



Ruffian North/South Team Racing

Sunday 5th July 2009

Carrickfergus Sailing Club

Sailing Instructions



1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. Appendix D - Team Racing Rules will apply.
- 1.3. Racing rule 35, A4, A5, 40, 60.1(a), 62.1(a), 62.2, 66 will be changed. Changes appear in full in these Sailing Instructions..

2. Notices to Competitors

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located in the foyer of the clubhouse.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1. 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.

4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the club battery.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5. Schedule of Races

- 5.1. Dates of racing: Sunday 5th July 2009
- 5.2. Number of races: Four
- 5.3. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 10:00.
- 5.4. After a long postponement, to alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound for at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 5.5. On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 15:30.

6. Boat Selection

- 6.1. Boats will be supplied by Carrickfergus Sailing Club. An owner's representative will be present on each boat.
- 6.2. The boats will be divided into a Blue team and a White team by the Race Committee.
- 6.3. A draw will be made at the briefing to select colours.
- 6.4. Teams shall swap colours after race 2.
- 6.5. Teams shall notify the Race Committee of the names of crews on each boat for each race.
- 6.6. Crew members shall not change boats during the event without the permission of the Race Committee, except in accordance with SI 6.4.

7. Sail Selection

- 7.1. The permitted sail combination will be indicated by a flag flown on the committee vessel no later than the warning signal:

- Main, Genoa and Spinnaker – Numeral Pennant 1
- Main and Genoa – Numeral Pennant 2
- Main and Jib – Numeral Pennant 3

8. Class Flags

- 8.1. The class flag will be Numeral pennant 4

9. Racing Areas

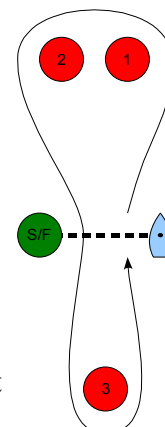
9.1. Racing will take place off Carrickfergus Sailing Club.

10. The Courses

10.1. The diagram opposite shows 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.

10.2. Start – 1 – 2 – S/F – 3 – S/F – 1 – 2 S/F – 3 Finish

10.3. Boats shall pass through the Start/Finish line on legs from 2 to 3 and 3 to 1.



11. Marks

11.1. Marks 1, 2 and 3 will be Red Spherical Buoys.

11.2. The starting and finishing marks will be Green Spherical Buoys.

12. The Start

12.1. The starting line will be between a red and white pole on the committee vessel at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark.

12.2. If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line at any time during the two minutes before her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF channel 37. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

13. Change of the Next Leg of the Course

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

14. The Finish

14.1. The finishing line will be between a red and white pole on the committee vessel at the starboard end and the port-end finishing mark.

15. Penalty System

15.1. As provided in rule 67, the protest committee may, without a hearing, penalize a boat that has broken rule 42.

16. Time Limits

16.1. The time limits is 90 minutes

16.2. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

17. Protests and Requests for Redress

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

17.2. For each class, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

17.3. 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 race office, beginning at the time posted.

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

17.5. A list of boats that, under instruction 15.1. , have been penalized for breaking rule 42 will be posted.

17.6. Breaches of instructions 19. , 22. , and 23. 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. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.

17.7. 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.

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

18. Scoring

18.1. The Scoring System of Appendix D will apply.

19. Safety Regulations

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

19.2. Rule 40 will apply at all times while afloat. Flag Y will not be displayed and no sound signal will be made. This changes rule 40.

20. Replacement of Crew or Equipment

20.1. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

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

21. Equipment and Measurement Checks

21.1. 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.

22. Support Boats

22.1. Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

23. Radio Communication

23.1. 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.

24. Prizes

24.1. Prizes will be given as follows:

- The Wining Team
- The Best Scoring Crew

25. Disclaimer of Liability and Insurance

25.1. A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.

25.2. It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

25.3. The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £2m sterling.

25.4. Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats and beach masters.

25.5. The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.