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Welcome

On behalf of the flag officers, committee and members of the Royal St. George Yacht club I am delighted to welcome the Sigma 33 Class for their Class and Irish Championship 2018. In particular I extend a warm welcome to those who have travelled long distances to participate in the event.

The first Sigma 33 to sail from the Royal St. George was òEggemogginö sailed by Adrian Lee in 1984. This is the first occasion that the club has run the class championships.

Nowadays it is not possible to run these events without sponsors I really appreciate their commitment and particularly the continuous support by members.

I really hope that you have a great event and very enjoyable racing and enjoy the facilities of the club.

Best wishes,

Michael Pomeroy
Commodore



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Welcome

The Sigma 33 East Coast Association wishes to extend a warm welcome to all competitors for the Sigma 33 Class and Irish Championships 2018. A special welcome to our visitors from five countries and I hope that you all have very enjoyable racing.

Special thanks to our sponsors:

- UK Sailmakers, sponsors of daily prizes
- Barr Pomeroy Chartered Accountants, sponsors of silver fleet
- Frank Keane BMW, sponsors
- Viking Marine, sponsors

I would like to take this opportunity to express the thanks of the Class to all the staff of the club, to all involved in the race management, ribs and event office and finally, the committee running the event, Joe Conway, Gary Matthews, Mary O'Rahilly, Ken Slattery and Ian Bowering.

Wishing you all the very best for the event.

Fair winds and good sailing.

Paddy Maguire
Class Captain



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High water Dun Laoghaire (IST):

Friday 22 June	07.37
Saturday 23 June	08.39
Sunday 24 June	09.37

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, and by the Class Rules as set out in the 2018 Handbook of the Sigma 33 OOD Class Association.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of Irish Sailing will apply and can be found at: www.sailing.ie
- 1.3 RRS 55 is changed by adding the following sentence to the rule: ~~However~~, discarding elastic or wool bands when setting a sail will not be considered a breach of this ruleø [DP]
- 1.4 RRS Appendix A is changed as defined in Sailing Instructions 10 (Starting), 13 (Time Limits) and 16 (Scoring).

2. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board beside the Race office on the lower deck of RStGYC

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

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.

4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Club flagpole on the hardstanding in front of the RStGYC Clubhouse.
- 4.2 When IC Flag AP is displayed ashore, ð1 minuteö is replaced with ðnot less than 60 minutesö in the race signal AP.

5. Schedule of Races

- 5.1 The regatta will consist of a single series of 10 races over three days.
- 5.2 Friday 22 June: up to 3 races back to back, first start 1100.
Saturday 23 June: up to 4 races back to back, first start 1030.
Sunday 24 June: back to back races to complete the series, to a max of 4, first start 1100
- 5.3 To alert boats that a race will begin soon, the Orange Starting Line Flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least five minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 5.4 No warning signal will be made after 1530 on Sunday.

6. Class Flag

The Class flag will be IC Flag E. This does not require to be displayed by competitors.

7. Racing Area

- 7.1 Racing will take place in Dublin Bay.
- 7.2 Courses round fixed racing marks will be within, approximately, a two-mile radius of the start area.

8. The Courses

- 8.1 Courses will normally be windward/leeward type, as shown in Appendix A to these Sailing Instructions
- 8.2 However, the Race Officer at his discretion, may use fixed marks for setting a course. In this case, the Committee Boat will display IC Flag F and the course to be sailed will be notified to boats via VHF and displayed on the Committee Boat.
- 8.3 No later than the warning signal, the Committee Boat will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

9. The Marks

- 9.1 Descriptions of marks are in Appendix A
- 9.2 New marks, as provided in instruction 11, will also be inflatable marks.

10. The Start

- 10.1 The Start line will be between the red/white pole or main mast (flying an orange flag) on the Committee Boat and the course side of the port end start mark.
- 10.2 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes RRS A4 and A5.

11. Change of the next leg of the Course

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 11.2 In order to maintain the integrity of the course, the Race Officer may make minor adjustments to the positioning of the marks; In this case, these movements will not be signalled. This changes RRS 33

12. The Finish

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between the red/white pole or main mast on the Committee Boat and the course side of the finish mark, unless the course is shortened in which case

it will be between the mast or staff flying IC Flag S and the course side of the adjacent mark.

- 12.2 If a second round of the windward/leeward course is NOT to be sailed, this will be signalled by a committee boat in the vicinity of Marks 2 displaying IC Flags F and making repeated sound signals, and boats should proceed to the finish line where the Committee Boat will be displaying IC Flag S.

13. Time Limits

- 13.1 For all races, the time limit shall be 1.5 hours
13.3 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

14. Protests

- 14.1 Protest forms are available at the race office, beside the Race office on the lower deck of RStGYC. Protests, requests for redress and requests for the reopening of a hearing shall be delivered there within 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day, or the Race Committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The Protest Time Limit will be posted on the Protests Noticeboard in the RStGYC Clubhouse.
14.2 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of the hearings in which they are parties or named witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room within the RStGYC Clubhouse, beginning at the time posted.
14.3 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1 (b).
14.4 Breaches of instructions 18, 20 and 21 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1 (a).
14.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

15 Arbitration

An Arbitration System will be available for this event and competitors are recommended to resolve disputes using this method. Boats penalised under this system may accept a 25% penalty. See the Official Notice Board for details. RRS Appendix T will apply. If a party is not present at an arbitration meeting, any party that was present may take a Post-Race Penalty at any time until the Protest Committee has completed taking evidence. This changes RRS T1 (a).

16. Scoring

- 16.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series. If less than three races are completed no result shall be declared and the Championship Trophy shall be returned to the Sigma 33 Class Association.
16.2 When fewer than 5 races have been completed a yacht's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 5 or more races have been completed a yacht's series score will exclude her worst score.
16.3 A boat that did not start, did not finish, or retired after finishing shall score points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats confirmed at registration. A boat

- disqualified shall be scored additional points equal to 10% of the number of boats registered, fractions raised to highest whole number. This changes RRS A4.2.
- 16.4 When rule A8.1 fails to break a tie it shall stand as part of the final result and each of the joint winners shall hold the Championship Trophy for an equal part of the next year, the exact dates to be decided by the Organising Authority. RRS A8.2 will not apply.
- 17. Prizes**
Prizes will be awarded as described in the Notice of Race.
- 18. Safety Regulations**
A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. [DP]
- 19. Equipment and Measurement Checks**
19.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules and Sailing Instructions.
19.2 Compliance with Class Association Rules will be checked by use of the Class Association Standard Inspection Form. The first three boats based on overall results for each day may be inspected by Class Association committee members after the completion of racing, except that a boat already inspected will be replaced by the 4th, 5th etc boat as necessary. Copies of the Standard Inspection Form will be available at registration and can be downloaded from the Class Association website www.sigma33.co.uk.
- 20. Haul-out restrictions**
Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee. [DP]
- 21. Radio Communications**
21.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive communications not available to other boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. [DP]
21.2 Race Committee communications will use VHF Ch 77.
- 22. Insurance**
Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 or equivalent per incident
- 23. Disclaimer of Liability**
Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personnel injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
Skippers are reminded that they must draw their crew's attention to the contents of the Risk Assessment included in the Entry Form, copies of which are available from the Race Office and also displayed on the Official Noticeboard.

APPENDIX A

Windward / Leeward Course

Description of Race Marks

Start Mark:

The start mark will be a candy stripe inflatable mark

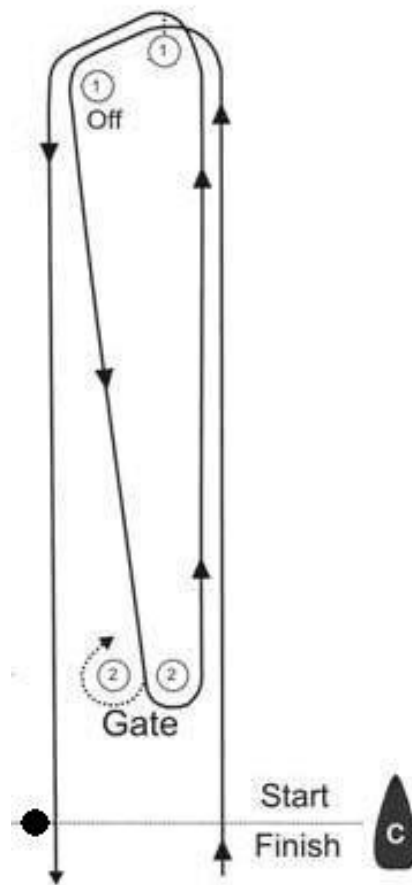
Course Marks:

The course marks will be black inflatable marks

Alternate Marks:

The alternative marks will be yellow inflatable marks

Finish Mark:



The finish mark will be a red dan type buoy

Course: Start ó 1 (P) ó 1 Off (P) ó 2 (gate) ó 1 (P) ó 1 Off (P) ó Finish

(Mark 2 is ONLY a mark of the course at the end of the first round. If only one mark is laid instead of a gate it shall be left to Port)



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We wish all competitors the best of luck
and safe sailing this weekend



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