



1720 Munsters

Baltimore & Monkstown Bay Sailing Clubs

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Championship will be governed by the "rules" as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). The prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association shall not apply. If there is any conflict between the Notice of Race (NOR) and the Sailing Instructions (SIs), the SIs take precedence.
- 1.2 Boats may be required to affix advertising supplied by the Sponsor to each side of their bows. If used, this advertising will be supplied by the organisers and shall be positioned, on each side of the hull, as instructed by the Organisers.
- 1.3 Boats shall not be removed from the water between the time of the scheduled start for Race 1 and the finish of her last race of the series. In an emergency, and only following a written request, the Race Committee may waive this SI.

2. SCRUTINEERING

- 2.1 Each boat must comply with the 1720 class rules in relation to safety equipment and engine onboard.
- 2.2 Failure to comply with any part of SI 2.1 or 2.2 may result in a scoring penalty of 20% being applied to the appropriate boat (without a hearing) in respect of all races sailed until those SIs are complied with (amends RRS 63.1). This penalty shall be applied as set out in RRS 44.3(c) except that each boat that finished after her shall be moved up one place.

3. SAILS ON BOARD

- 3.1 1720SCA Rules C.2.1 and C.2.2 will be strictly applied.
- 3.2.1 Boats shall use only the sails (max. 6) that were on board when the boat left the Marina and no sail shall be taken afloat in, or transferred to or from, a RIB (or other craft) except as provided for in SI 3.2.2.
- 3.2.2 If a sail becomes damaged to the extent that it could not be repaired on the water a replacement may be obtained from onshore, otherwise no sail shall be exchanged between races on the same day.
- 3.2.3 Any boat replacing any sail shall notify the Race Committee immediately on arrival ashore that day and, if requested, shall produce the damaged sail for inspection. If, in the opinion of the Race Committee, the sail is not damaged to the extent required by 1720SCR C.2.2 the boat shall be penalised as described in SI 2.3. In amendment of SI 2.3, the penalty will be applied to each race during which the replacement sail was used.
- 3.3 1720SCR C.2.4 will not apply at this regatta. Boats are not entitled to protest another boat for an alleged infringement of this rule (amends RRS 60.1(a)).

4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 Only boats registered with the 1720SCA shall be eligible to compete.
- 4.2 Not in use.
- 4.3 Crews shall comply with the maximum Crew Weight Limit, as set out in the Class Rules. The scales used are deemed to be accurate and, in amendment of RRS 62.1, no redress will be granted in respect of this issue.
- 4.4 The Race Organisers shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/competitor, his skipper or crew as a result of their taking part in the race or races. Moreover every competitor warrants the suitability of his boat for the race or races.
- 4.5 A boat is entirely responsible for its own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.
- 4.6 It is for the boat to decide whether it is fit to sail in the conditions in which it will find itself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that it is fit for those conditions and that its crew is competent to sail and compete in them.
- 4.7 The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold adequate insurance against third party claims.
- 4.8 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 the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the racing and the event and includes the Organising Authority, the 1720 Sportsboat Class Assoc., the Race Committee, the Race Officer, patrol boats and Beachmasters.
- 4.9 Each boat is responsible to ensure that it is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and that the crew know how to use it.

- 4.10 The fact that the Race Committee, Jury or another boat conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of the boat set out in this paragraph.

5. OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD & BRIEFING

Briefing:

The Briefing posted in the event Whatsapp group at 8:45 on Saturday the 26th September 2020.

The Official Notice Board will be the BSC Event Web Page, All amendments will be posted to the page, including the 1720 Munsters Whatsapp Group.

6. ALTERATIONS TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS OR SCHEDULE

Any alterations to the SIs will be posted on the Official Notice Board not later than two hours prior to the scheduled start of the first race on the day it will take effect except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 21.00 hrs. on the day before it will take effect.

7. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 7.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main in the RCYC
7.2 After a postponement has been signaled the Warning Signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after the signal is lowered (amends Race Signals).
7.3 When flag 'V' is signaled boats shall not leave the harbour/marina. The Warning Signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after the signal is lowered (amends Race Signals).

8. RACE PROGRAMME

Day and Date Schedule of Races

Saturday 26 th September 2020	Race 1 – Warning Signal 10.25 hrs followed by Races 2,3 & 4
Saturday 27 th September 2020	Race 5 – Warning Signal 10:25 hrs followed by Races 6 & 7

- 8.1 The Race Committee reserves the right to change the schedule of races.
8.2 No Warning Signal will be made after 14:55 on Sunday the 27th September 2020.

9. CLASS FLAG

The Class code flag shall be International Code Flag 'F'.

10. SAFETY

Whilst the Organising Committee strongly recommends that personal buoyancy be worn at all times. It is the responsibility of each boat to comply with Class Rules, and wear adequate personal buoyancy for the prevailing conditions. No signal will be flown on the Committee Boat.

11. RACING AREA

Will be advised at the briefing.

12. COURSES

- 12.1 The course for all races will be Windward/ Leeward with the number of rounds indicated on a blackboard on the committee boat.
12.2 After starting marks shall be rounded as follows: 1(p) - 2(p) - 3(p)/3(s) - 1(p) - 2(p) - 3(p)/3(s) and so on. On the final leg, competitors may sail directly from 2(p) to the finish line.
12.3 The mark numbers are as follows: 1- Weather Mark 2- Wing (Spreader) Mark 3- Leeward Gate to Windward Of Committee Boat.
12.4 In the absence of a leeward gate, a leeward mark shall be rounded to port.

13. MARKS

Descriptions of the marks will be advised at the briefing.

14. THE START

- 14.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.
14.2 The starting line shall be between an inflatable mark (colour advised at the briefing) (to be passed to port) and a red and white pole (or main mast) on the committee boat. An Inner Limit Mark may be moored near the Committee Boat, approximately on the Starting Line. Any boat passing or attempting to pass between such Limit Mark and the nearby Committee Boat will be disqualified without a hearing (amends RRS 63.1).
14.3 A boat shall start not later than 5 minutes after her starting signal.
14.4 If a start under the Black Flag Rule (RRS 30.3) is subject to a general recall the sail numbers of boats identified infringing RRS 30.3 will be displayed on the Committee Boat for at least five minutes before the signal First Substitute is removed. One long sound signal will be made when the numbers are initially displayed.
14.5 When the Race Committee decides that its application of RRS 30.3 entitles a boat to redress under RRS 62.1(a), it may give her redress by not displaying her sail number and not disqualifying her (amends RRS 30.3, 60.2 and 63.1).

15. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

15.1 A significant change of course after the start will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not then be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration.

15.2 If the Race Committee is unable to relocate an existing mark it will substitute an alternative inflatable mark.

15.3 In amendment of RRS 33, no signals will be made to indicate whether or not a leg has been shortened or lengthened.

16. SHORTENING COURSE

In amendment of RRS 32 if ICF "S" is displayed at the Leeward Mark yachts will proceed directly to the finish.

17. ABANDONING A RACE

In addition to RRS 32 the Race Committee may abandon a race because of major wind-shifts or irregular winds affecting all or part of the course or when the wind speed drops below 5 knots. Boats will not be entitled to redress under RRS. 62.1(a) if this SI is applied.

18. THE FINISH

The Finishing Line shall be between a red and white pole (or main mast) on a committee boat and a Finishing Mark. (Mark to be described at the briefing).

19. TIME LIMIT

In amendment of RRS 35 any boat which fails to finish within 20 minutes of the leading boat shall be scored as 'Did not finish'. The Time Limit for the leading boat shall be 90 minutes.

20. RETIRING

A boat shall make every effort to promptly inform the Race Committee of her retreat.

21. PROTESTS

21.1 In addition to the obligations in RRS 61.1(a) protesting boats shall, immediately after finishing, inform the Race Committee (on the Committee Boat at the Finish) of the sail number(s) of any boat(s) against which they intend to protest.

21.2 Protest Forms will be available from the dinghy center in the RCYC

21.3 All protests shall be photographed and sent to the Primary Jury via Whatsapp within protest time. Protest time will end approximately 1:30 hour after the finishing time of the last boat.

21.4 The sail numbers of boats involved in protests together with the schedule of protests will be posted on the Official Notice Board 15 minutes after the time limit for protests. The listing of a boat on this schedule shall constitute informing her in the context of RRS 61.1(b).

21.5 In amendment of RRS 66, on the last day of the regatta a request to reopen a hearing shall be delivered:-

(a) within protest time if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day

(b) no later than 15 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision that day.

22. BOWSPRIT RULE

22.1 Bowsprits shall not be extended on an upwind leg. An upwind leg is a leg on which spinnakers cannot be set. The upwind leg starts 5 boat lengths after rounding the mark at the beginning of the leg and finishes at Mark 1 when the bow of the boat crosses the extension of an imaginary line drawn through Mark 3 and Mark 1, after rounding Mark 1. For the purposes of this SI the leg between Mark 1 and Mark 2 is NOT an upwind leg. (This means that bowsprits can be extended but boats cannot claim an overlap with a bowsprit if they couldn't fly a spinnaker on that leg.) For the purposes of RRS 18 when it is possible to set a spinnaker the normal position of the bowsprit is extended. When it is not possible to set a spinnaker the normal position of the bowsprit is retracted.

22.2 The penalty for infringing this SI may be a points penalty, suspended or imposed, instead of disqualification.

23. USE OF LARGE JIBS AND LARGE SPINNAKERS

The Race Committee may, at its absolute discretion, display flag 'Q' before the warning signal for a race. This visual signal will be accompanied by one long sound signal. When this signal is displayed boats shall not use a large spinnaker but may use a small spinnaker which, if used, shall be flown from the hounds and not the masthead. In addition, when this signal is displayed, boats shall not use a large jib but may use a small jib. This SI amends RRS 'Race Signals'.

24. PENALTIES

For infringements of the Class Rules the Jury may impose penalties other than disqualification.

25. SCORING

Seven races are scheduled of which three shall be completed to constitute a series. The low-point scoring system, RRS Appendix A, will apply, except that:

(a) The first placed boat in each race shall receive 1 point.

(b) If 4 or less races are sailed no discard will be permitted.

(c) If 5 or more races are sailed, 1 discard will be awarded.

26. SCRUTINEERING

Boats may be scrutinized at any time during the event.

27. PRIZES

Race prizes will be awarded the highest placed boat that has not already received one such prize. Other prizes will be awarded for, at least, overall positions 1 to 3 inclusive.

28. SUPPORT BOATS

Only Official Race Committee Boats and the Jury Boats are permitted in the race area while a race is in progress. Other boats shall stay outside areas where boats may be racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or an abandonment.

29. IMMEDIATE PENALTIES FOR BREAKING RULE 42

Appendix N will apply. Action taken by the Jury under Appendix N will not be grounds for redress by a boat.