



# Castle Cup Weekend 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> July 2010 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. The RYA Portsmouth Yardstick Scheme as set out in the current YR2 will be used. Portsmouth Numbers will be those published by BLYC.
- 1.3. The IRC Rules Parts 1, 2, and 3 shall apply.
- 1.4. Laser SB3, RS Elite and Sigma 33 Class Rules shall apply.
- 1.5. Racing rules 35, 40, 60.1(a), 62.1(a), 62.2, 63.1, 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(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.
- 4.3. When flag C is displayed ashore Sailing Instructions 9. will not apply. The alternatives listed in Attachment A shall apply instead.

## 5. Schedule of Races

- 5.1. Dates of racing: Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2010
- 5.2. Number of races: Four
- 5.3. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 12:20 on Saturday and 11:25 on Sunday.
- 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. Class Flags

- 6.1. Class flags will be:

IRC	Numeral Pennant 1	Sigma 33	Numeral Pennant 2
Sportsboat	Numeral Pennant 3	IRC Whitesail	Numeral Pennant 4
PY	Numeral Pennant 5	PY Whitesail	Flag A

- 6.2. Each boat in classes IRC, IRC Whitesail, PY, PY Whitesail shall conspicuously display the flag appropriate to its class, as described above, from or near the backstay (or starboard shroud if no backstay) at the start and finish of each race.

## 7. Racing Areas

- 7.1. The racing area will be Belfast Lough in the vicinity of Carrickfergus Sailing Club.

## 8. Saturday Race

- 8.1. The race on Saturday will be as per the Carrickfergus Sailing Club insert of the BLYC Regatta

Programme.

## 9. Sunday Races

### 9.1. The Courses

9.1.1. The diagram opposite shows the courses, including the approximate angles between legs.

9.1.2. Marks shall be rounded in the order: Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 2 - 3 - Finish

9.1.3. All marks shall be left to port.

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



### 9.2. Marks

9.2.1. Marks 1, 2 and 3 will be Red Spherical buoys.

9.2.2. The starting and finishing mark will be a Green Spherical buoy.

### 9.3. The Start

9.3.1. The starting line will be between a red and white pole on the Committee Vessel and the starting mark.



9.3.2. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.



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

9.3.4. 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).

### 9.4. Change of the Next Leg of the Course

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

### 9.5. The Finish

9.5.1. The finishing line will be between a red and white pole on the Committee Vessel and the finishing mark.

### 9.6. Time Limits

9.6.1. The Time Limit for the first boat in each class is 90 minutes.

Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing.

## 10. Penalty System

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

10.2. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

## 11. Protests and Requests for Redress

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

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

11.3. 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.

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

11.5. A list of boats that, under instruction 10.1. , have been penalized for breaking rule 42 will be posted.

11.6. Breaches of instructions 9.3.2. , 13. , and 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.

11.7. 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.

11.8. 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.

## **12. Scoring**

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

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

## **13. Safety Regulations**

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

13.2. Boats shall not race with an anchor on the bow. Boats infringing this instruction shall be disqualified without a hearing. This amends RRS 63.1

13.3. 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.

## **14. Replacement of Crew or Equipment**

14.1. 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.

## **15. Radio Communication**

15.1. 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.

## **16. Prizes**

16.1. Prizes will be given in each class as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> place if 3 or more entries, 2<sup>nd</sup> place if 4 or more entries, 3<sup>rd</sup> place if 5 or more entries.

## **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**

### **18. The Courses**

18.1. The table in Attachment B shows the courses, including the course signals, approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.

18.2. No later than the warning signal, the race committee will display the course board above the class designation mounted by the Club Battery indicating the course to be sailed.

18.3. Course direction will be indicated by a red or green board located under the class flag. 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.

18.4. On completion of a round of a course, boats shall continue on a further round if the course letter is still displayed above their class designation. If the course letter has changed, boats shall complete a round of the new course displayed above their class designation.

18.5. When the letter 'F' is displayed above a class designation, that class shall finish.

### **19. Marks**

19.1. Marks will be as follows:

R	Red Outer Limit of start line.	G	Green Outer Limit of start line
1	Round yellow N 54:42.562 W 005:47.517	A	Round yellow N 54:42.425 W 005:46.621
2	Round yellow N 54:41.945 W 005:47.129	B	Round yellow N 54:41.623 W 005:49.756
3	Round yellow N 54:41.506 W 005:48.751	C	Round yellow N 54:40.400 W 005:46.470
4	Round yellow N 54:42.163 W 005:49.296	D	Round yellow N 54:41.676 W 005:47.994

### **20. The Start**

20.1. 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.

20.2. 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.

20.3. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

20.4. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rules A4 and A5.

20.5. If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line 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).

20.6. 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".

### **21. The Finish**

21.1. 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.

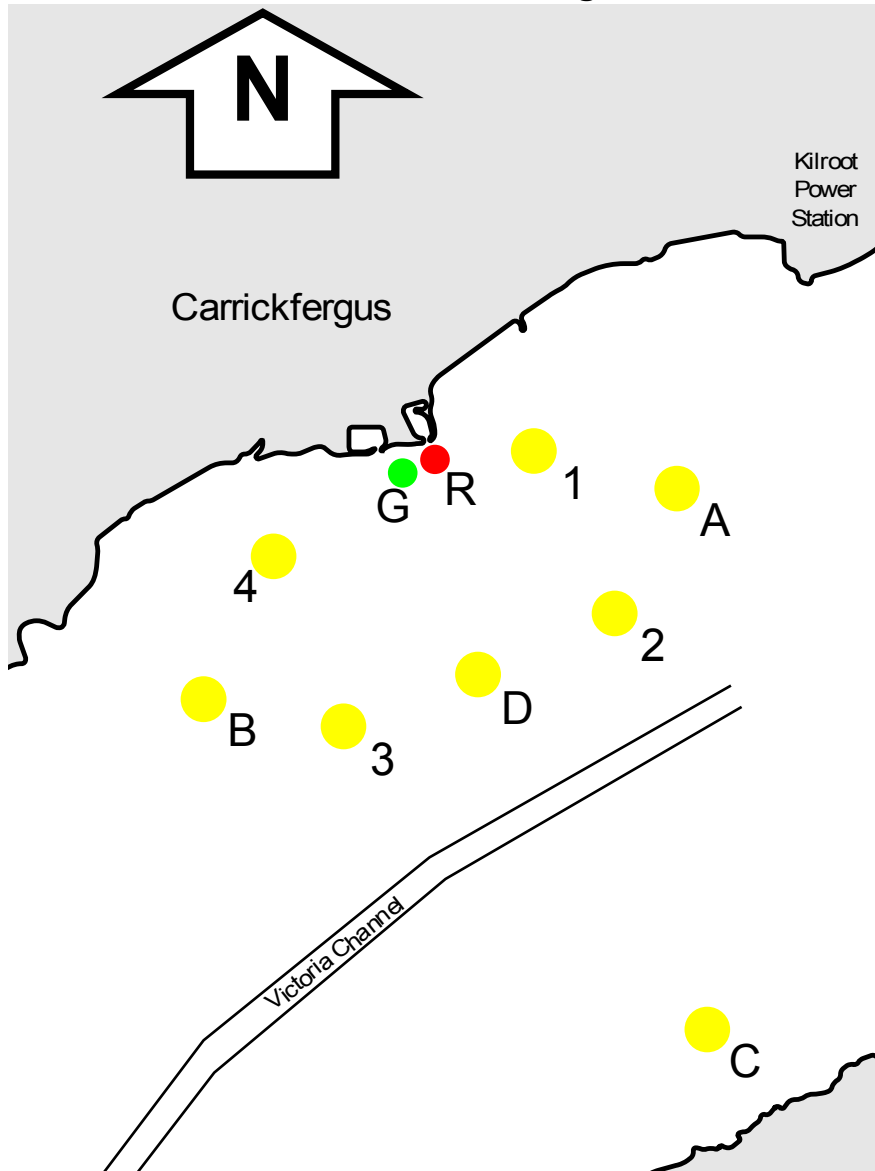
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### **22. Time Limits**

22.1. The Time Limit for the first boat in each class is 90 minutes.

Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing.

### Attachment B - Racing Area



### Attachment C - Course List

Course Letter	Green board Starting West to East Leave marks to starboard						Course Letter	Red board Starting East to West Leave marks to port					
	1	2	3	4	G	R		1	2	3	4	R	G
A	1	2	4	G	R		A	4	3	1	R	G	
B	1	D	4	G	R		B	4	D	1	R	G	
C	1	3	4	G	R		C	4	2	1	R	G	
D	1	2	G	R			D	4	3	R	G		
E	1	D	G	R			E	4	D	R	G		
G	1	3	G	R			G	4	2	R	G		
H	1	B	G	R			H	4	A	R	G		
I	1	4	G	R			I	4	1	R	G		
J	1	C	4	G	R		J	4	C	1	R	G	
K	1	C	B	G	R		K	4	C	A	R	G	
L	1	2	3	G	R		L	4	3	2	R	G	
M	1	G	R				M	4	R	G			
N	1	2	3	4	G	R	N	4	3	2	1	R	G
P	A	C	B	G	R		P	B	C	A	R	G	
R	A	B	G	R			R	B	A	R	G		
S	A	3	4	G	R		S	B	2	1	R	G	
T	A	D	B	G	R		T	B	D	A	R	G	
U	A	G	R				U	B	R	G			
V	2	3	4	G	R		V	3	2	1	R	G	
W	2	B	G	R			W	3	A	R	G		
X	2	4	G	R			X	3	1	R	G		
Y	2	G	R				Y	3	R	G			
Z	D	G	R				Z	D	R	G			