



 Grant Thornton
8-Race Championship



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Royal St. George Yacht Club.

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 ILCA Class rules and Melges 15 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 event 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] 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		
Saturday 7th October	Time	Number of Races
Briefing all classes	930	
M15 First Warning Signal	1100	Up to 8, last start no later than 16:30
ILCA 7 + ILCA 4 Rigs	1103	Up to 8, last start no later than 16:30
ILCA 6 Rigs	1106	Up to 8, last start no later than 16:30
Prizegiving	ASAP After racing	
Dinner	From 18:00	

6.1 As many races as possible up to 8 races . 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 16-30 hrs

6.4 **After the first race, the Race Committee may choose to start the next races in any class order they wish. This choice is to prioritise the maximum amount of racing for each class. Competitors should pay close attention to class flags flown on each start sequence.**

7 CLASS FLAGS

7.1 The class flag for the Melges 15 will be the Melges 15 Class Flag.

7.2 The class flag for the ILCA 7 Rigs and 4 Rigs will be White ILCA Class Flag. ILCA 7 and ILCA 4 will always start together.

7.3 The class flag will for the ILCA 6 will be the Green ILCA Class Flag.

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 so it is 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 Mark 2 and pass between The Start/Finish 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

10.3 Marks 1, 1a, 2 and 2a shall be left to Port.

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 3 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 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 PENALTY SYSTEM

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

16 SHORTENING THE COURSE

- 16.1 The Race Committee may shorten a course at the end of a lap by displaying Flag S and signalling the change with either two whistles or two hoots as the leading boats in a Class approach the Line.

16 TIME LIMITS

- 16.1 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.

17 HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1 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 Event WhatsApp group.
- 17.2 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.
- 17.3 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.
- 17.4 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.

18 SCORING

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

19 PRIZES

- 19.1 The Prize Giving Ceremony will take place after racing on Saturday 7th October.
Prizes will be given as follows.
- 19.2 Melges 15 Class, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd overall

19.3 ILCA Class, 1st, 2nd, 3rd Overall all fleets. 1st Master & 1st Youth (U19 1/1/23) for all fleets.

19.4 Other prizes may be awarded at discretion of Organising Authority.

20 SAFETY REGULATIONS

20.1 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

20.2 [DP] Competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times when afloat. This changes rule 40. Wetsuits and drysuits are not considered to be adequate.

20.3 All boats must have a painter (tow line) at least 7 metres in length, made fast to the bow.

21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

21.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.

21.2 [DP] When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

22 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

22.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.

22.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity.

23 RISK STATEMENT

23.1 *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.**

23.2 The Royal St. George Yacht Club, 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

24 INSURANCE

24.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €1 million per event or the equivalent.

25 MEDIA RIGHTS

25.1 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

