

National 18ft Class Southern Championships 2019

Sat 1st June – Sun 2nd June 2019

Baltimore Sailing Club

Organizing Authority: BSC and the Cork Harbour National 18 Ft Class Association

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.

COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, located on the wall outside the club.

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the club house flag pole

Flag D displayed ashore with 1 sound signal means: 'Boats should remain ashore. The warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after flag D is lowered with 2 sound signals.

CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 19:00 on the day before it will take effect and any change to the sailing instructions will be posted by 10:00 on the day it will take effect.

SCHEDULE OF RACES

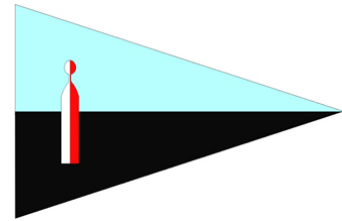
Registration: 9:30 – 10:00 hrs on Saturday 1st June in BSC Clubhouse

Briefing: There will be a briefing for all competitors on Sat 1st June at 10:00.

The race schedule is as follows:

Date	Time of 1st warning signal & number of races:		High/Low Tide (Baltimore. UTC+1)
	Time:	# Races:	Time:
Saturday 1 st June	11.55hrs Race 1	1-4	10:10 0.8m 16:06 3.8m
Sunday 2 nd June	11.25hrs Race 5	5-8	10:47 4.0m 16:57 0.8m

The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable.



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After a long postponement, to alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, repeated sound signals will be made to alert competitors that the committee are about to go into sequence. In the interests of eliminating delays, the orange flag will NOT be used to alert competitors.

On Sunday 2nd June no warning signal will be made after 16:00.

CLASS FLAGS

The class flag will be: ICF R

RACING AREAS

- Racing will be in Baltimore Harbour
- Competitors are reminded to familiarise themselves with the position and extent of the Lousy Rocks, North and West of the Cardinal mark in the harbour. These will be a feature on the course due to the state of the tide during the weekend.

THE COURSES

The diagram in appendix A shows the Windward/Leeward course to be sailed, the number of rounds, and the order in which marks are to be passed. All marks must be passed to port.

MARKS

Marks 1 & 3 will be Orange cylindrical buoys with CH Marine branding. Mark 1a and the start/finish ODM will be smaller round buoys.

THE START

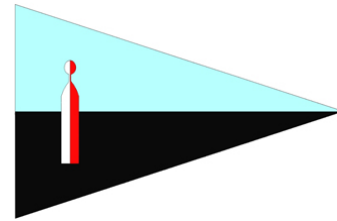
The starting line will be between the Red/White pole on the committee boat and the ODM starting mark. The position of this start mark will be altered after each start to form the finish line.

COURSE CHANGES

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position, or lay a new mark and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. No signal will be made from the committee boat to indicate the change.

THE FINISH & SHORTEN COURSE

The finishing line will be between the Red/White pole on the committee boat displaying a blue flag and the ODM Finishing mark.



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The race officer may shorten a course by displaying Flag F in the vicinity of mark 3 whilst making repetitive sound signals. Boats should leave Mark 3 to port and sail directly to the finishing line, which will be between the red/white pole on the finishing vessel displaying a Flag S and the ODM Finishing mark. The Finishing vessel may not fly a Blue flag if Flag S is raised. This is in addition to RRS 32.2.

Boats must not sail through the finishing line unless they are finishing. Failure to comply with this rule will result in them scoring DSQ for that race.

TIME LIMITS & TARGET TIMES

The time limit and target time in minutes is as follows:

<i>Time limit</i>	<i>Finish window</i>	<i>Target time</i>
60	15	30/45

A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

Failure of the Race Committee to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

Boats failing to finish within the finish window time after the first boat in its class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

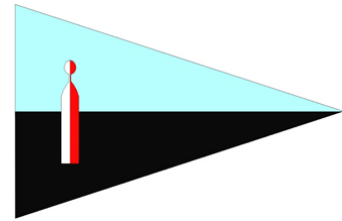
Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

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.

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.



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- (b) No later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.

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 RRS 62.2.

SCORING & DISCARDS

The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply.

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

When five or less races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

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

To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat may complete a scoring enquiry form available at the race office.

SAFETY REGULATIONS

Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times while afloat, except briefly while adjusting clothing or personal equipment.

The boat shall be equipped with a towing rope of minimum length 6 meters.

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

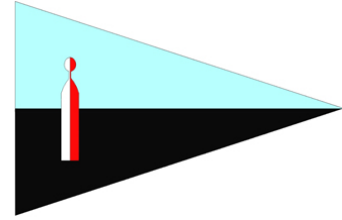
REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

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

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

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



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EVENT ADVERTISING

Boats shall display event advertising supplied by the organizing authority.

SUPPORT BOATS

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.

RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions, text messages or cellular phone calls while racing.

RISK STATEMENT

RRS 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;

They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;

They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;

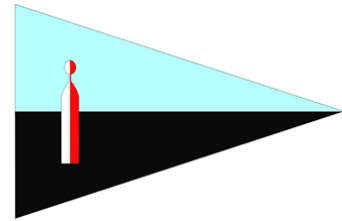
Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of € 3 million per incident or the equivalent.



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Attachment A

Windward-Leeward Course



Mark rounding order:

Start – 1 – 1a – 3 – 1 – 1a – 3 – 1 – 1a – 3 – 1 – 1a – 3 – Finish

4 Rounds unless shortened

Take note of Finish Line Restriction on page 3