



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

ROYAL ST. GEORGE YACHT CLUB END OF SEASON PURSUIT RACE

Friday 5 September 2025

1. **FORMAT OF THE EVENT:** There will be **one** race of duration approximately one hour with different start times for each type of yacht. Starts will be at one minute intervals, starting with slower boats. The overall winner is the first boat to finish. Starting handicaps are **listed on a separate sheet**.
2. **ADVERTISING:** There is no limit or restrictions on advertising.
3. **ENTRIES:** All boat owners and helmsmen must be a member of the R.St.G.Y.C.. In order to ensure that all intending competitors are given a fair handicap, owners on boats which are not listed on the list of start times, are asked to advise the R.St.G.Y.C. Sailing Office at sailing@rsgyc.ie of their boat name, type and sail number and IRC, ECHO, or PY Handicap (if any) as soon as possible. It is recommended that all intending competitors would use the on- line entry system.
4. **ENTRY FEE:** There is no entry fee. It is suggested that **each** boat would make a generous contribution for each crew member to The RNLI.
5. **ELIGABILITY:** The race is open to all mono-hull sailing boats, including dinghies and keelboats. Junior classes (Optimist, Mirror, Feva,) and 2.4 are not eligible.
6. **COMPLIANCE WITH CLASS RULES:** Class rules will **not** apply. If you can borrow a spinnaker from a larger boat, this will be encouraged.
7. **EQUIPMENT:** In the interests of safe navigation, all yachts and dinghies are advised to carry a compass and VHF in additional to safety requirements of class rules,
8. **RACING AREA:** The race area will be Dublin Bay, north of Dun Laoghaire Harbour Pier Heads. The PRO will advise competitors by VHF Channel 77 as to the location of the

racine area.

9. **SIGNALS ASHORE:** Signals Ashore will be hoisted on the yard-arm of the R.St.G.Y.C.
Flag N over A- All classes abandoned.
Flag N over D. Dinghy classes abandoned.
If no signals are hoisted the race will proceed.
10. **RACING RULES:** The race will be governed by the current rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing as published by 'World Sailing'.
The following rules are modified:
Rule 26 (Starting Races) is modified to read '**Starting Times for each boat shall be as listed in the schedule of start times**'.
Rule 26 (Starting Races) is modified to read '**Times shall be taken from sound signals**. The absence of *visual signals* shall be disregarded'.
Rule 26 (Starting Races) is modified to read '**There will be no Preparatory or Warning Signal** other than a *Warning Signal* at 17.50 hrs. and *Preparatory signal* at 17.55 hrs.'
Rule 26 (Starting Races) is modified to read 'The *One Minute Signal* will be one minute before the start time, and the *preparatory flag* will not be removed.
11. **TIMING.** The Starting Vessel will hoist Numeral Code Flags at five minute intervals starting with Numeral One at 18.00, Numeral Two at 18.05 etc. The purpose of these flags is to assist competitors with their start times. Times will also be advised by VHF, Channel 77.
12. **COMPETITORS TO ADVISE THE COMMITTEE:** All competitors are required to sail in the vicinity of the Committee Vessel without obstructing starters, to make the race committee aware of their intention to compete.
13. **DUTY OF CARE:** The RRS apply to all boats both large and small. Large boats must keep an effective watch to avoid collisions with small boats. Large boats must 'give way' to small boats who have 'Right-of-Way' under the RRS. All boats are asked to keep watch to avoid foiling boats.
14. **TAKING A PENALTY:** For all classes Rule 44.1 (Penalties at the time of an incident.) shall apply, with one and two turn penalties.
15. **THE COURSE:** Courses shall be indicated on the Committee Vessel. Courses will also be advised by VHF. Courses may be *shortened* at any *mark* by displaying Flag 'S' in accordance with R.R.S.32. All *marks* to be rounded will be fixed D.B.S.C. Marks. (Bearings and distances between marks are indicated on **D.B.S.C. course cards**.) All vessels are recommended to avail themselves of a DBSC course card. (Competitors should note that the start may be downwind, and that the finish may be upwind.

STARTING TIMES: A schedule of **starting times** for all boats will be published on the R.St.G.Y.C. website www.rsgyc.ie before the event. Competitors are advised to print off their own copy of starting times.

Long sound signals shall be made at 5 minute intervals and a Numeral Code Flag erected to assist competitors to start on the correct time. Short sound signals will be

made at one minute intervals

16. **START LINE:** The start line is between the committee boat and a pin mark. All boats must start in the direction of the first mark.
17. **FINISH LINE:** The finish line is between the Committee vessel and a finish mark laid close to her. All boats must finish in the direction from the last mark.
18. **TIME LIMIT:** There is no time limit. The Race Officer will endeavour to limit the race duration to 60 minutes for a boat with IRC TCC of 1.000.
19. **PRIZES:** The Shindilla Cup will be presented to the first keelboat to finish. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Committee.
20. **RESPONSIBILITY:** Sailing is a dangerous sport. The responsibility for deciding to race or continuing to race rests entirely with the skipper of each yacht. The safety of a yacht and her crew and her entire management including insurance shall be the responsibility of the owner of the yacht. All boats must be adequately insured against third party liability. The Royal St. George Yacht Club or their respective representatives will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, or prior to, during, or after the Race.