

2003 Waszp Event

Competitor Briefing -- Saturday 9 am.

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

2 On behalf of the R St G Y C I would just like to register a very warm welcome to you all

- We are delighted to once again welcome back the Waszps for your National Championship and wonderful too that the Moths joined in to make it a real foiling weekend

3 --- A lot of work has gone in to preparing for this event -- but

- The one element we cannot control is the weather
- Bottom line is I want to get you racing with the minimum hanging about -- so
 - we will have to deal with wind force issues as best we can – and
 - given this is a National Championship - we may need to race in strong winds and competitors should make the call

as to whether or not the wind strength is beyond their capabilities -- there is no stigma involved in making a mature decision not to go afloat if you have any reservations . **The No1 priority is safety for all .**

4 **Committee Boat =**

- Navy Cabin Cruiser with white top --
- Flying George ensign on the transom
- on the dock am Saturday
- We will likely locate in the west of the Bay -- Seapoint /Salthill area on Saturday in order to :
 - Avoid DBSC Club Racing traffic as best we can and
 - Find flatter water = out of the chop as best we can

Sunday -- maybe closer to the harbour / middle of bay on Sunday when we have bay to ourselves

5 **To the Racing**

- At mercy of weather
- Ideally Start on Time
- **Start**
 - Plan to hoist an ORANGE Flag on Start Line Pole with some hoots and a LONG sound signal **at least** 2 Mins **prior** to

going into sequence -- Start line pole = striped and stern of cabin on Committee Boat

- 2 mins later =
 - into 3 minute Sequence for the Moth Fleet --
 - First Class away is the Moths
 - Moth Class Flag = Moth Class flag (if Class return it in time ! If not = Numeral pendant 1 (white triangle with red ball)
 - Moth Start = commencement of the 3 Min. start for the Waszps
- Start for Waszp Fleet -- Class flag = white with a Waszp graphic in Black
- **Start Line =**
 - between a Striped Pole flying an Orange Flag on the Committee Boat at the Starboard end
 - and a Dan Buoy with Orange Flag at the port end (Hint = remember NOT to confuse the Black L Mark -- if laid at your start ? -- with the Start Line distance dan buoy mark with a flag)

4 Marks

- Weather and Leeward marks = large black inflatables
- Spreader Mark at Windward = orange Tea Bag
- Finish line = dan buoy with a blue Flag located to windward of the bow of the Committee Boat --

A key factor to underline is ALL Boats **MUST round the tea bag spreader mark after the Windward mark AND sail from the L Mark to the Finish line at the end of EVERY lap** -- some tubs ignored this requirement last year and failed to score -- so – be warned please

Course:

- Windward /Leeward
- Need to sail through the Finish Line at end each lap as per above
- Take care to listen for hooter + S Flag re finish -- may set a 3 or 4 Lap Race for Moths and finish Waszps a lap –or two earlier ? I will be guided on this by time = target times of 20 / 25 mins per race.

6 Race Management Policy

The Start

- First Start will be a Peter
 - 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
- May stick with a U for the day in the interests of getting the races off quickly -- esp. if we have a narrow wind window !

Marks

- **Start Line** = dan buoy with Yellow Flag
- **W** = large Black Mark – with Tea Bag spreader mark
- **L** = leeward mark = Large Black
- **Finish Line** = dan buoy with Blue Flag

Finish

- Remember you need to complete each lap by sailing through the line at the end of EVERY Lap -- AND some left out the spreader mark last year too = Be warned !

Subsequent Starts

- 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 Orange flag /sound signal for next race
- if NO racing Saturday = May try to squeeze 5 races on Sunday

Mark Laying -- please assist

- Please help Rib Teams by staying out of the way -- especially while they stream Marks .

Thank you

Saturday Briefing re Racing + game plan for the day -- 9 am

Sunday Briefing -- 9 am

Good Sailing + Have Fun !

Barry