbour.

Pass between pier heads.

Leave DBSC Harbour mark to **Starboard**.

Pass between Dalkey Island and Ireland.

Leave Killiney Outfall mark to **Port**.

Leave Dalkey Island to **Port**.

Leave DBSC Harbour mark to **Port**.

Finish between laid buoys in Dun Laoghaire Harbour.

12. **SIGNALS ASHORE:** Signals Ashore will be hoisted on the yardarm of the R.St.G.Y.C.

Flag N- All classes cancelled.

Flag N over D. Dinghy classes cancelled.

13. **RACING RULES:** The race will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013- 2016 as published by the 'International Sailing Federation'.

The following rules are modified:

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

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 13.55 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.***

14. **COMPETITORS TO CARRY VHF:** In the interests of safety, it is recommended that all competitors carry a VHF. (ALL RACE MANAGEMENT AND EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ON CHANNEL 77)

15. **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 make almost no noise when travelling at high speed.

16. **START LINE:** The start line is between the flagship (RedBay Rib- Navy) 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 (RedBay Rib- Navy) 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. Yachts with engines are asked to keep a look out for yachts without engines.
19. **SCORING:** The winner will be the boat which has recorded the highest number of communications with other competitors.
20. **PRIZES:** Prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organising committee at the barbecue in the Clubhouse following the event afloat.
21. **RESPONSIBILITY:** The responsibility for deciding to race or continuing to partake 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 insured against third party liability for a sum of not less than €1,200,000 for any one accident. 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 Charity Race.