



# SB20 Western Championships

Royal St George Yacht Club

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2020

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), prescriptions of Irish Sailing and the SB20 Class Rules, including amendments to the Notice of Race (NOR), these sailing instructions and any other amendments thereto. In the event of a conflict between the NOR and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions (SI) shall prevail.
- 1.2 Class Rule C.3.1 will not apply i.e. crews will not have to comply with the maximum Crew Weight Limit.
- 1.3 Class Rule C.5.1(1) is deleted. There is no requirement to carry a bucket and lanyard.
- 1.4 Class Rule C.5.1(2) is deleted. There is no requirement to carry a non-floating line, minimum of 30m long of not less than 8mm in diameter.
- 1.5 Class rule C.5.1(7) is deleted and replaced with "Two paddles of combined minimum weight not less than 1kg." This weight requirement will be strictly policed. Added weight will not be treated as part of the paddle.
- 1.6 Class Rule C.5.2 (17) is deleted (horseshoe lifebuoy).
- 1.7 **Class Rule C.5.2 (18) remains in place.** Please ensure the anchor is of adequate weight, type and the line is of sufficient length, to secure your boat in Dublin Bay.
- 1.8 An additional purchase may be added to each jib sheet, terminating the sheet at the sail end, no restriction on type or size of additional/replacement block used shall apply. It must, however, be attached to the LM supplied jib car. Jib sheet minimum base rope diameter before tapering is modified to 5 mm. This changes Class Rule C. 9. 5.
- 1.9 **Positioning / Hiking :**
  - a) When hiking or sitting outboard, crews shall sit facing inboard in such a way that the base of their spine or legs are not on or over the side rails, or outside the forward extension of the line of the side rails, and

b) No device, method or sheet may be used to implement or assist hiking or sitting outboard other than the foot straps. Hiking from the backstay is explicitly prohibited. Boats signalled by the jury for violating the above Positioning /Hiking requirement shall immediately take a one turn penalty.

- 1.10 Appendix P (RRS 42 compliance & Penalties), as modified by SI 15.2, will apply.
- 1.10.1 Other Part 2 Racing Rules infringements may be signalled by the jury on the water and a 360 penalty shall be taken to exonerate an infringing boat. See S.I. 15 'Penalties' below

## 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the official notice board at the R.St.G.Y.C. and on the regatta webpage <https://www.rsgyc.ie/2020/07/techworks-marine-sb20-western-championships-august-8th-9th/>
- 2.2 The Race Committee may draw attention to Race Signals given on the Committee Boat and communicate other information on VHF at any time. The Race Committee will transmit on VHF Channel 77 or another channel as displayed on the committee boat. Failure to transmit or to receive such communication will not be grounds for redress by a boat. This changes rule 62.1(a).

## 3. SPONSORS' ADVERTISING AND BOW NUMBERS

- 3.1 World Sailing Regulation 20 will apply.
- 3.2 Boats may be required to display sponsors' stickers these shall be affixed, as directed at Registration, before the start of the first race.

## 4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 9.00 on Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> August and before 09.00 on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted on the official notice board (see 2.1 above) by 20.00 on the day before it will take effect.

## 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the club flagpole.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP


## 6. TIME OF BRIEFING, SCHEDULE OF RACES AND NUMBER OF RACES

- 6.1 Competitor Briefing: in light of factors including Covid 19 and boats located in different Clubs on Saturday morning, there will be no "live" briefing. The RO has prepared top line Briefing Notes covering the Racing and questions arising should be submitted on the SB 20 Whatsapp Group ASAP -- close off time 9 pm on Friday 7<sup>th</sup>.
- 6.2 Schedule of Races – Six (6) races are scheduled:

Date	Time of first Warning Signal	Number of Races Scheduled	High Water Dun Laoghaire	Low Water Dun Laoghaire
Saturday, 8 <sup>th</sup> August	11.55	Maximum of 4 races	15:36 3.6m	9:00
Sunday, 9 <sup>th</sup> August	10.55	As many races as are required to complete the series, to a maximum of 4	16:13 3.4m	9:39

- 6.3 The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable.
- 6.4 The Race Committee reserves the right to alter the schedule of races to provide optimal racing for competitors. Any changes to the Sailing Instructions and Race Schedule will be posted on the SB20 Class Facebook page and outside the Race Office before 20-00 the night before they take effect.
- 6.5 The Race Committee intend that no warning signal will be made after 1500 hrs. on the last day but reserves the right to start after that time in order to complete a series. Such delay will not be grounds for redress.

## **7. CLASS FLAG**

- 7.1 The class flag will be code flag Numeral 7 

## **8. RACING AREA**

- 8.1 Racing will be in waters in and around Dublin Bay. Club racing on the Saturday will mean the bay will be busy so the race area may be a long way from the harbour. Leave plenty of time to reach the racing area.

## **9. THE COURSE**

- 9.1 The course will be of the Windward/Leeward type. The diagram in **Addendum A** shows the course, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left. The order of mark rounding shall be: Start-1-2-3s or 3p-1-2-3s or 3p-Finish. Marks 3s and 3p may be replaced by a single mark, to be left to port.
- 9.2. Committee Boat will signal (VHF+Board) number of Rounds to be sailed ie. 1 or 2 or 3.
- 9.3 No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee may display the approximate compass bearing to Mark 1.

## **10. MARKS**

- 10.1 Marks 1, 2 and 3s and 3p will be black inflatable marks. The spreader mark may be replaced by a small dan buoy type mark.
- 10.2 Marks may be moved during racing to maintain the course configuration. Minor adjustments will not be signaled.
- 10.3 The Start Mark will be a dan buoy with a pole and orange flag.
- 10.4 The Finish Mark will be small orange tea bag.
- 10.5 Inner Distance Mark, if laid, will be a spherical buoy.

## **11. THE START**

- 11.1 Races will be started in accordance with rule 26.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between a candy-stripe pole on the Race Committee boat, at the starboard end and the Start Mark at the port end.
- 11.3 When an inner distance mark is laid, it is a starting limit mark that shall be left on the same side as the nearby committee boat. A boat that breaches this SI shall sail across an extension to the pre-start side before starting. A boat that fails to do so will be scored Did Not Start, this changes rule A5
- 11.4 When the Race Committee determines that a boat has not complied with rule 29.1 or 30 or with sailing instruction 11.3, the Race Committee may broadcast the boat's sail number on the designated VHF channel, after the starting signal. Failure to broadcast, timing or errors in the broadcast, will not be grounds for a request for redress by a boat. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 11.5 When rule 30.4 (Black Flag Rule) applies, and following a general recall, the Race Committee may, in addition to the requirements of Rule 30.4, broadcast sail numbers on the designated VHF channel as soon as practicable. Failure to broadcast, or errors in the

broadcast, will not be grounds for a request for redress by a boat. This changes rule 62.1(a).

- 11.6 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule 63.1, A4 and A5.


## **12. CHANGE OF COURSE**

- 12.1 Minor adjustments of mark positions will not be signaled by the Race Committee.  
12.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the Race Committee vessel signaling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the committee vessel to starboard.

## **13. THE FINISH**

- 13.1 The finish line will be between a candy-striped pole on the finishing vessel and the finish mark.  
13.2 When the Blue Flag is displayed on the finishing vessel, no boat may pass through the finishing line in either direction, except to finish. Any boat in breach of this SI may be scored as DNF without a hearing. This changes rules 63.1, A4.1 and A5.

## **14. SHORTENING COURSE**

- 14.1 When a Race Committee vessel displaying Code Flag F , making repeated sound signals, is positioned adjacent to a mark or gate of the course, boats, having rounded that mark or passed through that gate, shall proceed directly to the Finish line to finish. SI 12.2 will apply.

## **15. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 15.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.  
15.2 Appendix P – immediate penalties for breaking rule 42 - will apply. Rule P2.1 is changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required. Rule P2.3 will not apply and rule P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.  
15.3 To encourage boats to take penalties afloat, protest committee members may blow a whistle and point a yellow flag at the infringing boat(s) when they see what they believe to be a breach of the RRS Part 2. They may then lodge a protest if no exonerating action (360 turn) is taken by the infringing boat(s).

## **16. TIME LIMIT**

- 16.1 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 30 minutes of the starting signal, the race shall be abandoned.  
16.2 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course as required by rule 28 and finish is 75 minutes.  
16.3 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, 63.1, A4 and A5.

## **17. PROTESTS, REQUESTS FOR REDRESS, ARBITRATION**

- 17.1 Boats intending to protest shall inform the Race Committee at the finish boat, either by hail at the finish of the race concerned or, if this is impractical, at the earliest opportunity.  
17.2 Protest forms are available on the regatta webpage see 2.1 above. Protests and request for redress shall be delivered there within the protest time limit and may be photographed and sent by email [sailingmanager@rsgyc.ie](mailto:sailingmanager@rsgyc.ie) or by Whatsapp to +353 86 890 0576.  
17.3 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.  
17.4 Notices will be posted on the official notice board within 15 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings may be held in a protest room, the location of which will be posted on the official virtual regatta notice (2.1 above) board or by ZOOM meeting. Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b)

- 17.5 Breaches of instructions 1, 19, 20, 21, and 26 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification.
- 17.6 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered: -  
(a) Within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;  
(b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.  
This changes Rule 66.
- 17.7 Arbitration will be available in accordance with RRS Appendix T.

## **18. SCORING**

- 18.1 The Low Points Series of rule Appendix A, will be used.
- 18.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.3 A boat's worst score will be excluded if 4 or more races are complete

## **19. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 19.1 All competitors shall wear adequate personal flotation devices at all times when afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Dry suits and wet suits are not adequate personal flotation devices.
- 19.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 19.3 Boats shall keep clear of commercial shipping at all times.
- 19.4 Competitors are advised to keep a close watch for numerous lobster pot lines in Dublin Bay .

## **20. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 20.1 Substitution of competitors (helm or crew) will not be allowed, except in a medical emergency, without prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- 20.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **21. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

- 21.1 A boat, crew, equipment and safety equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.
- 21.2 Competitors may be asked to conduct safety/measurement checks on a random boat assigned at registration.

## **22. OFFICIAL BOATS**

- 22.1 Jury RIBs, if present, will be identified by a flag bearing the word "JURY" or yellow flag.

## **23. COACH/SPECTATOR BOATS**

- 23.1 Coach boats shall register with the race office and display such marking as may be required by the Race Committee.

## **24. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS**

- 24.1 Boats shall not be removed from the water between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta. In an emergency, and only following a written request, the protest committee may waive this SI. As per NOR, berthing is provided at RSGYC pontoons.
- 24.2 In the event of foul weather, the organizing committee may direct that all boats moored be moved to another berth.

## **25. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

25.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pool or their equivalent shall not be used between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

## **26. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

26.1 A boat while racing shall neither make radio transmissions nor receive communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones, which shall be switched off while racing.

## **27. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €3,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

## **28. PRIZES**

28.1 Prize giving will take place as soon as possible following the conclusion of racing.

28.2 Prizes may be awarded as follows, subject to the number of entries in each category and at the discretion of the Organising Authority:

Overall: First, Second and Third

First Silver Fleet (as defined by the Organising Authority, the O.A. may decide the Silver Fleet in advance of racing or after day 1).

Also, subject to number of entries in these categories :

First Female Helm and first Youth (all crew under 30 years on December 31<sup>st</sup> 2020).

## **29. LIABILITY**

The Royal St. George Yacht Club, SB20 Ireland and their officers, members and volunteers do not accept liability for loss of life or property, or personal injury or damage caused by or arising out of the SB20 Western Championship 2020, including any pre-championship training at the championship site, and competitors take part in the championship entirely at their own risk. The establishment of the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions in no way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibilities of competitors being solely and entirely responsible for the management of a boat they are sailing. It is the responsibility of each competitor to participate in a race or to continue racing. A competitor is wholly and exclusively responsible for his or her personal accident and health insurance. The person in charge is wholly and exclusively responsible for his or her third party liability insurance on the boat that he or she is sailing.

## **30 DECISION TO RACE**

The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner, who must do his best to ensure that the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew, each of whom are physically fit and properly clothed to face bad weather. He/she must be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, steering equipment, rigging and sails and all gear. He/she must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed, and that the crew knows where it is kept and how it is used. Neither the establishment of these sailing instructions, their use by the sponsoring organizations, nor the inspection of a boat under these regulations, in anyway limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the owner. It is the sole and exclusive responsibility of each boat to decide whether or not to start or to continue to race.

ADDENDUM A – COURSE DIAGRAM

Note : May be 1 or 2 or 3 Rounds – Number of Rounds to be sailed (1 or 2 or 3) will be displayed on a Board on Committee Boat + V H F Radio during each Start sequence.

WINDWARD - LEEWARD COURSE DIAGRAM

