



SB 20 East Coast Championships – 2023

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Saturday, 20th + Sunday, 21st May 2023

ROYAL St. GEORGE YACHT CLUB

Harbour Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin.

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Royal St. George Yacht Club in association with the SB20 Ireland Class Association.

The notation (DP) in a rule in the NOR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

The notation '[NP]' denotes a rule of the SIs that shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes *RRS* 60.1(a).

RULES

1 RRS etc

1.1 The event will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*, the prescriptions of Irish Sailing (IS) and the SB20 Class rules.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the SIs will be posted not later than two hours prior to the scheduled start of the first race on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 21.00 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted via the Irish SB20 Class Association WhatsApp Group. Failure to post or receive a WhatsApp message will not be grounds for redress [NP].
- 3.2 The race office is located beside the Junior Room in the clubhouse at the R. St. G.Y.C.
- 3.3 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on VHF marine channels.
- 3.4 The following communications may be made by the race committee on the Race Area **channel 77** : the location of the starting area, race information, courses to be sailed, countdown to the start, Individual Recalls, General Recalls, U Flag, UFDs, Black Flag, BFDs and Postponements. Failure to make these broadcasts or failure to hear them are not grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1 [NP]
- 3.5 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole in front of the R. St. G.Y.C. Clubhouse.
- 5.2 When Code Flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes'. This changes *RRS* Race Signals.

6 SCHEDULE

	Lift in / out	First Warning Signal	Number of Races
Friday, 19th May	Up to 2100		
Saturday, 20th May	From 0800	10 - 30	As many as possible -- last start of day no later than 14-30 hrs.
Sunday, 21st May	After racing	11 - 00	As many as possible -- last start no later than 15- 00 hrs.

6.1 As many races as possible consistent with time limits each day . Gap between Races will be short -- and a **3 Min Start Sequence so competitors are advised to stay close to Committee Boat at all times.**

6.2 If the Race Committee intends to start an additional race, 'Flag R' will be displayed at the finish of the previous race.

6.3 The intention is that no warning signal will be made after 14-30 hrs on the Saturday and 15. 00 hrs on Sunday, May 21st .

7 CLASS FLAG

7.1 The class flag will be the SB20 Class Flag = Numeral 7 .

8 RACE AREA

8.1 The racing area will be on the waters of Dublin Bay. Note that the racing area may be a long way from the Harbour area (esp. on the Saturday when the aim would be to avoid Club Racing areas as best possible) so essential to depart harbour early .

9 COURSE

9.1 The course will be as described in Appendix 1 – below .

9.2 **Note that it is it is MANDATORY for all boats to sail from the L Mark to the Finish Line on the bow of the Committee Boat on completion of ALL Laps**

10 MARKS

10.1 Mark 1 + 1a + 2 will be an orange Tetra Pack (Tea Bag) type buoys. .

10.2 Finish Line will be dan buoy with Blue Flag

11 OBSTRUCTIONS

11.1 Competing boats shall avoid entering the Shipping Lane entrance to Dublin Port and take account of Tenders to / from visiting Cruise Ships in the vicinity of Dun Laoghaire Harbour at all times .

12 THE START

12.1 The Starting Line will be between a red + white Flag Pole displaying an Orange Flag on the race Committee Boat at the Starboard end of the line and a dan buoy with an orange Flag / or a staff displaying an Orange Flag in a rib at the Port end.

12.2 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes *RRS* 62.1(a). [NP]

		Time to Start	
Warning	Class flag displayed	1 sound	3 mins
Prep.	P, U or Black displayed	1 sound	2 mins
One-minute	Prep. Removed	1 long sound	1 min
Start	Class flag removed	1 sound	0

This changes RRS 26.

12.4 A boat which starts later than 5 minutes after her Starting Signal shall be scored as Did Not Compete (DNC).

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position. Flag C may be the only signal used to indicate such a change. This changes *RRS* 33.

13.2 Minor adjustments will not be signalled. This changes *RRS* 33.

13.3 Boats shall pass between the Race Committee boat signalling the change of the

next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes *RRS 28.1*.

14 THE FINISH

14.1 The Finishing Line will be between a Pole displaying a Blue Flag at the bow of the Race Committee Boat, and a dan buoy with a Blue Flag at the port end.

Note that Boats SHALL pass through the Finish Line on completion of ALL Laps

14.2 In addition to the procedure for shortening the course in *RRS* Rule 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 a 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 SI 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. The decision by the race committee to use this procedure or not to use it shall not be grounds for requesting redress. This changes *RRS 28.1* & 60.1(b) [NP]

15 SHORTENING THE COURSE

15.1 When a Race Committee vessel displays Flag 'F' at a mark or gate and makes repeated sound signals, boats shall pass between the vessel displaying Flag F and the nearby mark, leaving the mark on the required side, or passing through the gate, and then sail to the finish line, crossing the finish line from the course side.

16 PENALTY SYSTEM

16.1 The two-turn penalty is changed to a one turn penalty. This changes Rule 44.1.

16.2 The Scoring Penalty, *RRS 44.3* does not apply. This changes *RRS 44*.

17 TIME LIMITS

17.1 Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes of the first boat to sail the course and finish will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). without a hearing. This changes *RRS 35, A4* and *A5*.

18 HEARING REQUESTS

18.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the finishing time of the last boat in 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 official notice board and / or

the SB20 Class Association WhatsApp group.

- 18.2 Hearing Request Forms are available at the race office and completed requests must include a mobile number, a back-up number and an email address.
- 18.3 Arbitration – 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 after the race until the beginning of a protest hearing involving the incident.
- 18.4 Notice will be posted by WhatsApp / email no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings may be held in the Race Office beginning at the time posted.

19 SCORING

- 19.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 19.2 When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores.
- 19.3 When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.
- 19.4 The Scoring Penalty, *RRS 44.3* does not apply. This changes *RRS 44*.

20 PRIZES

- 20.1 The Prize Giving Ceremony will take place after racing on Sunday, 21st May . A Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the winner and prizes will be awarded to the first 3 boats Overall; to the First Female helm and the First Under 30 Helm

21 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 21.1 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 21.2 [DP] [NP] *RRS Rule 40.1* will apply (Personal Floatation Devices).

22 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 22.1 [DP] Substitution of equipment is not allowed unless authorised in writing by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

- 22.2 Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.

23 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 23.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.
- 23.2 [DP] When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

24 TRASH DISPOSAL

- 24.1 The SB20 Championships is a 'Clean Regatta' and is fully supportive of sustainability of our land and marine environments. We would ask that you try to eliminate any plastic disposable bottles or wrapping in your consumables on board and to recycle any necessary plastic when ashore.

25 LAUNCHING, BERTHING, AND LIFT OUT

- 25.1 Launching and berthing are included in the entry fee and will take place as set out in paragraph 6 above. Lift out facilities for visiting boats will be provided immediately after racing on Sunday, May 21st.
- 25.2 All boats are required to be berthed overnight on the Royal St. George designated pontoons (Competitors are advised to use adequate warps and fenders.)

26 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 26.1 [DP] Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

27 RISK STATEMENT

- 27.1 *RRS 3* states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**
- 27.2 The Royal St. George Yacht Club and SB20 Ireland Class Association and all their officers, members and volunteers, and event sponsors and patrons, do not

accept liability for loss of life or property, or personal injury or damage caused by or arising out of the event. Competitors take part in the event at their own risk

28 INSURANCE

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

29 MEDIA RIGHTS

29.1 Competitors automatically grant to the OA, without payment, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event. This may include the use of unmanned aerial vehicles (drones) operated under IAA guidelines.

APPENDIX 1:

WW/LW Course Diagram

