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Irish J109 National Championships

7th/8th October 2017

'Sailing Instructions'



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Organising authority

The organising authority is the National Yacht Club and the Irish J109 Class Association.

1.0 Rules

The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, the Prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association, the J109 UK and Ireland Class Rules as published on www.j109.org.uk/class-rules, the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions. In the event of any conflict, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence.

2.0 Notice to Competitors

Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official notice board located at the National Yacht Club.

3.0 Changes to the Sailing Instructions

Any changes in sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board before 0900 on the day it will take effect except that any change to the schedule of races shall be posted before 2000 on the day before it shall take effect.

4.0 Signals Made Ashore

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the National Yacht Club

4.2 When Flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in the race signal AP

5.0 Schedule of Races

5.1 Six (6) Races are scheduled for the event

	No. of Races Scheduled	Time of first Warning Signal	High Water Dublin	Height m.
Saturday 7 th October	3	10.25hrs.	1332	4.3m
Sunday 8 th October	3	10.25hrs.	1412	4.2

5.2 To alert boats that a race will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with 1 sound signal at least three minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

5.3 No warning signal shall be made after 15.00hrs on Sunday 8th October. (This amends the NOR)

6.0 Class Flags

The Class Flag will International Code Flag J.

7.0 Racing Area

The race area will be the waters of Dublin Bay and Killiney Bay – Admiralty Chart 1468

8.0 The Course

8.1 The course to be sailed will be Windward - Leeward.

8.2 The approximate magnetic bearing to Mark 1 may be displayed on the race committee boat.

8.3 The diagram in Addendum A attached shows the course, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left

- 8.4 In the event that a leeward gate is not laid, a single mark will be laid and this mark will be rounded to port.

9.0 The Marks

- 9.1 Marks 1, 2, 3a and 3b will be large inflatable buoys.
9.2 The starting mark will be a distinctive inflatable mark or a race committee boat (Rib) displaying an orange flag.
9.3 The finishing mark will be distinctive inflatable mark or dan buoy with or without flag.
9.4 Inner Distance mark (see SI 10 below) will be an inflatable or dan buoy or fender type.

10.0 The Start

- 10.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26
10.2 The Starting line will be between a red and white pole / staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and a RIB displaying an orange flag, or a starting mark, at the port end.
10.3 Inner distance marks may be laid adjacent to the race committee boat, not necessarily on the starting line, and, if laid, are starting marks according to RRS 18.1(a) and RRS 31. No boat shall pass between this inner distance mark and the race committee boat. A boat passing between this mark and the race committee boat may be disqualified without a hearing. This changes rule 31.
10.4 A boat starting 10 minutes after the starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.

11.0 Change of Position of the Next Mark of the Course

To change the next mark of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position. Minor course changes may not be signaled.

12.0 Shortening Course

If a mark boat is positioned at a mark and is displaying ICF 'V' with intermittent sound signals all boats after rounding that mark, will then sail directly to the finish and finish by crossing the line from the direction of the last mark. This is in addition to RRS 32.2.

13.0 The Finish

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between the mast displaying a Blue flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and the nearest port end finishing mark.
13.2 A boat not finishing within 15 minutes of the first boat to finish will be scored DNF. This changes rule 35, A4 and A5.

14.0 Penalty System

The scoring penalty rule 44.1 and 44.2 shall apply.

15.0 Protests

- 15.1 Protests shall conform to the requirements of RRS Part 5, Section A, and shall be written on ISA protest forms, available at the Race Office. This amends RRS 61.2.
15.2 Protests shall be lodged with the Race Office each day within one and one half hours after the last boat to finish in the last race of each day.
15.3 Protest hearings schedule shall be posted on event notice board, to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named witnesses. It is the responsibility of competitors to make themselves available at the time and place indicated.

16.0 Scoring

3 (Three) races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.
The low point scoring system shall be used in accordance with RRS Appendix A. 18.
Once 4 (Four) races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her one worst score.

17.0 Safety Regulations

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

18.0 Measurement

Boats and Crew may be inspected to ensure compliance at any time during the event.

19.0 Advertising

Boats will be required to display a Flag from their backstay supplied by the organizing authority at registration.

20.0 Haul Out Restrictions

Boats shall not be hauled out after the time of the first preparatory signal of the first race until the end of the event. Except with prior written permission of the Race Committee.

21.0 Radio Communications

21.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions nor receive radio transmissions not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.

21.2 The race committee may draw attention to race signals by communicating over the **VHF Channel 69**. Boats that are OCS may be advised by the race committee on this VHF channel. Failure to make or receive any VHF communication, the order in which numbers may be transmitted, shall not be grounds for redress.

22.0 Prizes

22.1 Prizes will be awarded to the first 3 places.

22.2 Spot prizes may also be awarded.

23.0 Disclaimer of Liability

23.1 Competitors participate in the Irish J109 National Championship entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The National Yacht Club and the Irish J109 Class Association their officers, servants and agents will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.

23.2 It is the sole and exclusive responsibility of each owner or owner's representative to decide whether or not to start or continue to race.

24.0 Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of not less than three million EURO.

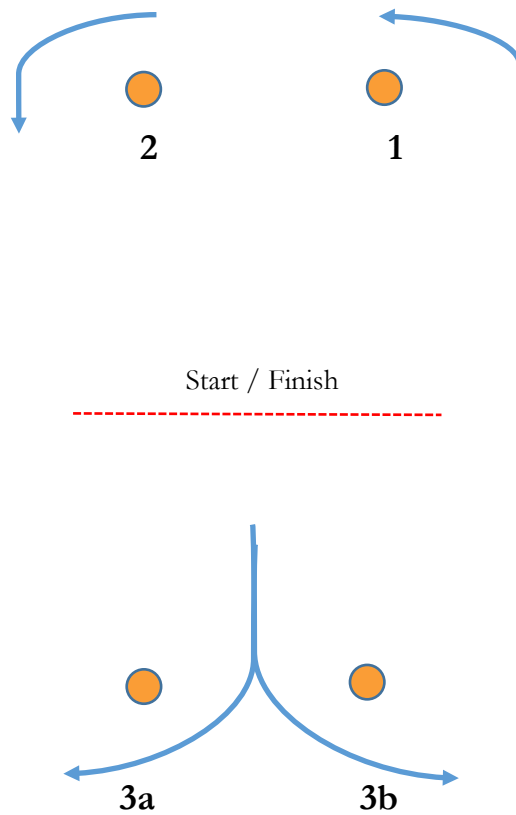
25.0 Berthing

Berthing will be available at the National Yacht Club, and all participants are strongly encouraged to berth together on Saturday after racing, weather permitting. Please contact the club for further details.

Addendum A

Windward – Leeward Course

- Round 1 **Start** – 1(port) – 2(port) – 3a (starboard) or 3b (port)
Round 2 1(Port) – 2 (Port) – 3a (starboard) or 3b (port) - **Finish**



At the gate boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round 3a to Starboard and 3b to Port.

In the event a gate is not laid Mark 3 will be rounded to port.