



29er - Mervue Laboratories 2022 Irish National Championships

Royal St. George Y. C.

Friday, 19th August to Sunday, 21st August 2022.

Dun Laoghaire, Dublin, Ireland.

Sailing Instructions

1 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 Penalties: In RRS 44.1 "Two-Turns Penalty" is changed to "One-Turn Penalty"
- 1.3 Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, shall apply, with RRS P2.1 to P2.4 deleted and replaced by:

"When a boat is penalised under RRS Appendix P1.2, her penalty shall be a One-Turn Penalty under rule 44.2. If she fails to take it, she shall be disqualified without a hearing."

- 1.4 The Class Rules will apply except for any that are altered by the Notice of Race. The Class Race Management Guidelines will also apply, but a failure to follow these Guidelines is not on its own grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

<https://29er.org/assets/29erMedia/pdf/29er%20RACE%20MANAGEMENT%20GUIDELINES%202022.pdf>

- 1.5 In the event of a conflict with the Notice of Race or Class Rules, these Sailing Instructions will prevail. This changes rule 63.7.

2 Green and Clean Regatta

- 2.1 As sailors, we seek to protect and restore our oceans, coastal waters, and shore environment.
- 2.2 [DP] Competitors shall not drop rubbish in the boat park or elsewhere, it may be placed in the facilities provided.
- 2.3 Whilst afloat rubbish may be placed aboard safety and patrol boats.
- 2.4 The use of single trip containers is discouraged, where possible water bottles should be refilled.
- 2.5 Competitors and support persons are expected to maintain a clean and tidy boat park.
- 2.6 Toxic cleaning products should be avoided.

3 Communication with Competitors

3.1 **Briefing:** There will be a Competitor Briefing at **10 am** on Friday 19th August 2022 on the Forecourt of the Royal. St George Y.C.

3.2 **Notice Board:** Competitors should note that it is anticipated that all communication for this event will be online on the Official Notice Board and the Event WhatsApp Group.

The online Official Notice Board is located [here:](#)

3.3 **Change to the sailing instructions:** will be posted on the online Official Notice Board at least one hour before the advertised warning signal of the race or races concerned and signalled by displaying IC flag L ashore. However, any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 19:00 on the day before it will take effect.

3.4 **Daily briefings:** MAY be held on each subsequent day of the event. In the event of a daily briefing, the time for same will be posted on the on- line Official Notice Board no later than 9 am each day.

3.5 **Signals made ashore** will be displayed on the main Royal St. George Club flagpole on the forecourt.

3.6 **The Class Flag** will be the J Flag

3.7 When IC Flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes'. This changes race signal AP in the race signals.

4 Changes to the Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least one hour before the scheduled start time on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be notified by the race committee before 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

5 Schedule

5.1

Day/Date	Time	
Thursday 18 th August 2022	17.00 - 19.00	Registration
Friday 19 th August 2022	09.00 – 10.00	Registration
	10. 00	Competitors' Briefing
	12 noon	First Warning Signal
		4 races back-to-back
Saturday 20 th August 2022	10.55	First Warning Signal
		4 races back-to-back
Sunday 21 st August	10.55	First Warning Signal
		4 races back-to-back
	15. 30	No Warning signal may be made after this time
	ASAP after last race	Prize Giving

5.2 12 races are scheduled with succeeding races being started as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race.

5.3 No more than 4 Races will be sailed each day

5.4 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:30.

6 Measurement

- 6.1 A boat or equipment may be measured at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

7 Racing Area

A number of race areas are available in the vicinity of Dublin Bay. Nominated areas will be confirmed at the Competitor Briefing bearing in mind weather conditions and other sailing activity on the bay.

8 The Course

The diagram in Attachment A shows the course, the course designation, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9 Marks

- 9.1 Marks 1P, will be a large black inflatable mark. Marks 2S and 2P will be orange pyramid marks.
- 9.2 **Start line** will be between a striped pole with an orange flag on the Committee Boat the starboard end, and a large candy-striped inflatable at the port end.
- 9.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with ONE sound signal not less than one minute before the warning signal is displayed.
- 9.4 **Finish Line** will be between a Pole with a Blue Flag on the Bow of the Committee Boat the starboard end, and a dan buoy with a blue flag at the port end.

10 Time Limits and Target Times

- 10.1 the time limit and target time in minutes are as follows:

Time Limit	Finish Window	Target Time
60	10	30

Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

- 10.2 Boats failing to finish within the finish window time after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 10.3 In addition to RRS 32, the race committee may also award a finishing score to a boat that is still racing by displaying to her from a committee vessel (which may be in motion) flag W with one sound signal. A boat so notified is no longer required to sail the course, shall stop racing, and shall return to the starting area, or return ashore if there is no more racing. A finishing score under this sailing instruction will be the score she would have received had she sailed the course and finished within any time limit, without gaining or losing any place. However, when two or more boats that are overlapped are notified, they will be scored as if they were tied. The decision by the race committee to use this procedure or not to use it shall not be grounds for requesting redress. This changes rules 60.1(b) and 62.1(a).

11 Protests, Penalties and Requests for Redress

- 11.1 Protests, equipment substitution and scoring inquiries are all to be completed online using [this link](#):
- 11.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the later.

- 11.3 Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board and may also be posted to the event WhatsApp Group no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 11.4 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted the Official Notice Board and may also be posted online at the [Virtual Race Office](#) to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 11.5 Penalties for breaches of class rules, RRS 55 or rules in the NoR and SI's marked [DP], are at the discretion of the protest committee.
- 11.6 Breaches of SI 14, Safety Regulations, will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes **RRS 60.1(a)**.

12 Arbitration

Appendix T (Arbitration) shall apply

13 Scoring

- 13.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 13.2 Where 3 or less races are completed, a boat's score shall be her combined total of her finishing places in those races. One discard will be applied to the boat's overall score where 4 or more races, but less than 10 races have been sailed. Where 10 or more races are completed, a boat's score shall be her combined total of her finishing places in those races excluding her two worst scores.
- 13.3 The boats overall score will be the total of all races in the event minus any discards.
- 13.4 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

14 Safety Regulations

- 14.1 [DP] Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices always while afloat, except briefly while adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 14.2 [DP] A boat that retires from a race, or does not intend to start a race, shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 14.3 [DP] All boats shall launch and recovery from the main slipway at the RSGYC.

15 Replacement of Crew or Equipment

- 15.1 [DP] Substitution of competitors, including swapping of helm/crew positions, will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee. If both crew and helm are replaced the boat will be regarded as a new entry.

16 Support Boats

- 16.1 [DP] Support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall, or abandonment. The Umpires are entitled to request support persons to leave the race area.

17 Radio Communication

17.1 [DP] Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

18 Prizes

The prizes to be awarded are listed in the Notice of Race.

19 Risk Statement

19.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

19.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event.

b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat, and their other property whether afloat or ashore.

c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission.

d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.

e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.

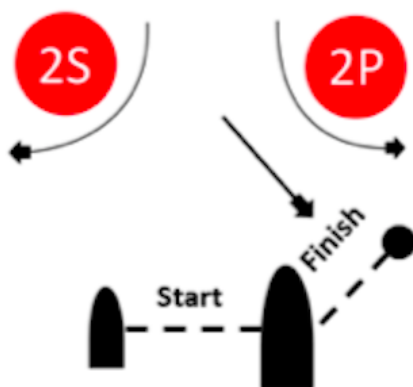
f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

g) It is their responsibility to familiarize themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

h) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3 million (or equivalent in Euros) against third-party claims, or the equivalent in other currencies.

i) In compliance with the International 29er Class association class rules section C.3.1 (b),

Attachment A



Number of rounds will be displayed on the committee vessel.

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
L2	Start – 1 – 2S/2P – 1 – 2P - Finish
L3	Start – 1 – 2S/2P – 1 – 2S/2P – 1 – 2P - Finish