



SKERRIES SAILING CLUB REGATTA & MERMAID LEINSTER CHAMPIONSHIPS 2022

Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th July 2022

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

The event will be governed by the 'Rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing edition (RRS 2021 - 2024). The prescriptions of the ISA will apply. The organising authority is Skerries Sailing Club (SSC).

2. ALTERATIONS TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS OR SCHEDULE

Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of the ISA, and Skerries Sailing Club, except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions. Notices to competitors will be posted on the notice board in the clubhouse.

Flag signals ashore will be made at the front of the clubhouse. Changes to sailing instructions will be posted on the event notice board 60 minutes before the advertised start time of any race which is not sailed back to back.

3. ELIGIBILITY

All boats must complete an official entry form. Dinghy entries which do not comply totally with class rules may, at the discretion of the regatta committee, be allocated to the Sundry class, and will not qualify for class prizes.

4. SAFETY

RRS 40 does not apply. Personal buoyancy shall be worn at all times when afloat. Wet or dry suits are not acceptable as substitutes.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Dinghies

Saturday: 9th July

Race 1: Warning Signal : 12:00hrs

Race 2: Warning Signal : Immediately after race 1.

Race 3: Warning Signal : Immediately after race 2

Sunday: 10th July

Race 4: Warning Signal : 11:00hrs

Race 5: Warning Signal : Immediately after the preceding race.

Cruisers

Saturday: 9th July

Race 1: Warning Signal : 13:00hrs – Howth to Skerries

Sunday: 10th July

Race 2: Warning Signal: 10:45hrs – Bay Race

Note an additional race will be run for HYC boats returning to Howth: Warning Signal : After race 2 – Howth to Skerries. It does not form part of the Skerries Regatta Series.

PRO Briefing – 10.30 in SSC Clubhouse on Saturday July 9th

6. RACING AREA

Note the area between the RED navigation buoy with a Red Light (the Perch) and the shore closest to it is out of bounds. All boats must keep to the North, West or East of this buoy and may not pass between it and the mainland. It is the responsibility of competitors to consult charts and inform themselves of any navigational hazards.

7. MARKS

Dinghies: The course marks will be large yellow CYLINDRICAL buoys. Start marks will be between a pin end red bouy or a red & white pole displaying an orange flag on a pin end rib.

Cruisers: The windward mark will be a large inflated ROUND yellow bouy. Use **may** be made of SSC dedicated fixed marks – Channel 72 will be used to communicate cruiser courses.

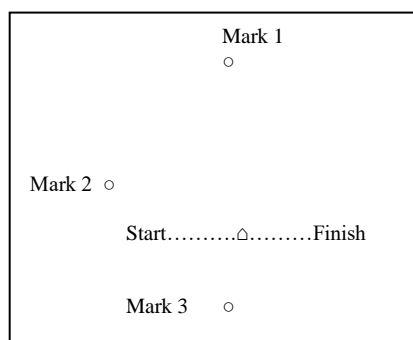
At the discretion of the race officer, marks may be moved in order to maintain the course configuration. This will be indicated before the leading boat begins that leg of the course, by a mark boat displaying code flag ‘C’ and a red or green flag indicating movement of the mark to port or starboard.

– **Minor alterations to the course** a movement of any mark up to 15 degrees and/or +/- 200m from its original position **will not be** signalled. Any changes in excess of these amounts will be signalled in accordance with RRS 33. This changes RRS 33.

8. COURSES

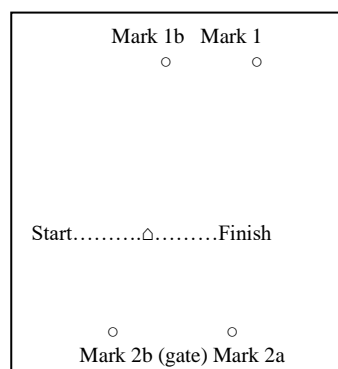
Dinghies: The course may be laid as either an Olympic Course or as a Windward/Leeward course.

Olympic Course (code flag “O”)



Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish

Windward/Leeward (Code flag W)



Start – 1 – 1b – gate 2a or 2b - 1 – 1b – gate 2a
or 2b - 1 – 1b – gate 2a or 2b - Finish

In amendment to RRS 32 the course may be shortened for any reason at the discretion of the Race Officer provided at least 4 legs have been sailed of an Olympic course and 3 legs sailed of a Windward-Leeward course. Note – in this case Mark 3 to Finish Line is considered 1 leg.

Cruisers:

Race 1 (Howth to Skerries): Course – Irelands Eye – Lambay – Rockabill – Finish @ Skerries

Race 2 (Bay Race): Course will be communicated by the PRO on the day of racing (Channel 72)

Skerries to Howth Race: Course will be communicated by the PRO on the day of racing (Channel 72)

9. THE START

Races will be started using RRS 26, amended to a **3-minute** starting sequence (**except for cruisers which may use a 5-minute starting sequence**), as follows:

Signal	Flag and Sound	Minutes before Starting Signal
Warning	Class flag; 1 sound	3
Preparatory	P, U, or black flag; 1 sound	2
One-minute	Preparatory flag removed; 1 sound	1
Starting	Class flag removed; 1 sound	0

The Warning signal and starting order will be as follows –

Class	Warning Signal
Cruisers	Numeral 3
Mermaids	G
GP14s	A
Laser	Laser Flag
Sundry / Class 1	E

Sundry Dinghies - All dinghies not listed above e.g. Fireballs, Wayfarers, Albacores, RS600, RS500 etc

A minimum of 5 boats in a class must register to be eligible for a separate start. Otherwise boats will be merged into Class 1.

In the event of a general recall for a class start the sequence of starts shall remain unaltered.

At the discretion of the Race Officer, this order may be amended and/or different classes may be amalgamated and started together.

10. START LINE

The starting line will be that formed by the main mast of the main Committee boat and a Red Mark or a red/white stripped pole on a pin end anchored RIB. The main Committee boat will display an orange flag. An Inner Limit Buoy may be laid approximately on the starting Line and, if so, no boat shall pass between the Inner Limit Buoy and the Committee Boat after her Warning Signal.

Unless starting their class race a boat may not cross the starting line while other class starting procedures are in operation.

11. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be that formed by a RED mark and a blue flag displayed on a finishing vessel.

Except when finishing, a boat may not pass between the main Committee boat and the Red Finishing Mark when the committee boat is displaying the Blue finish flag.

Should the Race Officer decide to shorten the course, the finish line may be between one of the Yellow course marks and a finishing vessel displaying the Shortened course flag.

In addition to RRS 32 the course may be shortened for any reason by displaying flag F at a rounding mark with continuous sound signals. Boats shall round the mark and sail directly to the finish line to finish.

After the 1st boat has finished, the Race Officer may offer a finishing position to a boat still racing & in last place. The position offered will be the number of boats ahead of it, both finished and still racing, plus 1. A boat is not obliged to accept such offer unless it is the last boat racing. The Race officer is not obliged to make such an offer.

A boat that accepts the place offered will immediately cease to race & the race officer may repeat the process with the next preceding boat. The offer may be made via safety boat. This amends the definition of the word Finish.

12. TIME LIMIT (Dinghy)

In amendment to RRS 35 any boat failing to finish within 15 minutes of the leading boat of its class, in the same race, shall be scored 'Did not Finish'. The time limit for the leading boat on the race will be 1.5 hours.

13. PROTESTS

In addition to the obligations in RRS 61 protesting boats shall, after finishing, inform the Race Officer of the sail number(s) of boats protested against. Protests shall be written on forms provided by the Race Office, and lodged with the Race Office within 1 hour of the finishing time of the last race of the day. A schedule of Protest Hearings will be posted on the Official Notice Board. Protests will be held in the order of receipt as soon as possible.

14. SCORING

Dinghy Races Five Races are scheduled of which two shall be completed to constitute a championship. The Low-Point scoring system, RRS Appendix A will apply; except that if less than four races are sailed all shall be counted. If 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her races excluding her worst score.

Cruiser Races Two races are scheduled one race shall be completed to constitute a championship. Handicaps. Cruisers shall supply their ECHO handicaps on entry or will be assigned a handicap by the Race Committee. Boats which are racing members of SSC shall use their designated original ECHO handicap.

15. RESULTS

Results will be advised on the club notice board as soon as practicable after racing each day. Prizes will be awarded on the Sunday.

16. PRIZES

16.1 – Cruiser Prizes

Cruiser Regatta prizes will be awarded at the main prize giving ceremony on Sunday afternoon.

16.2 – Dinghy Prizes

Dinghy prizes will be awarded according to class turnout, at the main prize giving ceremony Sunday afternoon.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing 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.