



# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



## Irish National Championship -2024

Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> + Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> September 2024

**ROYAL St. GEORGE YACHT CLUB**

Harbour Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin.

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SI's means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Arbitrator and/or Protest Committee, be less than disqualification.

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the rules of the WASZP Class, except where any of these are amended by these Sailing Instructions. In the event of a conflict with the Notice of Race or Class Rules, these Sailing Instructions will prevail.
- 1.2 Environmental responsibility and supports initiatives such as the use of refillable drinks bottles and ensuring the disposal of single use plastic waste in the bins provided in and around the sailing club.
- 1.3 Rule 40.1 shall apply at all times on the water.

### 2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 The Official notice Board is located at:  
<https://www.rsgyc.ie/home/virtualraceofficewaszpsmoths/>
- 2.2 Competitors should note that it is anticipated that all communication for this event will be online on the virtual notice board.

### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the online Official Notice Board at least one hour before the advertised warning signal of the race or races concerned and signalled by displaying IC flag L ashore. However, any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 19:00 on the day before it will take effect.

### 4. BRIEFINGS

- 4.1 There will be an event welcome & Competitor Briefing at **9 am** on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> on the Forecourt of the Royal. St. George Y.C.
- 4.2 Daily briefings MAY be held on each subsequent day of the event. The time of the daily briefing will be posted on the on- line Official Notice Board by 9 am on race day.

## 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Club flagpole  
5.2 When IC Flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes'. This changes race signal AP.

## 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 The championship will consist of a maximum of 10 races.  
6.2 Up to a maximum of seven races may be scheduled on any one day.  
6.3 The target time for each of the Championship races is approx. 20 mins.

Day/Date	Time	
Saturday, 28 <sup>th</sup> September	8:30 – 9:00	Registration
Saturday, 28 <sup>th</sup> September	9:00	Competitors briefing
Saturday, 28 <sup>th</sup> September	10:55	First gun Target = 4 Races (back-to-back). Max 7
Sunday, 29 <sup>th</sup> September	10-25	First gun Target = 4 Races (back-to-back) Max. 7
	16:00	No warning signal may be made after this time
	ASAP After last race	Prize giving

- 6.4 Weather Data: <https://www.dlhweather.com/>

## 7. CLASS FLAG

- 7.1 Class flag will be a white flag with the WASZP Class Insignia .

## 8. RACING AREA

- 8.1 Race Area will be in the vicinity of Dublin Bay . More detail will be provided at the Competitor Briefing bearing in mind weather conditions etc.

## 9. THE COURSES

- 9.1 The diagrams in SI Appendix 1 show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.  
9.2 Other courses that may be used for fun races to be advised at a briefing before the start of that days' racing.

## 10. MARKS

- 10.1 For all Championship races:

- W and L will be large Black inflatables ,
- 1a ( Spreader) will be an orange Tea Bag type mark .
- Start will be a Red + White Candy Stripe
- Finish will be a dan buoy with a blue flag on a pole

- 10.2 Marks to be used in the fun races will be as announced at the briefing before the start of that days' racing.

## 11. THE START

- 11.1 The starting line will be between a red and white striped pole displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and a Candy Stripe inflatable.

11.2 Races will be started as follows:

<i>Signal</i>	<i>Flag</i>	<i>Sound</i>	<i>Minutes before starting signal</i>
<b>Alert</b>	Orange flag displayed	1 or more sounds	5 (at least)
<b>Warning</b>	Class flag displayed	1 sound	3
<b>Prep.</b>	P, U or Black displayed	1 sound	2
<b>One-minute</b>	Prep. Removed	1 long sound	1
<b>Start</b>	Class flag removed	1 sound	0

11.3 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

## **12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

12.2 The Race Committee may not signal a change of course if a mark is moved by less than 15 degrees, or if leg length is changed by less than 100 metres from its original position. This changes RRS 33.

## **13. THE FINISH**

13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff or mast displaying a blue flag on the committee boat and the finishing mark—a small dan buoy with a blue flag

13.2 When a Safety boat displays to a racing boat Flag W with two sound signals boats may finish by this Safety boat. A boat finished in accordance with this instruction shall be given a finishing place after all boats which complete more legs of the course and then finish. This changes RRS 28 & 35.

## **14. PENALTY SYSTEM**

14.1 Penalty system is as published in the Notice of Race.

## **15. TIME LIMITS & TARGET TIMES**

15.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:

Racing Series	Race Time limit	Target time	Mark 1 time limit	Finishing window
Championship	40 mins	20 mins	15 mins	10 mins
NASCAR	20 mins	10 mins	10 mins	5 mins

If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a)

15.2 Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This change RRS 35, A4 and A5.

## **15 ARBITRATION HEARINGS**

15-1 An RRS Appendix T arbitrations system will be in place for protest resolution.

15-2 EXONERATION PENALTY:

In accordance with RRS Appendix T1, provided that Rule 44.1(b) does not apply, boat which may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or Rule 31 in an incident

may take a Post-Race Penalty at any time after the race until the beginning of the Arbitration hearing involving the incident.

15-3 In a change of RRS Appendix T1, a Post Race Penalty is a 20% scoring penalty calculated as stated in Rule 44.3(C). However, Rule 44.1(a) applies.

15-3 A boat takes a Post-Race penalty by delivering to the Arbitrator a written statement that she accepts the penalty and identifies the race number and where and when the incident occurred.

(a) Neither the boat nor a Protest Committee may then revoke or remove the penalty.

(b) The boat shall not be penalized further in a protest hearing when the Protest Committee decides that it was appropriate to the facts found and the applicable rules.

15 -4 ARBITRATION: When a protest or request for redress is lodged, -Arbitration will be provided first.

The arbitrator may (a) decide that the protest is invalid, (b) decide that no boat will be penalised for breaking a rule (C) one or more boats will be penalised for breaking a rule.

After the arbitration a boat (a) may take a Post-Race Penalty or (b) a boat may ask to withdraw her protest. Unless all protests involving the incident are withdrawn, a protest hearing will be held.

## 16 PROTESTS

- a. In addition to RRS61.1(a) a boat intending to lodge a protest must inform the Race Committee on the finishing vessel upon finishing the race.
- b. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- c. Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted on the on-line Official Notice Board to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- d. The hearings will be heard via video call (Zoom) unless otherwise scheduled by the Arbitrator and/ or the Protest Committee. All links will be sent via email.
- e. Hearing Schedule will be posted on the on-line Official Notice Board as soon as possible after a protest has been lodged, but not later than 30 minutes after the end of Protest Time to inform competitors of Arbitration hearings in which they are parties. Arbitration meetings will be held in the order specified on the Hearing Schedule.
  - f. Breaches of instructions 19, 22 and 24 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1. Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the Arbitrator so decides.

## 17 SCORING

- a. Scoring of races is as published in the Notice of Race.

All races, regardless of format, will be weighted equally.

  - b. The series will be scored as follows:
    - a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores.
    - b) When from 4 to 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
    - c) When 8 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

## **18 SUPPORT BOATS**

- a. Support boats are allowed.

## **19 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- a. All competitors shall wear adequate personal buoyancy (minimum standard EN393) when afloat and when adjacent to the water including on all pontoons and shorelines. Flag Y will not be displayed. This changes the Part 4 preamble. [DP].
- b. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible [DP].
- c. A Safety boat in close attendance to a craft or competitor in difficulty is considered to be an obstruction.
- d. Boats wishing to sail ashore before the end of the day's racing shall not do so unless authorized by a Safety boat.[DP]
- e. Boats shall follow the instructions of the Safety boats. Failure to do so will be reported to the Race Committee, which may protest the boat. Boats penalised under this instruction may be scored DNE, or such other penalty that the Protest Committee may decide. This changes RRS 64.2(a). [DP].
- f. Outside Help: Penalties for breaches of RRS 41 (Outside Help) will be at the discretion of the Protest Committee. Any outside help shall be reported to the Protest Committee before the protest time limit on the day concerned. [DP].

## **20 EVENT ADVERTISING**

- a. Advertising instructions are as published in the Notice of Race. [DP]

## **21 REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT**

- a. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the Race Committee. Requests for equipment substitution shall be submitted by e-mail to WASZPIRL@GMAIL.COM before the protest time limit on the day the replacement equipment has first been used. Failure to comply with this requirement, the refusal of the request, or the failure of any replacement equipment to comply with the class rules, will result in the boat being scored DNE for the race or races concerned. [DP].

## **22 TRASH DISPOSAL**

- a. Trash on shore may be placed in bins provided in and around the sailing club [DP].

## **23 BERTHING**

- a. Berthing instructions are as published in the Notice of Race.

## **24 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- a. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

## **25 RISK STATEMENT**

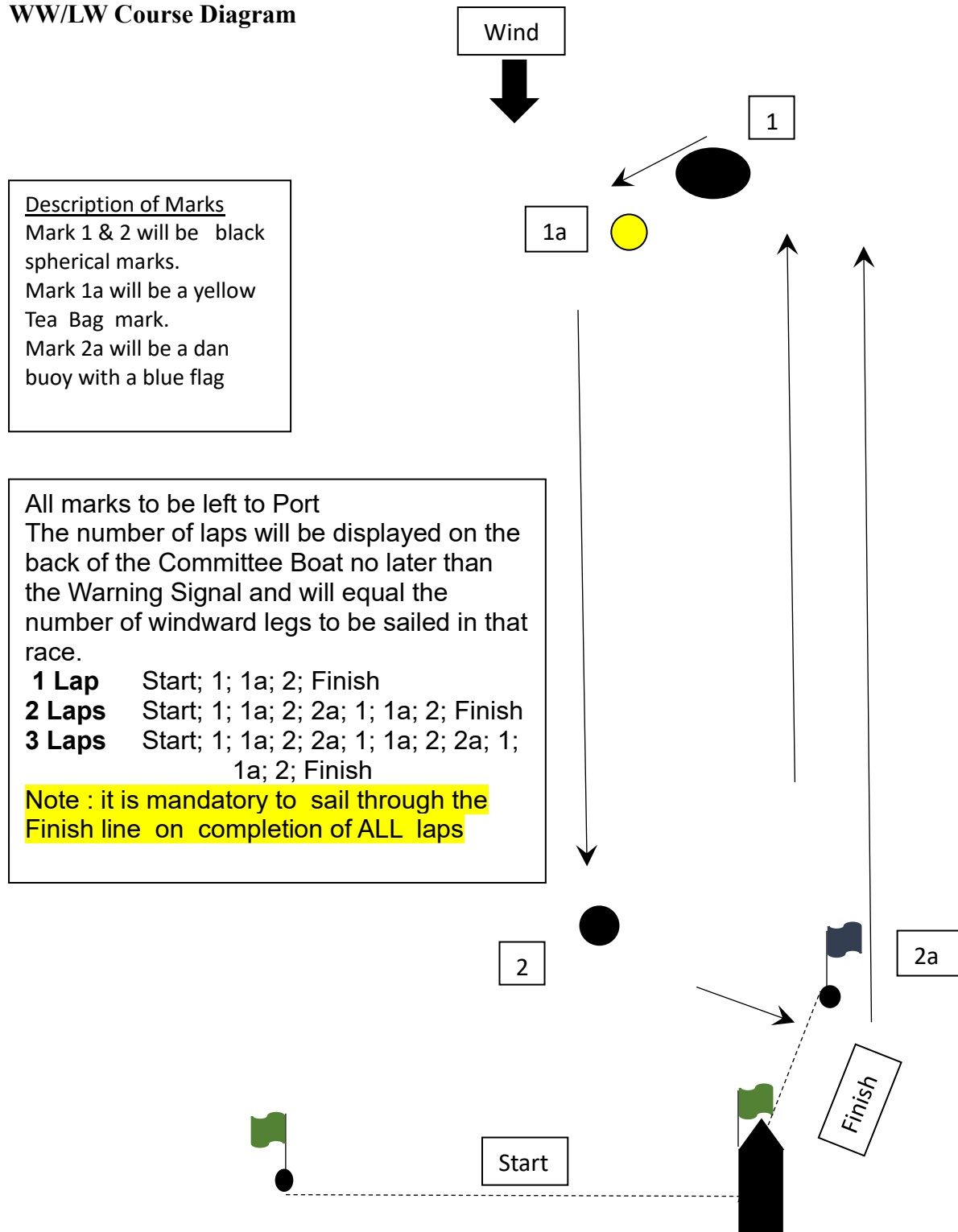
- a. Risk Statement is as published in the Notice of Race.

## **26 INSURANCE**

- a. Insurance requirements are as published in the Notice of Race.

## APPENDIX 1:

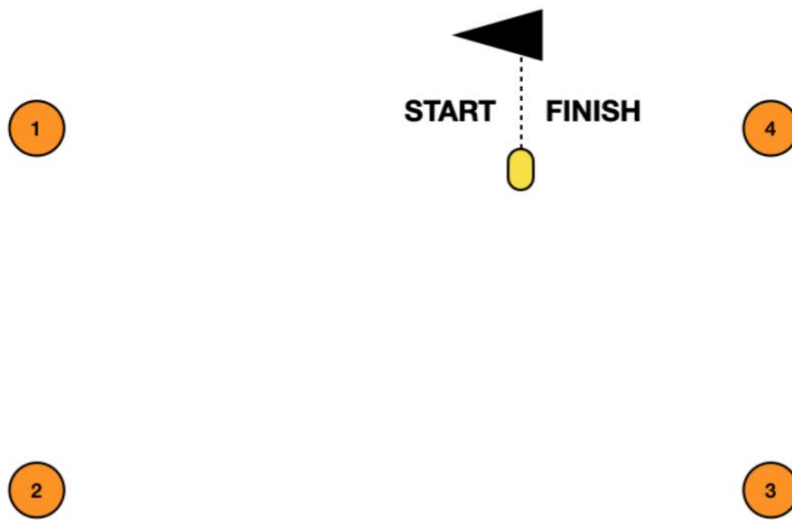
### WW/LW Course Diagram



### NASCAR Course

1 LAP	START – 1(p) – 2(p) – 3(p) – 4(p) - FINISH
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The positions of marks 2 and 3 may be moved significantly further downwind to suit the wind conditions.



The number of laps may change but you will get a finishing position when you cross the finish line, and the committee boat has put up the blue flag.