



Royal St George Y C

Cannonball Trophy 2024

18th & 19th May 2024

Sailing Instructions

1. Rules

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, including Appendix D as modified by the sailing instructions, the Notice of Race, these Sailing Instructions, and the prescriptions of Irish Sailing.
- 1.2 RRS D1.1(d), Arm Signals when RRS 20 applies, is deleted.
- 1.3 Personal flotation devices shall be always worn when afloat except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices. This changes rule 40.

2. Notices to competitors

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the [official notice board located via WhatsApp here](#).

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Amendments to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at least 10 minutes before the start of any race affected.
- 3.2 Oral instructions may be given on the water by the Race Committee and/or the umpires prior to the warning signal.
- 3.3 Any changes to the starting time of the first race of the day will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

4. Boats

- 4.1 The boats shall be supplied by the Organising Authority.
- 4.2 Equipment Restraints: Back stays and mast rams will be fixed in position and may not be adjusted.

5. Signals made ashore

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the main mast of the RSGYC.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 10 minutes'.

6. Racing

- 6.1 Racing will take place on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th of May.
- 6.2 The first warning signal will be at 10:30 on Saturday 18th of May. No warning signal will be given after 14.00 on Sunday 19th of May, except for the final races of the final stage of a knockout series.

7. Event Format and Schedule of Races

- 7.1 The format of the event will be described in the Schedule of Races for the event. The intention of the race committee is to sail Stage 1 (one round robin with teams changing after two races), and Stage 2 (a final). The format may be modified during the event in a fair and practical way as solely

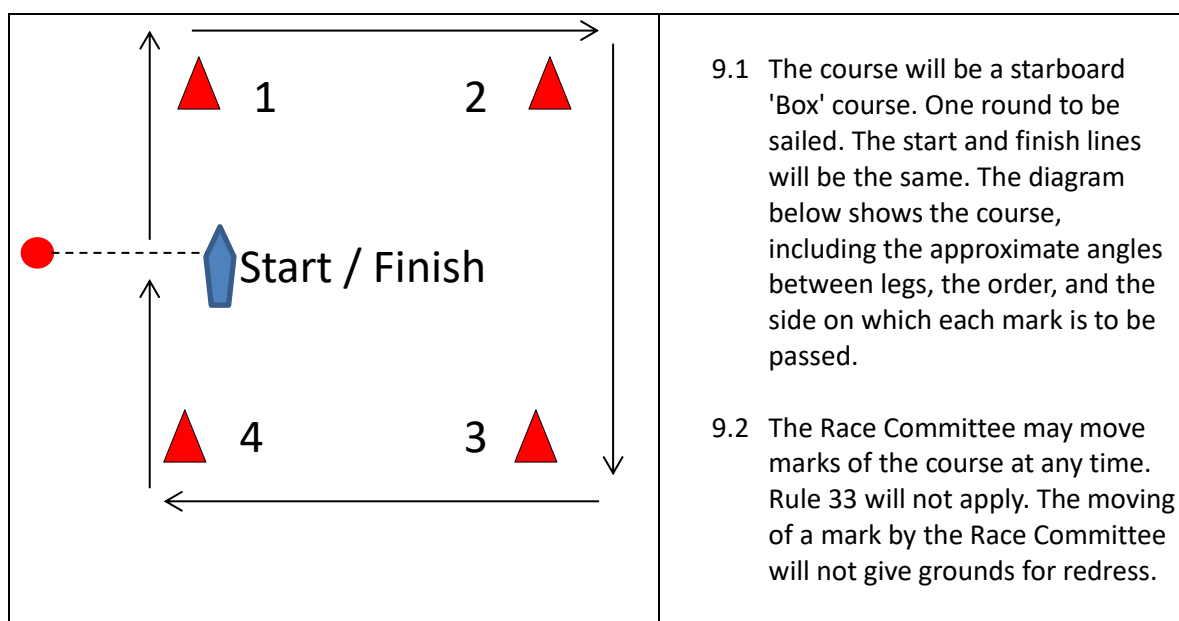
determined by the race committee considering the entries, weather conditions, time constraints and any other relevant factors.

- 7.2 The Schedule of Races will be posted on the [official WhatsApp notice board](#) . Any changes thereto and schedules for a subsequent Stage will be displayed not less than 45 minutes before the start of that phase of the competition or communicated verbally on the water 15 minutes before the start of that phase of the competition.
- 7.3 Every race will be assigned a race number in the Schedule of Races.
- 7.4 The race number will be displayed on the committee boat before the warning signal for that race. When the race number is displayed in this way, it overrides all prior communications, schedules, or instructions.
- 7.5 The race committee may at any time remove a particular race from the published sequence of races and run it at a later time.

8. Racing Area

- 8.1 The racing area may be Scotman's Bay. Sail out the harbour mouth and turn to starboard (east).
- 8.2 Changes to the racing area this will be advised at the competitors briefing and may be repeated on the [Official Notice Board WhatsApp group](#).

9. Courses



10. Marks

- 10.1 Marks 1,2,3 and 4 will be orange and tetrahedral in shape.
- 10.2 The Start and finish outer limit mark will be an orange danbuoy with an orange flag.

11. Breakdowns

- 11.1 Competitors shall inspect a boat before taking charge of the boat.
- 11.2 Competitors shall report any defects, damage, or breakdown to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity by displaying a yellow breakdown flag.
- 11.3 When to continue racing after damage reasonably risks further damage to the boat, she shall retire immediately. The Race Committee will decide redress in accordance with rule D5.
- 11.4 The Race Committee may postpone a re-sail indefinitely and shall score each team half a race win unless the result is relevant to progress to, but not seeding in, the next round.
- 11.5 In the case of breakdown that is through no fault of either the teams about to race, and signalled before the warning signal of the race, the race committee may decide to sail a race with only two

boats per team. The race committee's decision will be communicated to teams either verbally ashore or by the race umpires.

11.6 When the race committee decides to run a 2-boat per team race, D3.3 is modified to read "The team with the lower total points wins the race. If the totals are equal, the team that did not have the last-place boat wins."

11.7 When the race committee decides to run a 2-boat per team race and when D4.4 (b) or (d) apply, the boats that did not race will be considered to have scored points equal to fifth place.

12. The Start

12.1 Rule 26, *Starting Races*, will not apply.

12.2 A series of short sounds may be made prior to the first warning signal of a starting sequence.

12.3 The starting sequence will be:

<i>Signal</i>	<i>Minutes before starting signal</i>	<i>Sound</i>	<i>Visual Signal (may be used)</i>
Attention	At least 4	Multiple	IC Flag F
Warning	3	3 Short	IC Flag F removed. IC Flag D displayed
Preparatory	2	2 Short	IC Flag P or Black displayed
One Minute	1	1 Short	IC Flag P or Black removed
Start	0	1 Long	IC Flag D removed

12.4 Times shall be taken from the start of each sound signal.

12.5 The race number will be displayed on the start boat before the preparatory signal.

12.6 The starting line will be between a staff on the start boat bearing an orange flag and the starting mark as defined in SI 10.

12.7 An inner limit mark may be laid adjacent to the start boat. No boat shall pass between this mark and the start boat. A boat hitting this mark shall take one turn and then start.

12.8 A boat shall start not more than 2 minutes after her starting signal.

12.9 When at a boat's starting signal any part of her hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line, the Race Committee shall promptly display flag X with one sound and may hail the sail numbers of premature starters. The flag shall be displayed until all such boats are completely on the pre-start side of the starting line or its extensions, but not later than two minutes after the starting signal. Failure to hail, or failure of a boat to hear a hailed number, shall not be grounds for redress. There will be NO general recalls: all boats will be individual recalled. This changes rules 29 Recalls and 62.1(a).

13. The Finish

13.1 The finishing line shall be the same as the start line.

14. Abandoning a race.

14.1 The Race Committee may abandon a race for any reason. Abandonment(s) may be advised orally by the umpires of that race. This changes rule 32 and Race Signals.

15. Time limits

15.1 The time limit for each race shall be 20 minutes. Boats failing to finish within five minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rule 32 and Race Signals.

16. Continuity and termination of responsibility

16.1 The handover of boats between competitors shall be completed without delay.

16.2 A boat shall remain the responsibility of the team until handed over to a Race Committee representative or the next team to use that boat. Boats shall be handed over as empty of water as

practical and in racing trim. Any defects shall be reported to a Race Committee representative at handover.

17. Penalties and Protests (*Modified racing penalties will be used as outlined below*).

- 17.1 An appropriate penalty (taken voluntary) referred to in rule D2.2(b) shall be an immediate 270 penalty as follows and **shall be signalled by the helmsman raising his right** arm to acknowledge:
- (i) When on a leg of the course to a windward mark, she shall gybe and, as soon as reasonably possible, luff to a close-hauled course
 - (ii) When on a leg of the course to a leeward mark, she shall tack and, as soon as reasonably possible, bear away to a course that is more than ninety degrees to the true wind.
- 17.2 A boat penalised by an umpire shall take a One-Turn penalty including a tack and a gybe. This changes rule D2.2.
- 17.3 A boat intending to request redress for an incident in the racing area shall display a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity. She shall display the red flag until it is acknowledged by the race committee or by an umpire. This amends rule 62.2.
- 17.4 Requests for redress if the incident is afloat shall be notified to the Umpires within 5 minutes of finishing that race.
- 17.5 The PC may protest a boat upon receipt of a report from an umpire after a black flag has been displayed.
- 17.6 The PC may refuse to hear a protest or request for redress unless its outcome is relevant to progress, but not seeding, in the next Stage of the competition. This amends rule 63.1.
- 17.7 When rule D2.2 applies and the race umpires together with one other umpire (when available) decide that a boat has broken rule 14 and there is damage or injury, they may penalise her team by half a race win without a hearing. The boat will be informed as soon as practical and may request a hearing. Any penalty after a hearing will be in accordance with rule D3.1(d). This amends rule 63.1.
- 17.8 When a competitor breaks SI rule 15.1, personal flotation device, the competitor's team shall be penalised one race win without a hearing. This amends rule 63.1.
- 17.9 When a protest committee decides that a breach of a rule, other than a rule of Part 2, has had no significant effect on the outcome of a race, it may make any arrangement it decides is equitable, which may be to order a resail or to impose no penalty. This amends rules 64.1 and D3.1.
- 17.10 Hearings will be held afloat as soon as possible after the race.

18. Official boats

- 18.1 Official boats may be marked. Details will be posted via the official notice board.

19. Support boats

- 19.1 Coach boats will not be allowed.

20. Right of use of name and likeness

- 20.1 Competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any text, motion pictures, video and still pictures, as well as live, taped, or filmed television of, or relating to, the event.

21. Prizes

- 21.1 The Cannonball Trophy will be awarded to the winning team.

22. Disclaimer of liability

- 22.1 It is the sole responsibility of the person in charge of each team to decide if that team should race in the prevailing conditions or not. It is the sole responsibility of the person in charge of each boat to decide if that boat should race or continue to race.
- 22.2 Competitors compete in the event entirely at their own risk – see Rule 4, *Decision to Race*. The Organising Authority 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. The Organising Authority

encompasses everyone helping to run the event.

23 Code of conduct

- 23.1 Competitors shall manage the boats and equipment with proper care and seamanship. The penalty for breaking instruction 23.1 is at the discretion of the protest committee and may include exclusion from further participation in the event, the withdrawal of any prize or the withholding of deposits.

24 Radio Communications

- 24.1 VHF radios may be taken afloat but may only be used for safety reasons. The Race Committee will be using VHF Channel 77. A boat shall neither make radio or mobile telephone transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats.

25 Team Racing Equipment

- 25.1 Team captains will be responsible for collecting the following at the first briefing 3 X RED protest flags and 3 X Yellow (breakdown) flags.