

BALTIMORE SAILING CLUB



DINGHY SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Revision 2 – 02/07/18

These Sailing Instructions apply to DINGHY RACING

1. RULES

- 1.1 Races/Events will be governed by the “rules” as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020, and these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Each boat shall carry sail numbers on her mainsail. Boats must have sail numbers on both sides of the mainsail which must not overlap so that they are easily readable. Sail numbers must contrast in colour from the sail. The race officer will not rely on the name of the entrant or sail colour to identify boats, they will rely on the sail number.

It is strongly advised that boats carry their recognized hull sail numbers. If 2 or more boats have the same or similar sail number then all will be counted as number of entrants +1. Having the recognized hull number will stop this happening.

2. APPLICABLE CLASS AND OTHER RULES.

- 2.1 Boats racing in classes will be governed by class rules.

3. COMMITTEE BOAT.

This could be a rib or other boat. At the briefing the race officer will tell you what boat it will be.

4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 Saturday Club Races are open to Club Members and participants in the Club Sailing Courses and prizes will be presented to those entrants.
- 4.2 Each boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least Euro 2.6m
- 4.3 Every entrant warrants the suitability of their boat for the race or races. A boat is entirely responsible for its own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility

5. OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD & BRIEFING

- 5.1 The Official Notice Board will be located on or beside the blackboard outside Baltimore Sailing Club. A Briefing for all competitors will take place prior to racing.

6. ALTERATIONS TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS OR SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Any alterations to this document will be posted on the Official Notice Board prior to the scheduled start of the first race on the day it will take effect.

7. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 7.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagstaff at Baltimore Sailing Club..

8. REGISTRATION & RACE PROGRAMME

- 8.1 Registration: Entry forms must be filled in before racing.

8.2 Number of Races and time of races.

This will be said at the briefing or written on the committee boat board or said verbally.

Saturday Races are usually start at 11.00. [The first gun is at 10.55] Therefore it is best to start rigging your boat and changing into sailing clothes between 10.00am and 10.30 am so that launching can take place from 10.30 onwards. You must not launch until told to do so by the race officer or slip-organiser.

9. CLASS FLAG

The Class code flag shall be the accepted Class Flags or those mentioned at the briefing.

10. SAFETY

The Organising Committee states that personal buoyancy must be worn at all times, It is the responsibility of each boat to comply with Irish Law and wear adequate personal buoyancy for the prevailing conditions. Responsibility for wearing personal buoyancy is with each boat and competitor and not with BSC.

- 11. RACING AREA**
Unless changed at the briefing racing will take place in the harbour.
- 12. THE COURSE**
This will be said at the briefing or at the committee boat board or verbally.
- 13. MARKS**
13.1 Racing Marks will be club buoys as indicated at the briefing.
- 14. THE START**
14.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 which will be explained at the briefing. [Sound signals at -5,-4,-1,and start]
14.2 A boat shall start not later than 3 minutes after her starting signal.
- 15. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START**
The Race Committee may move a buoy without notice while boats are racing.
- 16. SHORTENING COURSE**
The course may be shortened for any reason at the discretion of the Race Committee. A rib or other organizing boat making repeated sound signals at any mark means proceed to the finish line and finish straight through the line.
- 17. ABANDONING A RACE**
The Race Committee may do so at their own discretion.
- 18. THE FINISH**
The Finishing Line shall be between a person [or a red and white pole] near the centre of the committee boat and the finishing mark which shall be the same mark as the starting mark, positioned in the same or in a different place.
- 19. TIME LIMIT**
Any boat which fails to finish within 10 minutes of the leading boat shall be scored as 'Did not Finish'.
- 20. RETIRING**
A retiring boat shall make every effort to promptly inform the Race Committee, and in particular whether she intends to compete in subsequent races that day or go ashore.
- 21. PROTESTS**
21.1 Protesting boats shall, immediately after finishing, inform the Race Committee (on the Committee Boat at the Finish) of their intention to lodge a protest.
21.2 Protest Forms will be available from the Club Office.
21.3 All protests shall be delivered to the Club Office (at Baltimore Sailing Club) within protest time. Protest time will end approximately 1 hour after the finishing time of the last boat in the last race of the day.
21.4 Arbitration may be offered by the Race Committee.
- 22. SCORING & DISCARDS**
24.1 The low-point scoring system, RRS Appendix A, will apply.
Did not Compete = number of entrants +1
Did not finish = number of starters+1
Disqualified = number of starters +1
No Sail number or hard to read or repeated sail number = number of entrants+1
24.2 League results will be based on each race to count with discards applied as follows.
1-4 Races =0
5-8 Races = 1
9-12 Races = 2
13-16 Races =3
17-20 Races = 4
Etc.
- 23. PRIZEGIVING & PRIZES**
See Notice Board at Club.
- 24. VHF COMMUNICATION**
The Race Committee will operate on Channel 10.
- End.