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## **IRISH RUFFIAN 23 CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **National Yacht Club**

**22, 23 & 24 July 2011**

**The Irish Ruffian Association and Committee wish to thank the Commodore of the National Yacht Club, Race Officer, Race office personnel, on the water personnel, Committee Vessels' owners, mark boats and staff of the National Yacht Club.**

### **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

#### **1 Organising Authority and Rules**

1.1 The Organising Authority is the National Yacht Club.

#### **2 Temporary Membership**

2.1 All competitors sailing in the Ruffian 23 Championships shall be temporary members of the National Yacht Club during the event, and will be bound by the rules of the Club. Competitors are reminded that personal effects, gear, trailers and other equipment are their responsibility and neither the Irish Ruffian Association, the Race Committee, nor The National Yacht Club can be held liable for any claim, loss or damage to such property.

#### **3 Rules**

This regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the ISA prescriptions thereto, the rules of the Ruffian 23 Class, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions. In the event of any conflict, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

#### **4 Liability**

4.1 The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner(s) or the owner's representative whose obligation it is to ensure that the boat is fully sound, seaworthy, manned by an experienced crew and equipped with all the necessary safety gear. Neither these Sailing Instructions nor any action of the Irish Ruffian Association, the Race Committee, The National Yacht Club or organising authority in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the owner(s) or owner's representative.

- 4.2 Attention is drawn to RRS 4 - Part 1 Fundamental Rules Decision to Race.
- 4.3 The Irish Ruffian Association, the Race Committee, or The National Yacht Club will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the Championship.
- 4.4 Responsibility: Boats are the sole responsibility of competitors, whether they are owners or chartering a boat they shall be liable for all damages. The decision to sail or race is solely that of the helmsman.

## 5 Notices To Competitors

- 5.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Race Office in the National Yacht Club.

## 6 Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 6.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000hrs on the day before it will take effect.

## 7 Signals Made Ashore

- 7.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the National Yacht Club yardarm.
- 7.2 International Code Flag "AP", Answering Pennant, with two sound signals, (one sound signal when lowered) means "Racing is postponed". The warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after "AP" is lowered. (This changes RRS Race Signals)

## 8 Schedule Of Races

- 8.1 Racing is scheduled as follows:

Date	Race	Warning Signal	H.W. Dublin Port (BST)
Friday 22 July	Race 1	14.55 hrs	
	Race 2	back to back	
Saturday 23 July	Race 3	10.55 hrs	
	Race 4	back to back	
	Race 5	back to back	
Sunday 24 July	Race 6	10.55 hrs	
	Race 7	back to back	

- 8.2 When more than one race will be held on the same day, the warning signal for the second and subsequent race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that another race will begin soon, the I.C. Flag "R" will be displayed for at least one minute with a sound signal before the warning signal is displayed.
- 8.3 At the discretion of the Race Officer, Race 3 may be sailed on Friday and Race 6 may be sailed on Saturday. This will be communicated to sailors by VHF on the day. Flag R will be displayed at least one minute before the warning signal is displayed.

On Sunday 24 July no warning signal will be made after 14.25 hrs.

## **9 Class Flag**

9.1 The class flag will be Code Flag U.

## **10 Racing Area**

10.1 The racing area shall be Dublin Bay.

## **11 The Courses**

11.1 The Course Diagrams at the end of these sailing instructions show the type of courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

11.2 Courses may be of the modified Olympic Triangle Course or the Windward -Leeward Course type. The course type will be indicated at or before the Warning Signal.

11.3 Code Flag 'T' displayed will indicate a Triangle Course

11.4 Code Flag 'W' displayed will indicate a Windward -Leeward Course

11.5 The committee boat may display the approximate compass bearing from the starting line to Mark 1.

## **12 Marks**

12.1 Marks 1,2 and 3 (or W1, G1/G2), may be large inflatable orange marks.

12.2 Starting and finishing mark may be candy-stripe.

12.3 The wing mark may be of the "Dan Buoy" type.

12.4 The Start/Finish Mark is not a mark of the course except when starting or finishing; however on the penultimate leg boats shall not sail through the finish line when the Blue Flag is displayed.

## **13 The Start**

13.1 Races will be started by using Rule 26.

13.2 The starting line shall be between the main mast or staff of the Committee Boat displaying an Orange Flag and the Starting Mark.

13.3 An Inner Limit Buoy may be laid and if so, no boat shall pass between the Inner Limit Buoy and the Committee Boat after her Warning Signal. Any boat so doing will be disqualified without hearing. This changes rule 63.1 and A4.

13.4 A boat starting later than ten minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.1.

## **14 Change of Position of The Next Mark**

14.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and if replacing the original mark will remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

14.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signalling the change of course and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the Race Committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28.1.

## **15 The Finish**

- 15.1 The Finishing Line shall be between the main mast of the Finishing Boat displaying a Blue Flag and the Finishing Mark.
- 15.2 The Race Committee may shorten the course by the display of IC Flag 'F' at the Leeward Gate or Mark 3 accompanied by continuous sound signals. When IC Flag 'F' is so displayed boats, after passing through the Gate or rounding Mark 3, shall sail to the Finish Line to finish.
- 15.3 After the 1<sup>st</sup> boat has finished, the Race Officer may offer a finishing position to a boat still racing and in last place. The position offered will be the number of boats ahead of it, both finished and still racing, plus 1. A boat is not obliged to accept such offer unless it is the last boat racing. The Race Officer is not obliged to make such an offer.

A boat that accepts the place offered will immediately cease to race and the Race Officer may repeat the process with the next preceding boat. The offer may be made via Rescue/Support boat personnel. This amends the definition of the word Finish.

## **16 Time Limits**

- 16.1 The time limit for the leading boat will be 2 hours from the start.
- 16.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rule 35 and A4.

## **17 Protest and Requests for Redress**

- 17.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 17.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 17.3 Notices will be posted within 15 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Protest Room at the time stated. This notice shall be notice of a hearing as required by RRS 63.2. It is the responsibility of competitors to be present at the time and place indicated in the notice.
- 17.4 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 17.5 On the last day of the Championship, a party to a hearing may ask for a reopening of a hearing from a previous day within protest time or not later than 30 minutes after being informed of a decision on that day. This amends RRS 66.

## **18 Scoring**

- 18.1 RRS Appendix A4 using the Low Point scoring system shall apply.
- 18.2 At least four races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.
- 18.3 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's championship score will be the total of her race scores.
- 18.4 When four or more races have been completed, a boats championship score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **19 Safety Regulations**

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee or the race office as soon as possible.

## **20 Equipment and Measurement Checks**

- 20.1 A boat and its equipment may be inspected by a measurer appointed by the Organising Authority or the Irish Ruffian Association at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.
- 20.2 Permission to sail with a sail number other than the boats registered number shall be sought in writing from the Race Committee before going afloat.

## **21 Haul-Out Restrictions**

Boats shall not be hauled out during the championships except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

- 22 Commercial Shipping** – Strict warning is given by the Dun Laoghaire Harbour Authority and the Dublin Port Authority that competitors must at all times keep well clear of ferries and other commercial shipping in the area. Competitors must comply with these warnings.

- 23 Safety Note** International Code flag “Y” may be flown at any start in accordance RRS 40 and if is displayed then it is mandatory that all competitors wear approved personal buoyancy. However it is strongly recommended by the Race Committee that all competitors wear approved personal buoyancy and a safety harness as appropriate.

## **24 Radio**

The Race Committee may, at its sole discretion, draw attention to Race Signals and announce OCS boats via VHF communication on Channel 69 (or such other channel as announced on channel 69, or as displayed on the Race Committee Boat). Failure to make or receive any VHF communication shall not be grounds for redress.

## **29 Prizes**

The Gold and Silver fleets will be posted on the official notice board.  
(The division of the Gold Fleet and Silver Fleet will be based on the results after two races. The top ten boats after the first two races shall constitute the Gold Fleet with the remaining boats constituting the Silver Fleet.)

The following prizes will be awarded:

### **Gold Fleet**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Brooks Trophy and Irish Champion
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Overall
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Overall

### **Silver Fleet**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Silver Fleet
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Silver Fleet

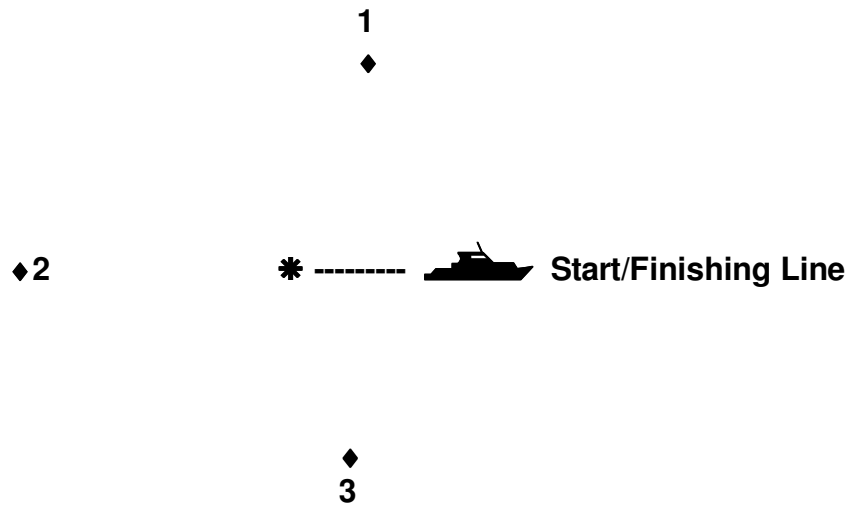
### **Best Traveller**

The Carmen Trophy for best traveller may be awarded.

### **Individual race winners**

Special Prizes may also be awarded for Individual Race Winners. Any boat winning one of the special prizes is ineligible for a further prize in this category. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Committee.

## Course Diagram: Triangle Course



### Note

All marks shall be rounded to port

The course will be: From the Start to 1-2-3 -1-3 -1-2-3 to the Finish (Unless shortened)

## Course Diagram: Windward-Leeward Course

Wing\* W1◆

\* ----- Start/Finishing Line

◆      ◆  
G1      G2

Round Number	From the start:
1	W1 – Wing - G1 or G2
2	W1 – Wing - G1 or G2
3	W1 – Wing - G1 or G2
4	W1 – Wing - G1 or G2
	Then to the finishing line

### Note

Marks W1 and Wing are to be left to Port and boats shall pass between Marks G1 or G2 rounding either Mark G1 to starboard or Mark G2 to port.

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