



**SKERRIES SAILING CLUB - SAILING INSTRUCTIONS  
FOR  
JUNIOR REGATTA  
SATURDAY 17th September 2016**

**RULES:**

The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

**NOTICE TO COMPETITORS:**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the Main Entrance Hallway.

**SAFETY:**

Adequate personal buoyancy will be worn by all competitors at all times when afloat. Sailors must observe the safety check system in use by the club. A boat that retires from a race shall notify Rescue Personnel as soon as possible.

**SCHEDULE OF RACES:**

Three races scheduled. Briefing at 10.30 in SSC clubhouse. First gun at **11:45** hrs. Following races to begin ASAP. First Gun for the Regatta Fleet at **12:00** hrs.

**STARTING ORDER:**

<b>Order</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Flag</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Lasers (All)/420	Laser Class
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Toppers	T
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Optimist	O
4 <sup>th</sup>	Mirror and Sundry	E

If there are less than 3 boats in any class the race officer may adjust the above start sequence by amalgamating those classes into a mixed class. Flag for this class is flag E and it will start last.

**COURSES:**

The courses for each class are described in the 'Appendix A' section herein unless advised differently at the event briefing (at 10.30 hrs).

All marks shall be left to port. The windward, gybe and leeward marks shall be yellow in colour. The outer limit marks on the start and finish lines (unless the race is shortened) will be pink inflatable buoys.


The Optimist Regatta fleet will sail a triangular course and mark types shall be announced at the briefing.

**THE START:**

The starting line will be between the main mast of the Committee Boat and an outer pink mark (or a pole on a support boat). A boat starting later than 10 minutes after the starting signal will be scored Did Not Start.

Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. Boats which have completed a lap of the course shall not sail through the starting line while starting sequences are under way.

In the event of a **General Recall**, the fleet being recalled will take their place at the end of the order of starters.

If flag U, illustrated here , has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boat's hull, crew, or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or re-sailed or postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. This changes rule 26.

**COURSE CHANGE:**

The diagrams in Attachment A below show the courses to be sailed and rounded in order. Mark positions may be changed after the start at the discretion of the Race Officer. No signals will be made.

**SHORTENED COURSE:**

Where 'shortened course' applies to all classes it will be indicated by hoisting the flag S and making two sound signals. In the case of an individual class or classes being shortened, the appropriate class flag(s) will be flown with Flag S. All shortened races will then finish between the pole, or in the absence of a pole the flag/pole, of a Finishing Boat and the course mark nearest the Boat. The Finishing Boat for shortened courses may be a RIB

**THE MARKS:**

Main Fleet: The racing marks will be large inflatable round yellow buoys.

**THE FINISH:**

The finishing line will, unless the race has been shortened, be between the main mast of the designated Committee Boat flying a blue flag and the outer distance mark.

After the first boat has finished, the race office may offer a finishing position to the boats still racing and in last place. The offer may be made via rescue / support boat. This amends the definition of the word finish.

**TIME LIMIT:**

Boats not finished within 20 minutes of the first boat shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. No preparatory signal shall be made after 15:30 hrs.

**PENALTIES:**

A boat intending to protest shall inform the race committee of her intention immediately after finishing or at the first opportunity after retiring.

Protest Forms are available at the Race Office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit. The protest time limit is **40** minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

**REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT:**

Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed without the prior approval of the race committee and prior to racing using such substitute equipment.

Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without the prior written approval of the race committee and prior to using such replacement crew. Substitute helms are not permitted.

Permission may be given verbally by the race committee on the water.

**DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4 (RRS), Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the Regatta.

**INSURANCE:**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €1,500,000.

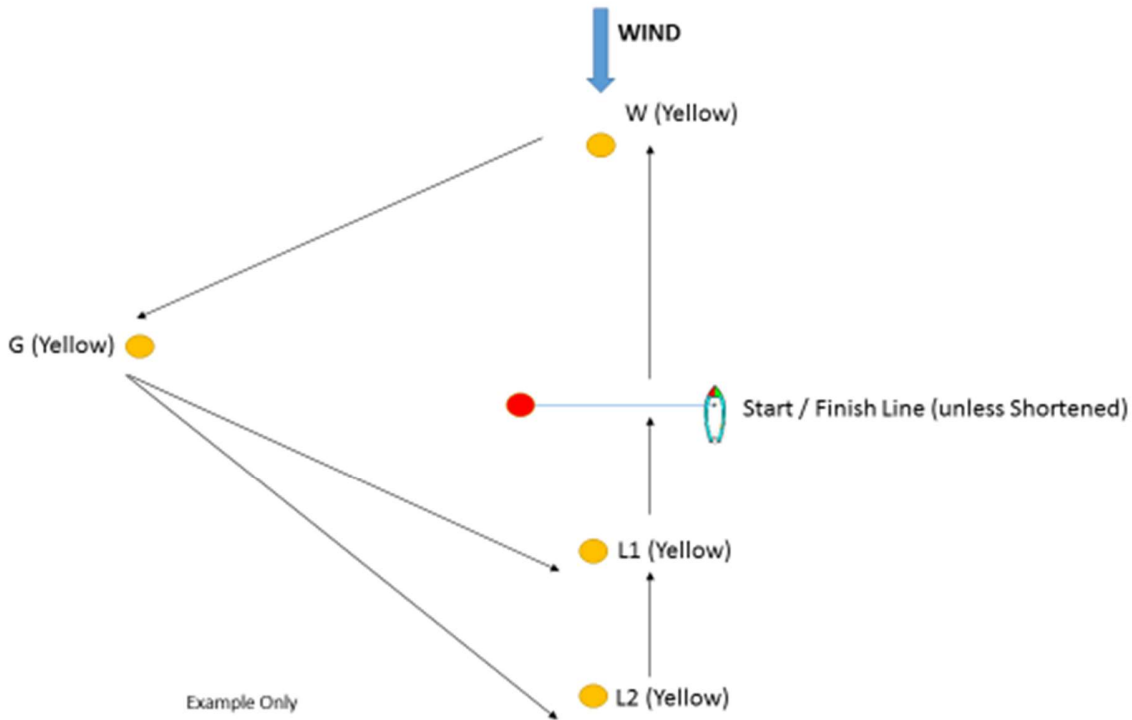
**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:**

LUNCHES WILL **NOT** BE PROVIDED ASHORE.

A HOT SNACK WILL BE AVAILABLE TO COMPETITORS AS PART OF ENTRY FEE  
AFTER RACING

PRIZEGIVING WILL TAKE PLACE AS SOON AS PRACTICAL AFTER RACING.

# Attachment A



Note: After starting and until approaching the finish line, unless all start sequences have not been completed, the marks at the ends of the start/finish line are not marks on the course. Boats shall not sail through the starting line while starting sequences remain under way.

## **Marks shall be rounded in the following order**

### **1. The Laser and 420**

W-G-L1-W-L1-W-G-L1-F (triangle, sausage, triangle)

### **2. All other classes (EXCEPT Optimists), i.e. Topper, Mirror & Sundry Classes**

W-G-L1-W-L1-F (triangle, sausage)

### **3. Optimist Main Class**

W-G-L2-F (triangle) Using “L2” – the furthest Leeward Mark from the Windward