

2018 RS Elite Irish Championship

16th to 17th June 2018

Carrickfergus Sailing Club, Co. Antrim

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



RS
Elite

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the RYA will apply.
- 1.3 Racing rule(s) A4, A5, 26, 28.1, 35, 60.1(a) and 66 will be changed.
The changes appear in full in these sailing instructions.
- 1.4 The class rules of the RS Elite Class will apply.

2 SPONSOR ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display sponsor stickers or bow numbers. If these are required they will be issued at registration and shall be fixed to both sides of the boat before racing.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the foyer of Carrickfergus Sailing Club.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 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.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole between the main clubhouse and adjacent boatshed.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 5.3 When flag Y is displayed ashore, rule 40 applies at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Dates of racing:

Saturday 16 th June	Races 1, 2 and 3
Sunday 17 th June	Races 4, 5 and 6

- 6.2 The scheduled time of the first warning signal each day will be 1055 on Saturday 16th June, and 0955 on Sunday 17th June.
- 6.3 One extra race may be sailed on either day at the discretion of the Race Committee. To alert boats that an additional race will be sailed, Numeral 4 will be displayed on the committee boat at the finish of the previous race.

7 CLASS FLAGS

The Class flag will be E.

8 RACING AREAS

Racing will take place in Belfast Lough.

9 THE COURSES

The diagrams and descriptions in Addendum A show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

Boats shall not pass through the start/finish line on the downwind leg when a blue flag is flown on the committee boat.

10 MARKS

10.1 Marks 1, 2, and Gate marks will be red inflatables.

10.2 The Start Mark will be a green inflatable.

10.3 The Finish Mark will be a red inflatable.

10.4 A race committee boat signaling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in instruction 12.2.

11 THE START

11.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the following addition: The Orange Start line flag will be displayed with one sound signal five minutes before the warning signal for each race.

11.2 The starting line will be between a mast on the committee boat displaying an orange flag at the starboard end and the green port-end starting mark.

11.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules 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 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signaling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28.1.

12.3 Minor changes of course may not be signaled.

13 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a mast on the committee boat displaying a blue flag at the starboard end and the red port-end finishing mark.

14 TIME LIMITS

Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in the fleet sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35 and A4.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 The Exoneration Penalty, the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Dispute procedures shall apply for this event and competitors are recommended to resolve disputes using this method.

Boats penalised under this System may accept a 25% penalty.

See the Official Notice Board for details

The outcome of RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee, but arbitration cannot be reopened or appealed.

15.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the finish time of the last boat to finish on that day.

- 15.3 Protest forms are available at the race office located at Carrickfergus Sailing Club. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit. The protest time limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 15.4 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 committee room, located at Carrickfergus Sailing Club.
- 15.5 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 15.6 Breaches of instructions 17, 20 and 21 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches are at the discretion of the protest committee and may be less than disqualification.
- 15.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening 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.

16 SCORING

- 16.1 Six races are scheduled. Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

17 DECLARATIONS & SAFETY REGULATIONS

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

18 REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

19 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 race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

20 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

21 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

22 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.

23 PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

The RSElite Irish Championship Trophy will be presented to the first boat normally berthed in Ireland helmed by a helmsman normally domiciled in Ireland. First, Second and Third prizes will be awarded. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizers.

24 RISK STATEMENT

As stated in the Notice of Race.

25 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats. The penalty for breaking rule 55, Trash Disposal, is at the discretion of the protest committee (DPI) and may be less than disqualification.

26 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000.00 Pounds Sterling or the equivalent.

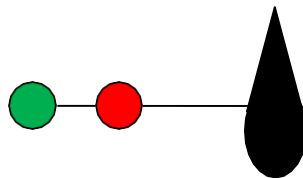
ADDENDUM A

Windward / Leeward Course

Start - 1 - 2 - Gate - 1 - 2 - Gate - Finish

Marks 1 and 2 must be rounded to Port

Mark 2 ● ● Mark 1



Gate

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