



Rope Dock 1720 National Championships

12–14 June 2026

Organising Authority (OA) is Baltimore Sailing Club, Baltimore, Cork.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

1.1 Racing will be governed by the 'Rules' as defined in:

- The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 (RRS)
- Irish Sailing Prescriptions
- 1720 Class Rules. As per "1720 Sportsboat Class Rules", v.9 approved May 2024. As listed on 1720sportsboat.org.

1.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA

1.3 World Sailing RRS Appendix UF; Umpired Fleet Racing will apply. See Appendix UF to these Sailing Instructions

1.4 Bowsprits, the following rules shall apply:

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 stern 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.

The penalty for infringing this SI shall be a one turn penalty, or a minimum of three points if on the water penalty is not taken.

1.5 The Vakaros RaceSense system will be utilised by the race committee; this modifies RRS 41(c).

1.6 Should the Race Committee decide NOT to utilise the Vakaros RaceSense system, flag "O" will be flown by the Committee Boat.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted online at:

<https://www.baltimoresailingclub.ie/event/1720-nationals-2026/>

The event WhatsApp Group may circulate relevant information:

https://chat.whatsapp.com/LMLUCXcu0Fe5q0y9nqISWI?mode=gi_t

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS OR SCHEDULE

Any alterations to the SIs will be posted 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.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from a flagpole next to the clubhouse
- 4.2 After a postponement has been signalled the Warning Signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after the signal is lowered (changes Race Signals) for racing areas of Roaringwater Bay and South of Baltimore Harbour, and not less than 30 minutes after the signal is lowered for racing area of Baltimore Harbour.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Eight races are scheduled.

Friday 12th June	Up to 4 Races	1 st Warning Signal 11:25
Saturday 13 th June	Up to 4 Races	1 st Warning Signal 10:55
Sunday 14 th June	Up to 4 Races	1 st Warning Signal 10:55

- 5.2 To signal that a race will be sailed the Race Committee will display Flag 'R' at the finish of the third scheduled race of the day. This SI amends RRS 'Race Signals'.
- 5.3 No Warning Signal will be made after 15:00 hrs Sunday 14th June 2026, except to start a sequence after postponements, general recalls or abandonment of a race for which the first warning signal was made before 15:00 hrs.

6. CLASS FLAGS

The 1720 Class Flag will be used for this event.

7. RACING AREA

Racing will take place in Roaringwater Bay, Baltimore Harbour, or south of Baltimore Harbour.

8. THE COURSE

- 8.1 The diagram in addendum A shows the course, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 The number of rounds will be displayed on the Committee Starting Vessel
- 8.3 In the event that there is only one leeward mark set instead of leeward gate 3(p)/3(s), the mark shall be rounded to port.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 Marks 1, 1a, 2p & 2s are large orange cylindrical inflatables.
- 9.2 The starting mark (ODM) will be a large orange cylindrical inflatable.
- 9.3 The finish mark, unless a race is shortened at a mark of the course, will be a red cherry mark.

10. THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made five minutes before the starting signal.
- 10.2 The starting line shall be between a red and white pole displaying an orange flag on the Committee Starting Vessel at the starboard end and a red cherry mark at the port end.
- 10.3 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4.

11. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

- 11.1 To change the next leg of a course the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as possible. Minor changes will be made by moving the original marks and will not be signalled. This changes RRS 33.
- 11.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the Race Committee vessel signalling the change to the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the Race Committee vessel to starboard. This changes RRS 28.

12. SHORTENING COURSE

If at mark 2 or at the gate a Race Committee vessel displays Flag "F" and makes repeated sound signals, boats shall leave the mark on the required side and then sail directly to the Finish. SI 13 shall apply.

13. THE FINISH

Unless a race is shortened to finish at a mark of the course, the Finishing Line shall be between a red and white pole displaying a blue flag on a Committee Vessel and the finish mark - note that the start line ODM may remain in position while boats are finishing. Where a race is shortened in accordance with RRS32.2, the Finishing Line shall be between the relevant mark of the course and the pole displaying Flag "S" on the Committee Vessel.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 See Appendix UF 3

14.2 For infringements of the Class Rules, the Protest Committee may impose penalties other than disqualification.

15. TIME LIMIT

15.1 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes of the first boat to sail the course and finish will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

15.2 Races shall have a maximum time limit of 120 minutes

16. HEARING REQUESTS

16.1 Hearing requests other than those covered by App UF 5, shall be lodged online - https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/14735/event_links?name=1720-nationals-2026

16.2 The protest time limit is the later of 60 minutes after the finishing time of the last boat in the last race of the day or the display of the signals for 'No More Racing Today'.

16.3 Notices will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform of hearings in which they are parties or names as witnesses. Notices of protests by the Race Committee, Technical Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 63.1)

16.4 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 61.2(b).

16.5 World Sailing RRS Appendix UF will apply. Please see attached appendix UF

17. SCORING

See NoR 9 and NoR Amendment 01.

18. COMMUNICATION

Competitors are advised to carry a VHF and listen for any communication on VHF Channel 10

19. CREW & WEIGHT LIMITS

19.1 The weighing scales provided by the 1720 Class Association shall be used for all competitors. The scales used are deemed to be accurate and, in amendment of RRS 61.1, no redress will be granted in respect of this.

19.2 Weight limits shall apply: 1720 Class – 450kg

20. EQUIPMENT & MEASUREMENT CHECKS

Boats may be inspected at any time during the event. On the water, a boat may be instructed by a member of the Race Committee or Technical Committee to proceed to a designated area for inspection.

21. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

22. PRIZES

The Prize Giving Ceremony will take place as soon as possible after racing concludes on Sunday 14th June in Baltimore Sailing Club.

Prizes will be awarded to at least the boats placed 1st to 3rd overall
Perpetual prizes remain the property of the 1720 Class.

23. RISK STATEMENT

23.1 Rule 3 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”

23.2 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:

- (a) 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;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions and omissions;
- (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (e) provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the OA does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- (g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

24. INSURANCE

It is the duty of each boat owner to have their boat adequately insured against the risk, including civil responsibility to third parties and to ensure that it remains valid for the entirety of the regatta.

25. COMPETITOR INFORMATION

25.1 Competitors shall be deemed Temporary Members of Baltimore Sailing Club for the duration of the Event and are invited to make use of all club facilities.

25.2 Media waiver: Competitors give their consent to Baltimore Sailing Club, its sponsors and the OA to use their name, comments, photographs and likeness to promote the Club, the 1720 Class, the National Championships and any subsequent events.

APPENDIX UF

UMPIRED FLEET RACING

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Umpired fleet races shall be sailed under The Racing Rules of Sailing as changed by this appendix. Races shall be umpired. The Rule changes in UF1 have been approved by World Sailing under Regulation 28.1.5(b) on the condition that only the provided options are used. This appendix applies only when it is referred to in the Notice of Race and made available for all competitors.

UF1 CHANGES TO THE DEFINITIONS, THE RULES OF PART 1 AND 2, AND RULE 70

UF1.1 Add to the definition *Proper Course*: 'A boat taking a penalty or manoeuvring to take a penalty is not sailing a *proper course*.'

UF1.2 Add new Rule 7 to Part 1:

7 LAST POINT OF CERTAINTY

The umpires will assume that the state of a boat, or her relationship to another boat, has not changed, until they are certain that it has changed.'

UF1.3 When Rule 20 applies, the following arm signals are required in addition to the hails: (a) for *room* to tack, repeatedly and clearly pointing to windward; and
(b) for 'You tack', repeatedly and clearly pointing at the other boat and waving the arm to windward.

UF2 CHANGES TO OTHER RULES

UF2.1 Rule 28.2 is changed to:

28 SAILING THE COURSE

28.2. A boat may correct any errors in *sailing the course*, provided she has not rounded the next mark or crossed the finishing line to *finish*.

UF3 ON WATER PROTESTS AND PENALTIES UF3.1

In this appendix, 'a penalty' will mean the following:

A One-Turn Penalty taken in accordance with Rule 44.2.

UF3.2 The first sentence of Rule 44.1 is changed to: 'A boat may take a penalty when, in an incident while *racing*, she may have broken one or more of the *Rules* of Part 2 (except Rule 14 when she has caused damage or injury), Rule 31 or Rule 42. However, when she may have broken a Rule of Part 2 and Rule 31 in the same incident, she need not take the penalty for breaking Rule 31.'

UF3.3 On the Water Protests by Boats and Penalties

(a) While racing, a boat may protest another boat under a Rule of Part 2 (except Rule 14) or under Rule 31 or Rule 42; however, a boat may only protest under a Rule of Part 2 for an incident in which she was involved. To do so she shall hail 'Protest' and conspicuously display a Red flag at the first reasonable opportunity. She shall remove the flag before, or at the first reasonable opportunity after a boat

involved in the incident has taken a penalty voluntarily or after an umpire's decision.

- (b) A boat that protests as provided in Rule UF3.3(a) is not entitled to a hearing, unless an umpire signals in accordance with UF3.5(d). Instead, a boat involved in the incident may acknowledge breaking a Rule by voluntarily taking a penalty. An umpire may penalise any boat that broke a Rule and was not exonerated, unless the boat took a penalty voluntarily.

UF3.4 Penalties and Protests Initiated by an Umpire

- (a) When a boat
 - (1) breaks Rule 31 and does not take a penalty, (2) breaks Rule 42,
 - (3) gains an advantage despite taking a penalty, (4) commits a breach of sportsmanship, or
 - (5) fails to comply with Rule UF3.6 or to take a penalty when required to do so by an umpire,an umpire may penalise her without a protest by another boat. The umpire may impose a penalty or more, each signalled in accordance with Rule UF3.5(b), or disqualify her under Rule UF3.5(c), or report the incident to the protest committee for further action. If a boat is penalized under Rule UF3.4(a)(5) for not taking a penalty or taking a penalty incorrectly, the original penalty is cancelled.
- (b) An umpire who decides, based on his own observation or a report received from any source, that a boat may have broken a Rule, other than Rule UF3.6 or Rule 28 or a Rule listed in Rule UF3.3(a), may inform the protest committee for its action under Rule 60.3. However, he will not inform the protest committee of an alleged breach of Rule 14 unless there is damage or injury.

UF3.5 Umpire Signals

An umpire will signal a decision as follows:

- (a) A green and white flag with one long sound means 'No penalty.'
- (b) A red flag with one long sound means 'a penalty is imposed or remains outstanding.' The umpire will hail or signal to identify each such boat.
- (c) A black flag with one long sound means 'A boat is disqualified.' The umpire will hail or signal to identify the boat disqualified.
- (d) A blue flag with one long sound means 'The umpires do not have the facts required to make a decision.'

UF3.6 Imposed Penalties

- (a) A boat penalised under Rule UF3.5(b) shall take a penalty.
- (b) A boat disqualified under Rule UF3.5(c) shall promptly leave the course area.

UF4 RACE COMMITTEE ACTIONS

UF4.1

After this has been done, the race committee will promptly display Flag B with one sound. Flag B will be displayed for at least two minutes and then removed with one sound. If the race committee changes the scoring information provided at the finishing line while Flag B is displayed, it will display Flag L with one sound. Flag B will continue to be displayed for at least two minutes after any changes are made

UF 4.2 After boats have finished, any umpire scoring penalties will be transmitted by the Race Committee.

UF5 PROTESTS; REQUESTS FOR REDRESS OR REOPENING; APPEALS; OTHER PROCEEDINGS

UF5.1 No proceedings of any kind may be taken in relation to any action or non-action by an umpire.

UF5.2 A boat is only entitled to a hearing when the umpires have signalled in accordance with UF3.5(d) or under UF5.3.

UF5.3 A boat intending to

- (a) protest another boat under a Rule other than Rule UF3.6 or Rule 28, or a Rule listed in Rule UF3.3(a),
- (b) protest another boat under Rule 14 if there was contact that caused damage or injury, or
- (c) request redress

shall inform the race committee by hail or by VHF when she crosses the finish line or after retiring within the time period described in UF4.1

UF5.4 The time limit defined in Rule UF5.3 also applies to protests under Rule UF5.9, UF5.10 and UF5.11 when such protests are permitted. The protest committee shall extend the time limit if there is good reason to do so.

UF5.5 The race committee will promptly inform the protest committee about any protests or requests for redress made under Rule UF5.3.

UF5.6 The third sentence of Rule 60.2(a)(1) is deleted.

UF5.7 Rule 60.5(c) is changed to: 'When the protest committee decides that a boat that is a *party* to a protest hearing has broken a Rule, it may impose penalties other than disqualification and may make any other scoring arrangement it decides is equitable. If a boat has broken a *Rule* when not *racing*, the protest committee shall decide whether to apply any penalty to the race sailed nearest in time to that of the incident or make some other arrangement.'

UF5.8 Hearings

Except for a hearing under Rule 69.2

- (a) Protests and requests for redress need not be in writing.
- (b) The protest committee may inform the protestee and schedule the hearing in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate this orally.
- (c) The protest committee may take evidence and conduct the hearing in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate its decision orally.
- (d) If the protest committee decides that a breach of a Rule has had no effect on the outcome of the race, it may impose a scoring penalty of points or fraction of points or make any other arrangement it decides is fair, which may be to impose no penalty.
- (e) If the protest committee penalizes a boat in accordance with Rule UF5.7 or if a standard penalty is applied, all other boats will be informed about the change of the penalized boat's score.

UF5.9 The protest committee may protest a boat under Rule 60.1. However, it will not protest a boat for breaking Rule UF3.6 or Rule 28, a Rule listed in Rule UF3.3(a), or Rule 14 unless there is damage or injury.

UF5.10 The technical committee will only protest a boat under Rule 60.1 when it decides that a boat or personal equipment does not comply with the class Rules, Rule 50, or the Rules in the equipment regulations of the event, if such exist. In such a case, the technical committee shall protest.

UF5.11 Rule 63.7 is changed to "*A party to the hearing under this appendix may not request a Reopening*"