



# Summer Series 2017

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May to Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017

Carrickfergus Sailing Club

## Sailing Instructions-Dinghy

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. The RYA Portsmouth Yardstick Scheme as set out in the current YR2 will apply to the Dinghy class.

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located at the foyer of Carrickfergus Sailing Club.

### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1830 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

### 4. FORMAT OF RACING

The regatta will consist of a single series.

### 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

#### 5.1. Dates of racing:

Series	Dates of Racing	Number of Races
Early Wednesday	3 <sup>rd</sup> May to 28 <sup>th</sup> June	9
Late Wednesday	5 <sup>th</sup> July to 30 <sup>th</sup> August excluding 12 <sup>th</sup> July	8

- 5.2. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1910.
- 5.3. If the Race Committee decides to sail additional races on any day Flag D shall be displayed at the finish of the preceding race.

### 6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1. The Class flag will be Flag F.

### 7. RACING AREAS

The Racing Area will be on Belfast Lough.

### 8. THE COURSES

Courses will be notified to competitors before going afloat.

### 9. MARKS

Marks will be notified to competitors before going afloat.

### 10. THE START

- 10.1. The starting line will be between a pole on the committee boat displaying a flag at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark.
- 10.2. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 10.3. A boat starting later than ten minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

## 11. THE FINISH

The finish line will be between a pole displaying a flag on the committee boat and a finish mark.

## 12. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

12.1. The time limit will be 90 minutes from the starting signal for all classes

12.2. Boats failing to finish within 45 minutes after the first boat in their sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

12.3. In the event of a second or subsequent round being designated, should no boat finish that round within the time limit for their class, or should the race be abandoned, the time of boats taken at the end of the last round completed shall be used for the result of the race. Boats not racing at the time limit or the time of abandonment will be recorded as Did Not Finish. This changes rule 35, A4 and A5.

## 13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

13.1. The RYA Arbitration System will be available for this event and competitors are recommended to resolve disputes using this method. Boats penalised under this System may accept a 25% penalty.

13.2. Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

13.3. For each class, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished, after instruction 12.2 has been applied to that race, or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

13.4. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at Carrickfergus Sailing Club, beginning at the time posted.

13.5. Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

13.6. Breaches of instructions 10.2, 15. and 17. will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

13.7. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;

(b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.

13.8. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress from a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

## 14. SCORING

14.1. Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

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

(b) When four to six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

(c) When seven or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

14.3. The last sentence of RRS A9 is changed as follows: A boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that came to the starting area.

14.4. To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat may complete a scoring enquiry form available at the race office.

## 15. SAFETY REGULATIONS

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

15.2. Personal Flotation Devices shall be worn at all times when afloat (except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment) in accordance with the provisions of rule 40 except that flag Y will not be displayed and no sound signal will be made. This changes rule 40 and the preamble to part 4 of the RRS.

15.3. Boats shall give way to any ship underway in the Victoria Channel.

## 16. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## 17. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## 18. PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows: 1st place for 3 or more average starters, 2nd place for 4 or more average starters, 3rd place for 5 or more average starters.

## 19. RISK STATEMENT

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk.

By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

(a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;

(b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;

(c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;

(d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

(e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

(f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;

(g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event; and

(i) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £2,000,000 against third party claims.

## 20. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.