



Dinghy Summer Series

Wednesday 1st July - 26th August 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. Portsmouth Yardstick Scheme as set out in the current YR2 shall apply.
- 1.3. Racing rules 35, 40, 60.1(a), 62.1(a), 62.2, 66, A4, A5 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 located in the foyer of the clubhouse.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1. 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. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the club battery.

5. Schedule of Races

- 5.1. Dates of racing: Wednesday 1st July to 26th August 2009
- 5.2. Number of races: 9
- 5.3. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 19:10

6. Class Flags

- 6.1. The Class flag will be Numeral Pennant F

7. Racing Areas

- 7.1. The Racing Area will be on Belfast Lough to the south of Carrickfergus Sailing Club.

8. The Courses

- 8.1. The diagrams in Attachment A show the approximate positions of the marks.
- 8.2. The course will be posted at the Club Battery before boats go afloat.
- 8.3. Course direction will be indicated by a red or green board located under the class flags. A red board indicates starting East to West and leaving all marks to port. A green board indicates starting West to East and leaving all marks to starboard.
- 8.4. When the letter 'F' is displayed at the battery as the leading boat approaches the finish line, boats shall finish at the end of that lap.

9. Marks

- 9.1. Marks will be as follows:

- R – Spherical Red Outer Limit of start line.
- G – Spherical Green Outer Limit of start line
- 1, 2, 3, 4, A, B, C, D – Spherical Yellow Marks
- Castle Reef, Marina Reef – Black Reef Marks
- Extra Marks – Spherical Red Marks

10. The Start

- 10.1. Races will be started by using rule 26, with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 10.2. The start line is formed between the orange pole at the front of the battery and a green limit mark (G) if the first mark is to be rounded to starboard, or a red limit mark (R) if the first mark is to be rounded to port.
- 10.3. An orange inner limit mark will be laid approximately on the start line. When starting boats shall not pass between the inner limit and the shore.

10.4. A boat starting later than 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

10.5. Boats shall not cross the line between mark R and the Orange Pole, or the line between mark G and the Orange Pole, except on the first leg of the course or when required by RRS 28 "Sailing the Course".

11. The Finish

11.1. The finishing line will be formed between the orange pole at the battery and the red limit mark (R) if the previous mark was left to starboard, or the green limit mark (G) if the previous mark was left to port.

11.2. An orange inner limit mark will be laid approximately on the start line. When finishing boats shall not pass between the inner limit and the shore.

12. Time Limits

12.1. The time limit will be 2 hours from the starting signal for each class.

12.2. Boats failing to finish within 45 minutes after the first boat in each class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. 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. Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

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

13.3. 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 the Race Office, beginning at the time posted.

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

13.5. Breaches of instructions 15. 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.

13.6. 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.

13.7. 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.

14. Scoring

14.1. Portsmouth Numbers will be those published in the current YR2 for each class, adjusted as necessary for variations from Base Rig.

14.2. Boats without Portsmouth Numbers published in the current YR2 will be allocated Numbers by use of the method described in Specimen Race 4 in the current YR2.

14.3. Portsmouth Numbers will not be adjusted during the series.

14.4. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

14.5. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst scores as follows:

Races Completed	1 to 3	4 to 5	6 to 7	8 to 9
Races Excluded	0	1	2	3

15. Safety Regulations

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

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

16. Prizes

16.1. Prizes will be given in each class based on the average number of starters as follows: 1st place 3 or more starters, 2nd place 4 or more starters, 3rd place 5 or more starters.

17. Disclaimer of Liability and Insurance

17.1. 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.

17.2. 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.

17.3. 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.

17.4. 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.

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

Attachment A - Racing Area

