



1720 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

21st to 23rd September 2023

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

1.1 The Organising Authority (OA) is Waterford Harbour Sailing Club, The Harbour, Dunmore East, Co. Waterford, X91 XV1X, in conjunction with the 1720 Sportsboat Class Association

2. RULES

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

- The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
- Irish Sailing Prescriptions
- 1720 Class Rules. As per "1720 Sportsboat Class Association Constitution", approved 31st August 2012. As listed on 1720sportsboat.org. Class Rule C.2.4 Sail Limitations due to Wind Speed will apply.

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

2.3 All boats will be required to carry trackers. Tracker data is not admissible for use in protest, hearing or redress enquiries

2.4 Boats are required by the 1720 Sportsboat Class Committee to display bow numbers, as allocated by the 1720 Sportsboat Class Association. The bow numbers must be applied to both sides of the bow as outlined in appendix 3. Measurement B, the forward to aft distance of the start of the bow numbers, will have an additional tolerance of 35cm over the stated distance.

2.5 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.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted in the event WhatsApp Group: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/Fk0WBmpyF0hD2DWKscv5tE>

4. 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.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from a flagpole at the WHSC clubhouse deck.

5.2 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).

5.3 When flag 'D' is signalled, 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).



6. SCHEDULE

6.1 Nine races are scheduled.

Wed 20 th Sept		17:00 – 20:00 Registration & Crew Weighing
Thurs 21 st Sept	Up to 4 races	09:00 – 10:00 Registration & Crew Weighing 1 st Warning Signal 12:30 hrs followed by two races
Fri 22 nd Sept	Up to 4 races	1 st Warning Signal 10:55 hrs followed by two races
Sat 23 rd Sept	Up to 4 races	1 st Warning Signal 10:55 hrs followed by two races

6.2 To signal that another race will be sailed the Race Committee will display Flag 'R' at the finish of the last scheduled race of the day. This SI amends RRS 'Race Signals'.

6.3 No Warning Signal will be made after 15:00 hrs Saturday 23rd September 2023, except for postponements, general recalls and abandonment of a race for which the first warning signal was made before 15:00 hrs.

7. CLASS FLAGS

The 1720 class flag will be used for this event

8. RACING AREA

Racing will be in waters in the vicinity of Dunmore East.

9. THE COURSE

9.1 The diagram in appendix 1 shows the course, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9.2 4 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.

10. MARKS

Course marks are large yellow inflatables, mark 2 may be an orange buoy, pin end mark may be a dan buoy.

11. THE START

11.1 The starting line shall be between a red and white pole on the committee vessel at the starboard end and a dan buoy as the ODM.

11.2 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

12. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

12.1 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. When in a subsequent change a new mark will be replaced by an original mark. Minor changes will be made by moving the original marks and will not be signaled. This changes RRS 33.

13. SHORTENING COURSE

If at mark 2 or at the leeward gate 3P/3S 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. [Remove: SI 12.2 shall apply. - not needed]

14. THE FINISH

The Finishing Line shall be between a red and white pole on a committee vessel and a dan buoy.



15. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 90 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes of the first boat to sail the course and finish will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

16. COMMUNICATION

Competitors are advised to carry a VHF and listen for any communication on channel 69.

17. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 17.1 The penalty for breaking a Rule of Part 2 of the RRS shall be a One-Turn Penalty except for infringements of rule 18.3. Infringements of rule 18.3 shall remain a Two-Turn Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1.
- 17.2 For infringements of the Class Rules the Protest Committee may impose penalties other than disqualification.
- 17.3 There may be on the water Jury. They may signal a breach of the bowsprit rule, or other rules, to a boat by blowing a whistle and flying a red flag. A boat may take a one turn penalty to exonerate herself. Presence or absence of any Jury is not grounds for redress or breach of rules. The racing remains self-policing.

18. PROTESTS

- 18.1 Link for Protests, Request for Redress and Scoring queries see QR codes in Appendix 2.
- 18.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the finishing time of the last boat in the last race of the day.
- 18.3 RRS Appendix T will apply.
- 18.4 Notices will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors 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 61.1(b)
- 18.5 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.

19. SCORING

- 19.1 Nine races are scheduled; three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 19.2 When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- 19.3 When six or more races have been completed, one discard shall be applied.

20. CREW & WEIGHT LIMITS

- 20.1 The weighing scales provided by the OA shall be used for all competitors. The scales used are deemed to be accurate and, in amendment of RRS 62.1, no redress will be granted in respect of this.
- 20.2 Weight limits shall apply: 1720 Class – 450kg

21. 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.

22. 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.



23. PRIZES

The Prize Giving Ceremony will take place after sailing on Saturday 23rd September
Prizes will be awarded to at least the boats placed 1st to 3rd overall
Perpetual prizes remain the property of the 1720 Class.

24. TIDES

Tidal times are as follows:

	Thurs 21st September	Fri 22nd September	Sat 23rd September
HW	10:10	11:02	12:00
LW	16:02	16:50	18:02

25. RISK STATEMENT

25.1 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”

25.2 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.

26. INSURANCE

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

27. COMPETITOR INFORMATION

27.1 Competitors shall be deemed temporary Members of Waterford Harbour Sailing Club for the duration of the Event.

27.2 Media waiver: Competitors give their consent to Waterford Harbour Sailing Club, its sponsors and the OA to use their name, comments, photographs and likeness to promote the 1720 European Championships and any subsequent events.

27.3 GDPR. Competitor information given in the entry form will be taken only for the purpose of administering and running this regatta.

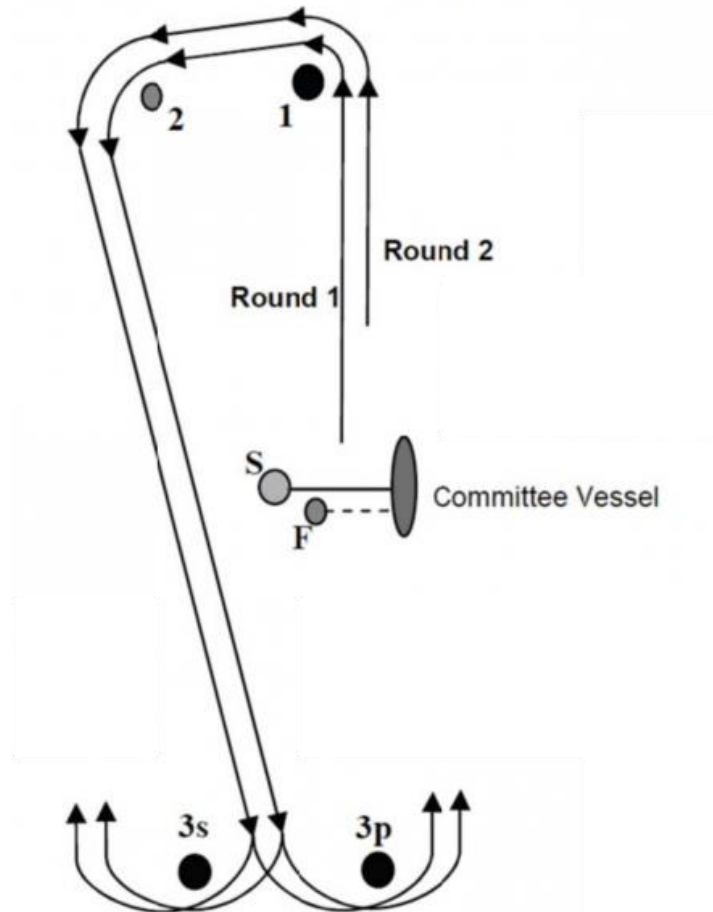
Appendix 1 – Course Diagram



Course:

2 Laps: Start 1(p) - 2(p) - Gate (3(s) or 3(p)), 1(p) - 2(p) - Gate (3(s) or 3(p)) – Finish

WINDWARD - LEEWARD COURSE DIAGRAM





Appendix 2 – Links for protest, redress and scoring queries

1720 Irish nationals

Links to Public Information

Regatta officials are using a web-based program to assist with the management of this regatta. It provides electronic forms for such actions as scoring inquiries, protests, equipment substitutions, etc. And it provides for electronic communication with competitors if competitors have provided an email and/or telephone number accepting SMS. Competitors will be notified electronically of protest time limits, confirmation of a protest filing, scheduled hearing times, etc. This electronic system allows competitors to move freely about the event and remain in contact with relevant officials. And all competitors have electronic access to the scoring inquiries, jury decisions, etc.*

Notice: The Official Notice Board (ONB) is still the only official source of information for this regatta.



Submit Request for Hearing



Submit Scoring Inquiry

NOTICE: When submitting a protest, request or report, the procedure (as set forth in the Racing Rules of Sailing and the Sailing Instructions) remains unchanged.



Hearing Schedule



Hearing Decisions



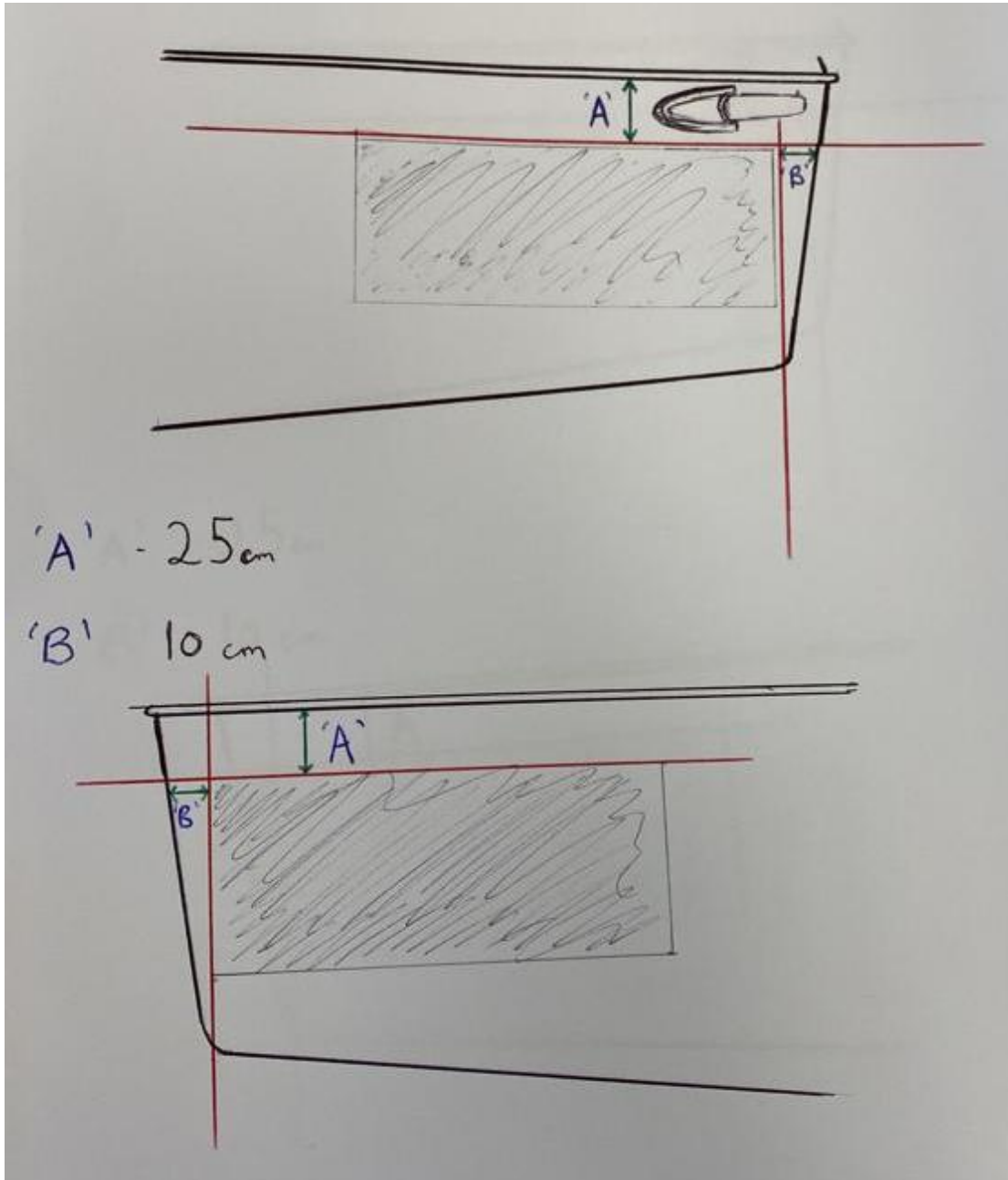
Scoring Inquiries

The jury and parties reserve the right to limit public access to certain decisions.*



Appendix 3 – Bow Number Sticker Position

Measurement B, the forward to aft measure, will have an additional tolerance of 35cm over the stated 10cm for this event.



'A' - 25cm

'B' 10 cm