



Club Championships & Open Regatta

Saturday and Sunday 8th and 9th August 2020

1. RULES

Racing will be governed by the current ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association, the measurement rules of the relevant Class Associations, the Notice of Race, these Sailing Instructions (SIs) and any amendments thereto.

2. ELIGIBILITY

One person of each boat's crew must be a member of the Waterford Harbour Sailing Club to enter the Club Championships. Any sailor who has paid the entry fee may enter the Open Regatta.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, located in the sailing club.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any alteration to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board not later than one hour prior to the scheduled start of the first race on the day it will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

In addition to Racing Signals, When int. Code flag 'D' is displayed ashore boats shall not go afloat. The Warning Signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after the signal is lowered.

6. SAFETY

Competitors shall wear lifejackets or other adequate personal buoyancy, minimum buoyancy of 50 Newtons, at all times when afloat. In amendment of RRS 40, flag Y need not be displayed.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Six races are scheduled and they shall be run in the following order:

Saturday First gun: 11:00 Races 1, 2 and 3 are scheduled to be run.

Sunday First gun: 13:00 Races 4, 5 and 6 are scheduled to be run.

The Race Officer may, at his or her discretion, run extra races on either Saturday or Sunday

8. CLASS FLAG

The Class Flag for Class 1 (Senior P.Y) will be Numeral Pennant 1.

The Class Flag for Class 2 (Junior P.Y) will be Numeral Pennant 2.

9. BLACK FLAG PENALTY RULE

The sail numbers of boats identified infringing RRS 30.3 will be displayed on the committee boat for a minimum period of three minutes. A long sound signal will be made when the numbers are initially displayed.

10. STARTING LINE

The Starting Line shall be between the main mast of the Committee Boat and a Starting Mark.

11. STARTING SIGNALS AND ORDER OF STARTS

The Warning Signal will be five minutes before the Starting Signal. Both fleets shall start together unless otherwise indicated by the race officer.

12. COURSES

All marks must be rounded to PORT other than at a gate.

Courses will be illustrated at a briefing at Clubhouse at 10:10.

13. MARKS

The marks will be described at the briefing.

14. SAILING AREA

The sailing area will be described at the briefing.

15. SHORTENED COURSE

Provided that a minimum of 1 lap has been sailed, the course may be shortened to finish

(a) between the committee boat and the Start/Finish Mark or

(b) between a boat displaying the "S" flag and a nearby mark of the course.

16. THE FINISH

16.1 The finishing line shall be between the mainmast of the committee boat and the orange 'dan' finishing mark.

16.2 In addition to the procedure for shortening course in Rule 32, the race committee may also award a finishing score to a boat that is still racing. A boat so notified is no longer required to sail the course (changing rule 28.1), shall stop racing and shall return to the starting area, or return ashore if there is no more racing. A finishing score under this sailing instruction 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. However, when two or more boats that are overlapped are notified, they will be scored as if they were tied. The decision by the race committee to use this procedure or not to use it shall not be grounds for requesting redress, changing Rule 60.1(b).

16.3 After finishing, boats shall keep well clear of the finishing area and avoid impeding any boat not yet finished.

17. TIME LIMIT

Any boat that fails to finish within 20 minutes of the leader in its class will be scored as "Did Not Finish" (or DNF). The time limit for the first boat to finish shall be 1 hour after its starting signal. If no boat finishes within this time limit, the Race Committee shall abandon the race.

18. PROTESTS. PROTEST HEARINGS AND PROTEST TIME LIMITS

The time limit for lodging protests is 30 minutes after the finish of the last boat in the last race of the day. The sail numbers of the boats involved in a protest along with the schedule of protests will be displayed on the official notice board 15 minutes after the end of the protest time limit.

19. SCORING SYSTEM

Six races are scheduled, of which at least three must be completed in order to constitute a series. PY handicaps (RYA2020) will be used for each fleet. The Low Point Scoring system of Appendix A4. 1 of the RRS will apply. One discard shall apply after three races have been sailed. No discards will apply if only two or less races have been sailed.

20. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in Senior PY, Junior PY and Toppers. There will be a prize for 1st in Lasers and 1st in Mirrors. There will be a prize for 'Best Classic Boat' greater than 20 years There will be various 'fun' prizes.

21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS4 DECISION TO RACE. The Organizing Authority accepts no liability for material damage or personal injury or death resulting from or in conjunction with this event.

22. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be covered by valid 3rd Party liability insurance to a minimum cover of €1.3 million.