

# SB20 National Championships 2024

## Sailing Instructions

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

### Royal St. George Yacht Club

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Royal St. George Y.C. (R. St.G.Y.C.)

*in association with the SB20 Ireland Class Association.*

The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of the *rule* may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

The notation '[NP]' means that a boat may not protest another boat or the race committee for breaking that *rule*. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

#### 1 RULES

1.1 The event will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.

1.2 SB20 Class rules will apply, except where changed by the NoR or these SIs.

1.3 RRS 40.1 Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) applies. **“Each competitor shall wear a PFD except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not PFDs.”**

#### 2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Any change to the SIs will be posted not later than two hours prior to the scheduled start of the first race on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 21.00 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

### 3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located online at [this link](#); and may also be posted using the event WhatsApp Group “SB20 NATIONALS 2024” by using [this link](#).  
[NP] Failure to post or receive a WhatsApp message will not be grounds for redress.
- 3.2 The Race Office is ‘Virtual’ and located online [here](#):
- 3.3 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on VHF marine channels.
- 3.4 [NP] The following communications may be made by the Race Committee on channel 77: the location of the Starting Area, Race information, Courses to be sailed, Countdown to the start, Individual Recalls, General Recalls, U Flag UFDs, Black Flag BFDs and Postponements. Failure to make these broadcasts or failure to hear them are not grounds for redress. This changes *RRS* 62.1.
- 3.5 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This also applies to mobile phones which may be carried onboard. This changes Class Rule C4.2 (1).

### 4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

### 5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE.

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole in front of the R.St.G.Y.C. Clubhouse.
- 5.2 When Code Flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 60 minutes’. This changes *RRS* Race Signals.

### 6 SCHEDULE

Day/Date	Time		No of Races
Thursday, 19 <sup>th</sup>	18.00 – 20.00	Registration & Lift in.	
Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup>	09.00 – 10.15	Registration & Lift in.	
Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Competitor Briefing on forecourt.	
<b>Friday, 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12.30</b>	<b>First Warning Signal</b>	<b>Up to 4 Races (Back-to-Back)</b>
<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>11.30</b>	<b>First Warning Signal</b>	<b>Up to 4 Races (Back-to-Back)</b>

<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>11.00</b>	<b>First Warning Signal</b>	<b>Up to 4 Races (Back-to-Back)</b>
	ASAP after last race	Lift out of visiting boats	
	ASAP after Results available	Prizegiving	

6.1 Up to Ten (10) races are scheduled with succeeding races being started as soon as is practicable after the finish of the previous race.

6.2 Additional races may be sailed each day. If the Race Committee intends to start an additional race an ORANGE FLAG will be displayed at the finish of the previous race.

6.3 No warning signal will be made after 15.30 on Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

## 7 CLASS FLAG

7.1 The class flag will be Numeral 7.

## 8 RACE AREA

8.1 The racing area will be in the confines of Dublin Bay. Note that on the Saturday in particular the Bay will be very busy with other events so the race area may be a long way from the harbour mouth. **It is the responsibility of competitors to arrive on time at the Race Area.**

## 9 COURSE

9.1 The course will be as described in Addendum A.

9.2 *If*, for any reason, there is only one Leeward Mark it shall be rounded to port.

## 10 MARKS

10.1 Mark 1 will be a Black Mark.

10.2 Marks 1a, 2s and 2p will be orange "tea bag" inflatables.

10.3 For starting Marks see SI 12.1, Finish line SI 14.1.

## 11 Not Used

## 12 THE START

12.1 The Starting Line will be between a Red + White Pole on the Race Committee Vessel at the Starboard end of the line and either a Candy Stripe Buoy, or a Red and White pole in a committee vessel, at the port end of the line.

12.2 [NP] If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the Race Committee will attempt to hail by VHF her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

12.3 A boat which starts later than 5 minutes after her Starting Signal shall be scored as Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1.

### **13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee may move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position. Flag C may be the only signal used to indicate such a change. This changes *RRS 33*.
- 13.2 Minor adjustments will not be signalled. This changes *RRS 33*.
- 13.3 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the Race Committee Vessel signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the Race Committee Vessel to starboard. This changes *RRS 28.1*.

### **13a SHORTENING THE COURSE**

- 13a.1 When a Race Committee Vessel displays Flag 'F' at a mark or gate and makes repeated sound signals, boats shall pass between the vessel displaying Flag F and the nearby mark, leaving the mark on the required side, or passing through the gate, and then sail to the finish line to finish.

### **14 THE FINISH**

- 14.1 The Finishing Line will be between a pole on the Race Committee Vessel displaying a Blue Flag at the Starboard end and a Dan Buoy with a Blue Flag at the port end of the finishing line
- 14.2 [NP] In addition to the procedure for shortening the course in *RRS Rule 32*, the Race Committee may also award a finishing score to a boat that is still racing by displaying to her from a Race Committee Vessel (which may be in motion) Flag W with one sound signal. A boat so notified is no longer required to sail a course, shall stop racing, and shall return to the starting area, or return ashore if there is no more racing. A finishing score under this SI 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. The decision by the Race Committee to use this procedure or not to use it shall not be grounds for requesting redress. This changes *RRS 28.1 & 60.1(b)*

### **15 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 15.1 The two-turn penalty is changed to a one turn penalty. This changes *RRS 44.1*.

### **16 TIME LIMITS AND TIME TARGETS**

- 16.1 The Target Time for each race will be 35 /45 minutes.
- 16.2 The Race Time Limit (See *RRS 35*) shall be 75 mins.
- 16.3 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes of the first boat to start, sail the course and finish will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes *RRS 35, A4 and A5*.

### **17 HEARING REQUESTS**

- 17.1 The Protest Time Limit is 60 minutes after the finishing time of the last boat in the last race of the day or the Race Committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 17.2 [Hearing Request Forms](#) are available online via the [Virtual Race Office](#) and completed requests must include a mobile number, a back-up number and an email address.
- 17.3 Arbitration – *RRS Appendix T* will apply. If a party is not present at an arbitration meeting, any party that is present may take a Post-Race Penalty at any time until the Protest Committee has completed taking evidence. This changes *RRS T1 (a)*.
- 17.4 Parties will be informed by WhatsApp/email as soon as possible after the Protest Time Limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Notices of Protests by the Race Committee, Technical Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under *RRS 61.1(b)*

17.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered within 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes *RRS 62.2*.

## **18 SCORING**

18.1 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

18.2 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores.

18.3 When four (4) or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.

## **19 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

19.1 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

20.1 [DP] Substitution of equipment is not allowed unless authorised in writing by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

20.2 Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.

## **21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

21.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.

21.2 [DP] When instructed by a Race Official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

**22, 23 & 24 Not used.**

## **25 TRASH DISPOSAL**

25.1 The SB20 National Championship is a 'Clean Regatta' and is fully supportive of sustainability of our marine environment. We would ask that you try to eliminate any plastic disposable bottles or wrapping in your consumables on board and to recycle any necessary plastic when ashore.

## **26 LAUNCHING, BERTHING, AND LIFT OUT**

26.1 Launching and berthing are included in the entry fee and will take place as set out in paragraph 6 above. Lift out facilities for visiting boats will be provided immediately after racing on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

26.2 All boats are required to be berthed overnight on the designated pontoons at the R.St.G.Y.C.

(Competitors are advised to use adequate warps and fenders.)

## **27 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

27.1 [DP] Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

28 Not used.

## 29 PRIZES

29.1 The Prize Giving Ceremony will take place after sailing on Sunday. Prizes will be awarded to the first 3 boats Overall and to the top 3 in the Silver Fleet.

## 30 RISK STATEMENT

30.1 *RRS* 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.**

30.2 The R.St.G.Y.C. and SB20 Ireland Class Association and all their officers, members and volunteers, and event sponsors and patrons, do not accept liability for loss of life or property, or personal injury or damage caused by or arising out of the event. Competitors take part in the event at their own risk.

## 31 INSURANCE

31.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €3 million per event or the equivalent.

## 32 MEDIA RIGHTS

32.1 Competitors automatically grant to the OA, without payment, the right in perpetuity to make use of and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped, or filmed television of or relating to the event. This may include the use of unmanned aerial vehicles (drones) operated under IAA guidelines.

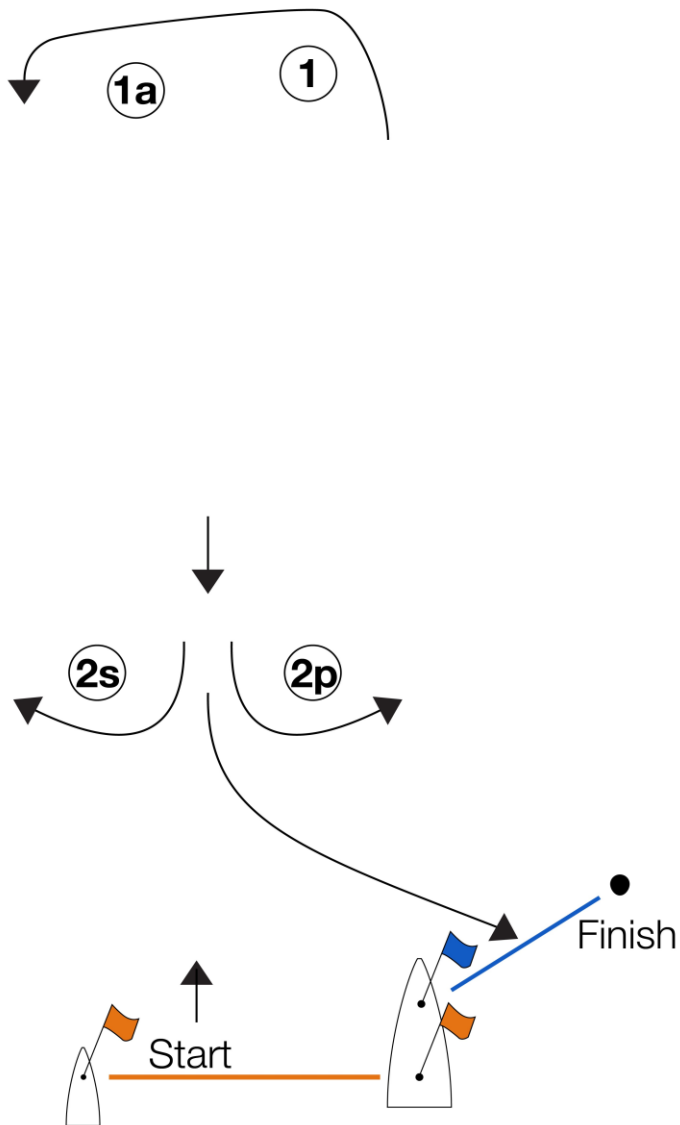
**THE DISTANCE FROM DUN LAOGHAIRE HARBOUR TO THE STARTING  
AREA MAY BE UP TO THREE KILOMETERS.**

# ADDENDUM A

COURSE: Windward / Leeward

Mark Rounding Order

START - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2p - FINISH



NOT TO SCALE

## MARKS

- Mark 1 will be a Black Mark.
- Marks 1a, 2s and 2p will be Orange "tea bag" inflatables.
- Port end Starting Mark = Candy Stripe inflatable – OR a red and white pole in a Race Committee Vessel
- Finish mark will be a Dan Buoy with Blue Flag at the port end of the finishing line.