

Wicklow Sailing Club

Dinghy Regatta 2024

Saturday 7th September

Sailing Instructions

1. Rules

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 – 2024. The prescriptions of the RYA/ISA, these Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereto will Apply.

2. Notices to Competitors

Notices to Competitors will be posted on the notice board in the Round Ireland Room.

3. Entries and Responsibilities

- 3.1 All entrants must have submitted a completed and signed entry form
- 3.2 Boats shall be seaworthy, suitably equipped and have effective buoyancy
- 3.3 Competitors shall wear life jackets or other adequate personal buoyancy aids at all times when afloat
- 3.4 All competitors should keep clear of the safety boats. Boats should be aware of shipping, and swimmers in the harbour. A boat that retires from the race should notify the O.O.D(RO) as soon as practicable
- 3.5 All Boats should have a sail number clearly displayed on main sail
- 3.6 Competitors are reminded of Fundamental Rule 2, Fair Sailing. Fair Play and Sportsmanship are important parts of our sport.

4. Changes to the Sailing Instructions

- 4.1 Changes made to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board before 9.00hrs on the day of racing.

5. Signals Made Ashore

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on a flagpole erected at the entrance to the dinghy park. When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced by “not less than 1 hour” in race signal AP.

6. Schedule of Races

- 6.1 Races will be started using rule 26.
- 6.2 The starting sequence for the races will be: 5 minutes, 4 minutes, 1 minute, GO!
- 6.3 The first 5 minute gun will be at 10.55hrs

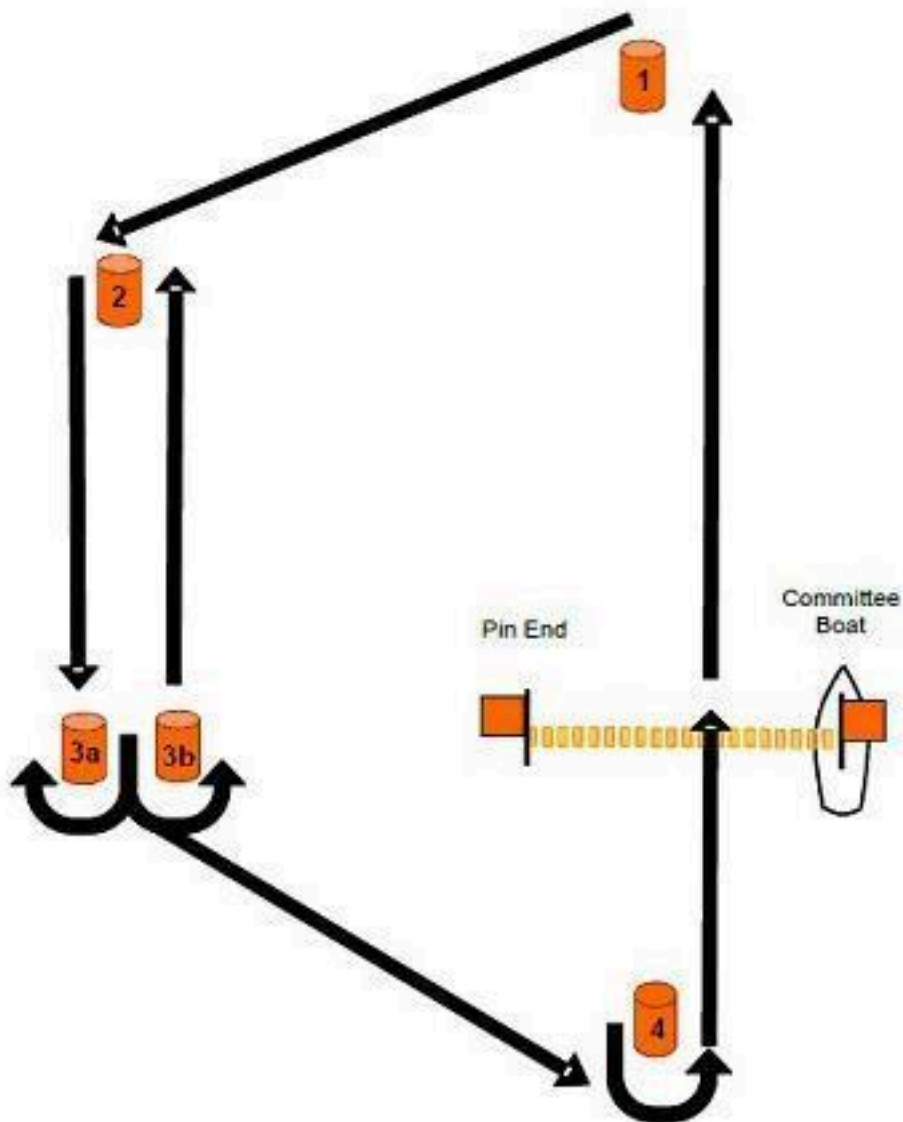
7. The Fleet:

7.1 The Race Committee will have sole discretion to determine the classification for boat class and types of entrants.


8. Course Details

8.1 The diagram(s) in **APPENDIX “A”** (Race Courses) shall show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed; the side on which each mark is to be left and the number of laps.

<i>Class Flag</i>	<i>Warning</i>	<i>Start</i>
TBC	10.55	11.00



ITCA (IRL) - 5.3 Course

1p - 2p - 3a(s) / 3 b(p) - 2p - 3b(p) - 4p  Finish

Marks

8.2 Marks will be orange buoys.

9. The Start / Recalls

- 9.1 The starting line will be between the main mast **Flying Orange Flag** of the committee boat and a round orange/pink buoy.
- 9.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.
- 9.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.1.
- 9.4 OCS individual recall will be flag "X" and single long sound. Flag will be flown until all recalls have properly re-crossed the starting line OR for four minutes.
- 9.5 OCS individual recalls may be identified on whiteboard on committee boat.
- 9.6 General recalls will be "1st Substitute" flag and 2 long sound signals.
- 9.7 General recalled fleet will restart their race sequence 1 minute after the "1st Substitute" has been removed.
- 9.8 Black Flag rule will apply to the restart of the race of any recalled fleet.

10. The Finish

- 10.1 The finishing line will be between the Committee Boat flying a **Blue flag** and the finishing mark.
- 10.2 Boats, having finished, shall not re-cross their own finishing line in the opposite direction.

11. Time Limits

11.1 Time limits are as follows:

Class	Time Limit	Mark 1 Time Limit
All	1 hour	30 minutes

- 11.2 If **no** boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 11.3 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

12. Abandon / Shorten Course

- 12.1 When after a race has started there is a substantial wind shift the Race Committee may move one or more marks.
- 12.2 Abandonment before the starting signal/ postponement shall be as per RRS 27.3.
- 12.3 Abandonment of a race after the start shall be as per RRS 32.
- 12.4 For a Course Shortened when the Committee Boat is in its normal position at the Start/Finish line, the following shall be in position as the first boat in the fleet approaches the last mark to be rounded:
- (a) The Committee Boat will fly flag 'S' (white flag with a blue rectangle) accompanied by two sound signals, alongside the class flag (no. 1 or 2 Pennant) and a blue flag.
- (b) A race committee boat positioned at the last mark to be rounded shall fly a distinguishing flag and sound regular signals.
- The leading boat shall then round that mark and proceed direct to the finish line. All boats in the class shall complete the same number of rounds equal to the leading boat before proceeding to the finish. This changes RRS 32.

14 Penalty System

- 14.1 The penalty system shall be as per RRS 44.1
One Turn for hitting a mark.
Two turns for boat-on-boat infringements

15 Protests

- 15.1 Protest forms are available at the Race Office in the club office.
15.2 For each class the protest time is 60 minutes after the last boat has sailed the last race of the day.
15.3 Protest forms shall be delivered directly to the race office within the time frame.
15.4 A notice will be displayed on the notice board of intended protest hearings.
15.5 Protest meetings may be convened immediately.
15.6 It shall be the responsibility of competitors to check the notice board for such notices, obtain their copy of the protest form and make sure that they and their witnesses attend the hearing

16 Scoring

- 16.1 One discard is allowed for every 4 races completed in the series.
16.2 Where 3 or less races are completed in the series the score of all races completed will count.

17 Disclaimer of Liability

- 17.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The Race Committee and Wicklow Sailing Club will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the event.
17.2 Neither the establishment of these Sailing Instructions nor any inspection of the boat under these conditions in any way limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/competitor for his crew, the boat and the management thereof. The crews are nonetheless advised to satisfy themselves as to the experience of the skipper and the adequacy of all safety equipment and insurance arrangements.

18 Insurance

- 18.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €1.5million per incident or equivalent.

19 Results & Prizes

- 19.1 Results of the Races will be announced after the race
19.2 Prizes will be awarded for overall first, second and third in each fleet on the basis of PY.