



Club Dinghy Sailing Combined Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions 2023

This Combined Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions (Collectively called "SI") shall be read in conjunction with the Dinghy Course Card & Calendar. In the case of a conflict between the SI and RRS (Racing Rules of Sailing), then the SI shall overrule and apply.

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

Waterford Harbour Sailing Club, Dunmore East, Waterford

2 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

There will be no flags posted ashore.

Communication of cancelled races, and/or changes to the SI's will be posted on the Blackboard outside the Clubhouse and advised through the WHSC Dinghy WhatsApp Group.

3 SIGNALS MADE AFLOAT

The Committee boat will be identified by an orange burgee.

Race Signals, when flown over Class flags, shall apply only to those classes whose flags are flown.

4 NUMBER OF RACES SCHEDULED

Up to two races will be sailed on Wednesday and Saturday. Race 2 shall commence as soon as possible following the conclusion of Race 1.

5 COURSE

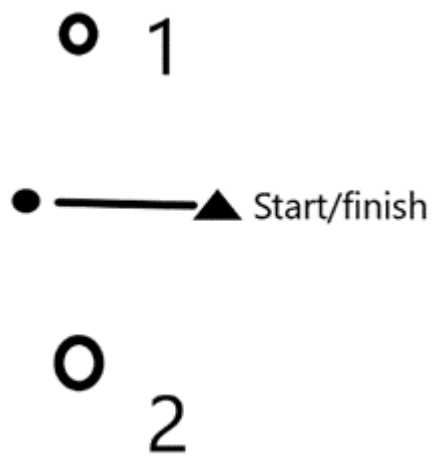
Signalling the Course - The Committee boat may display, on a blackboard affixed to the committee boat, a letter (W,X,T), and a numeral (1-5) to indicate the course to be sailed, the marks to be rounded or passed and the order of rounding. It will be signalled at least 2 minutes before the starting signal of her class. There may be course changes between classes. The course may be advised on the board at the clubhouse shore ahead of time.

Courses

- (a) Windward – Leeward Course with Finish to windward (Letter W) will consist of: A windward mark (Mark 1) and a leeward mark (Mark 2). A wing mark (offset mark) may also be laid; if so any reference to windward mark (1) shall include the wing Mark

- (b) Triangular course (Letter T) will consist of a Windward Mark (Mark 1), Mark 2 and a Mark 3
- (c) Trapezoid course (Letter X) Will consist of a Windward Mark (Mark 1), Mark 2, Mark 3 and a Mark 4. Fleets may be asked to sail an inner or outer loop, displayed by an I or O after the number of rounds
- (d) The order of rounding after the start shall be:

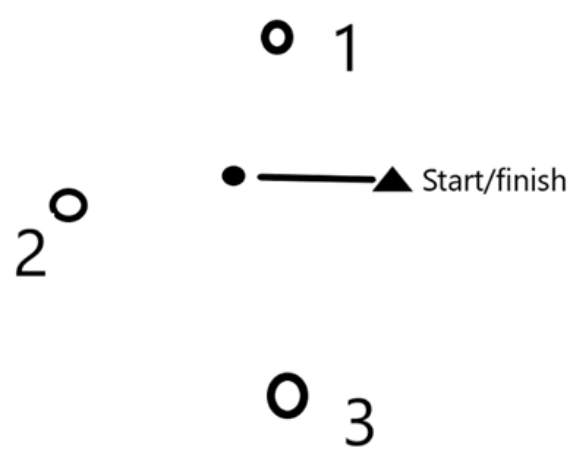
(W) WINDWARD-LEEWARD COURSE



W Start-1 2- Finish

The Number of laps will be displayed after the letter W (eg 'W2' to communicate 2 laps of a windward-leeward course to be sailed.)

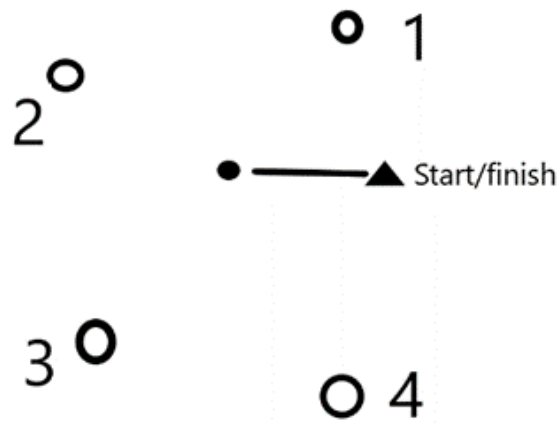
(T) TRIANGULAR COURSE



When T is displayed the course will be a triangular course with laps sailed as follows:

- T1 Start-123-Finish
- T2 Start-123-13-Finish
- T3 Start-123-13-123-Finish
- T4 Start-123-13-123-13-Finish
- T5 Start-123-13-123-13-123-Finish

(X) TRAPEZOIDAL COURSE



Inner loop (I)

X1 Start-1234-Finish

X2I Start-14-1234-Finish

X3I Start-14-14-1234-Finish

X4I Start-14-14-14-1234-Finish

Outer Loop (O)

X1 Start-1234-Finish

X2O Start-123-23-4-Finish

X3O Start-123-23-23-4-Finish

X4O Start-123-23-23-23-4-Finish

6 MARKS

Marks 1, 2, 3 and 4 may be Yellow inflatable buoys or "Dan" buoys. Wing Mark if laid may be a 'Dan' buoy.

Start Mark and Finish Mark may be of any type.

7 STARTING AND FINISHING LINE

The starting line will be between a red and white pole on the Committee Boat and the start mark and will be to leeward of the windward mark. The Race Committee, may, until the Preparatory Signal, adjust the Starting Line by moving the Committee Boat, or Start Mark (this changes RRS 27.2).

The finishing line will be between the red and white pole on a vessel displaying a blue flag and the finishing mark.

Boats shall keep clear of the starting line until their warning signal. Boats shall not interfere, impede or hinder in any way the start of other classes.

The Race Committee may, without a hearing, disqualify a boat that infringes SI 7.3 This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

8 THE START

Recording- All boats shall manoeuvre in the vicinity of the Committee Boat before their warning signal. Each competitor shall obtain acknowledgement from the Committee Boat that their sail number has been recorded.

Starting times, class flags and starting sequence will be as follows

STARTING PROCEDURE

| Signal | Flag & Sound | Minutes before starting signal |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Warning | Class Flag;1 sound | 5 |
| Preparatory | P,I,Z,Black Flag; 1 sound | 4 |
| One Minute | Preparatory Flag removed; 1 sound | 1 |
| Starting | Class Flag removed; 1 sound | 0 |

Class 1 (PY1) will be the first fleet, and Class 2 (PY2) will be second, and the starting signal for Class 1 will be the warning signal for Class 2

Class flag for PY1 will be “Numeral 1”, and the class flag for PY2 will be “Numeral 2”

The Race Committee may start Class 1 & Class 2 together if the total number of competing boats is low. In this event Class 1 & Class 2 Flags will both be flown at the Warning Signal.

A boat which comes to the starting area but does not start within ten (10) minutes of her starting signal, will be scored DNS. This changes RRS 35 and A4.

9 INDIVIDUAL RECALLS will be signalled in accordance with RRS 29.1.

10 GENERAL RECALLS

General Recalls will be signalled in accordance with RRS 29.2.

If the recalled class is not the last class in the starting sequence, its start will be postponed until all other classes have started. The First Substitute will be lowered at the Preparatory signal of the succeeding class. The warning signal for the new start of the recalled class will be made with or after the starting of last class in the starting sequence. This changes RRS 29.2.

11 SHORTEN COURSE

The Race Committee may shorten the course by displaying flag ‘S’ from the committee boat. After rounding the next mark boats shall sail to the finish line.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. The change will be signalled before the leading boat has

begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position. The new mark may be a different shape or colour.

13 TIME LIMIT

Time Limit for all classes shall be 75 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after their class leader has sailed the course and finished, shall be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35 and A4. To encourage inexperienced sailors, competitors who have not finished within their time limit may be offered a finishing position behind the last boat finishing in their class at the discretion of the race committee.

14 RETIRALS

Any boat which retires from a race or does not intend to start in Race 2, shall endeavour to inform the Race Committee. This may be done through communication of safety boat crews or directly to the committee boat.

15 HANDICAPS & SCORING

Scoring will be the Low Point System (RRS A4) and places will be calculated using the Portsmouth Yardstick handicap system based on the time of each boat to sail the course.

The fleet will be raced in two classes as follows:

Class 1 (PY1)

- Flying Fifteen
- 420
- 29er
- ILCA 6 (Laser Radial)
- ILCA 7 (Laser Full Rig)

Class 2 (PY2)

- ILCA 4 (Laser 4.7)
- Topper
- Mirror
- Topaz
- Wayfarer
- Feva
- Optimist

Any other Boats not listed wishing to enter will be allocated a Class prior to entry.

16 RACE AREA

The racing area will be the waters of Waterford Harbour.

17 SAFETY BOAT RIGHT OF WAY

When attending to boats in difficulty, a safety boat shall have right of way over competitors.

18 ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

The races are open to all monohull dinghies.

All permanent helms and crew must be a member of WHSC. Guest Sailors are permitted for a maximum of 3 races after which they must become members. These boats are not eligible for inclusion in the overall results in the series.

All Boats must complete the 'One Time Registration Form' published on the Club Website before being allowed to register to enter a race.

All boats must register to take part in a race a minimum of 24 hours prior to each race start.. This form may be found on the WHSC events section of the website. Any boats appearing on the race course that have not completed this form will be deemed not to be racing and will not be given a result.