

SB East Coast Championships

Competitor Briefing -- Friday, May 19th

My name is Barry O'Neill and I will be your R. O. for the event.

On behalf of the R. St. G. Y. C. and your Race Management Team I would just like to register a very warm welcome to all and hope you have a splendid weekend with lots of races.

- **Event = SPRINT Racing.** Your SB Committee has directed as many races as possible within the time "windows" in the NOR (with 1 discard after 4 completed) = no hanging about.
 - Bottom line is I want to get you racing with the minimum hanging about for all --
 - My reputation with SB 20s + F Fs + Dragons etc =
 - a really fast turnaround between races
 - so be warned = stay close to the Comm. boat -- hooter not that loud!
 - and we like to start on time = not too keen on waiting for stragglers -- Saturday = we may be a long way from the Harbour (to avoid DBSC Club Courses in afternoon)
 - But clearly we are dictated to some extent by the fickleness of the wind and the ability of Rib Teams to move marks fast .

- **Committee Boat:**
 - Navy blue Motor Cruiser -- Brouette -- with white top
 - Flying George ensign on the transom
 - on the dock now

- **Race Area Location:**
 - Saturday + Sunday = will locate in the West + Middle of the bay – depending on wind + DBSC Club activities

 - **Saturday :**
 - A lot on in Dublin Bay
 - And high water
 - So West = good bet
 - We will find a gap somewhere between DBSC Fixed marks t—most likely to West of bay

 - **Sunday:**
 - closer to harbour / middle of bay as less competition for space

The Racing

- Ideally Start on Time = be warned
- **3 Minute Sequence**

- **Start**
 - Start Line =
 - between the dan buoy with orange flag at PORT end and
 - Red / white pole on Comm Boat at STARBOARD end
 - 3 Minute Sequence

- **Marks**
 - Weather + Spreader + Leeward Gate =
 - small Orange Tea Bags
 - **Finish line:**
 - dan buoy with a Blue Flag located to windward of the Committee Boat --
 - Blue finish line flag will be on the bow of the Committee boat
 - **see diag Appendix A = IMPORTANT**

- **Courses**
 - Windward / Leeward
 - Default is 2 Rounds -- 20 / 30 min races
 - MAY increase to 3 if for example wind increases and tubs speed up
 - OR shorten to 1 round if :
 - fleet slow vs Target Race Times or
 - significant wind shift or
 - race a procession ?
 - Take care to listen for hooter / gun re finish -- may set a 3 Lap and plan to finish after 2 – or 1 lap ?
 - All dictated by time

- **Key point re Courses:**
 - **it is MANDATORY for All boats to sail through the Finish Line at the end of EVERY lap -- see Course Diag. below .**

Note that most are conditioned to round the L Mark and head upwind -- this course requires competitors to sail from L to the Finish and then upwind

Race Management Policy

The Start

- First Start will be a Peter -- however
 - If a General and OUR Fault -- e.g.
 - Line not square ?
 - Not long enough
 - Then I shall stick with a Peter.
- If a General -- and FLEET Fault = trigger happy -- I shall go to a U -- or Black if behaviour continues
 - And may not go back to Peter
- Remember Tides

- **Plan is to sail as many races of approx. 20/30 mins in the allocated time :**
 - Could be 5 (or more) races a day
 - If I do not have to re-lay Start line I plan to go into sequence VERY quickly = NO hanging about
 - So please stay close to Comm. Boat and watch for sound signal

- **Use of the W Flag --**
 - if stragglers may use a W + Whistle / horn ?
 - W means you are listed as a Finisher where u are positioned on the Course
 - No need to complete the course
 - Simply return to the start area for the next Race ASAP
 - You are NOT ranked as a Did Not Finish == you get points equivalent to your position on the Race Course at time of W and whistle (from a Rib)

- **Racing in Heavy Weather**
 - Our number One Priority is Safety but you need to bear in mind the following :
 - Event is a REGIONAL Championships
 - Very skilled sailors -- and some less skilled
 - Less skilled may choose not to go out to race some days or races ?
 - There is NO stigma attached to such a decision
 - Only you know your crew skill set and limitations so the onus is on you to make the sensible call

- **Mark Laying -- Stay out of way please**

Can you please help Start Line rib teams by staying out of the way while they stream Marks -- esp. the Start line and L ?

Final thought :

- **Remember the need to sail through the Finish on completion of ALL Laps as per Course plan below**

Social

Plan is to have you ashore on Day 1 in time for the free burger and pint + Rugby KO

Good Sailing + Have Fun !

Barry

APPENDIX 1:

WW/LW Course Diagram

