

SKERRIES SAILING CLUB
DINGHY REGATTA
incorporating
E-Boat National Championships &
Fireball Leinster Championships.
Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th June 2023
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 90 minutes before the advertised start time of any race which is not sailed back-to-back.

3. ELIGIBILITY

All boats must complete an official online entry form. E-Boat entries must comply with class requirements and equipment lists. E-boats must be members of the National E-Boat class and Fireballs must be registered members of the Irish Fireball Class Association.

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

- 5.1 Racing will take place on Sat 24th and Sun 25th June 2023
5.2 Number of Races

CLASS	NUMBER	RACES PER DAY
E-Boat	6	Up to 4
Fireball	6	Up to 4
PY	5	Up to 3
Mermaid	4	Up to 3

- 5.3 The Scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is –

CLASS	DAY	WARNING SIGNAL
E-Boat	Sat	12:00
Fireball	Sat	12:05
PY	Sat	12:10
Mermaid	Sat	12:55
E-Boat	Sun	12:00
Fireball	Sun	12:05
PY	Sun	12:10
Mermaid	Sun	12:55

- 5.4 To alert boats that a race will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with 1 sound signal at least 2 minutes before a warning signal is raised.
- 5.5 On the last day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:30hrs.
- 5.6 **PRO Briefing** – 10.00 in SSC Clubhouse on Saturday 24th.

6. CLASS FLAGS

CLASS	FLAG
E-Boat	E
Fireball	#1
Mermaid	G
PY	D

7. 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.

8. THE COURSE

The diagrams attached to this SI show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.

Courses will be either Olympic (Flag O) or Windward/Leeward (Flag W) course only.

9. MARKS

9.1 The course marks will be large **yellow** buoys. Start marks will be between a pin end red buoy laid to port of the committee boat and a red & white pole displaying an orange flag on a committee boat.

9.2 Finish Line The finish line will be between the main mast of the committee boat and a RED buoy which will be laid to STARBOARD of the committee boat.

9.3 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.

10. THE START

10.1 Races will be started using RRS26 i.e. 5 minute sequence

10.2 The starting line will be between a red/white striped pole on the committee boat and a Port end red buoy.

10.3 Boats whose warning signal has NOT been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

10.4 Boats which do not start within 5 minutes after their starting signal will be scored DNS.

10.5 When the committee boat is engaged in a starting sequence for a class(s), other classed already racing shall not cross the start line in either direction.

11. CHANGES OF THE NEXT LEG

11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark to a new position. If time does not permit, the race committee will lay a new mark and remove the original mark as soon as is practicable.

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12. THE FINISH

12.1 The finish line shall be between the main mast of the committee boat and a RED buoy laid to STARBOARD of the boat.

12.2 The committee boat shall display a blue flag when the finish line is open.

12.3 The committee boat shall display both blue finish flag AND a relevant Class Flag where the finish line is open to only 1 or more classes currently racing.

12.4 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.**

12.5 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.

13. SHORTENING THE RACE

13.1 The race committee may decide to shorten the course either – (a) Rule 32.2 at a rounding mark on the course between the mark and a staff displaying the S flag. IF the course is being shortened for only ONE class, the staff will display both S flag and the relevant class flag. This changes R32.2. OR

(b) by displaying the F-flag at a rounding mark and making repeated sound signals boats shall round this mark and go directly to the finish line at the committee boat. If Flag F is displayed in addition to a Class flag, this finishing procedure will only apply to that class.

14. TIME LIMIT

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.

15. 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.

16. SCORING

16.1 For E-Boat Nationals & Fireball Leisters, 6 races are scheduled of which 2 shall be completed to constitute a championship.

16.2 For PY fleet, 5 races are scheduled of which 1 shall be completed to constitute a championship.

16.2 For Mermaid fleet, 4 races are scheduled of which 1 shall be completed to constitute a championship.

16.3. 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.

16.4. For PY dinghy fleet standard PY handicaps shall be used to decide on finishing position.

17. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to E-Boat, Fireball, Mermaid and PY fleets in accordance with fleet sizes. Perpetual prizes shall also be awarded and will remain the property of the relevant class.

18 PUNTING SERVICE

Punt will be available to all competitors on moorings from 09:00hrs Saturday and from 09:00hrs Sunday.

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

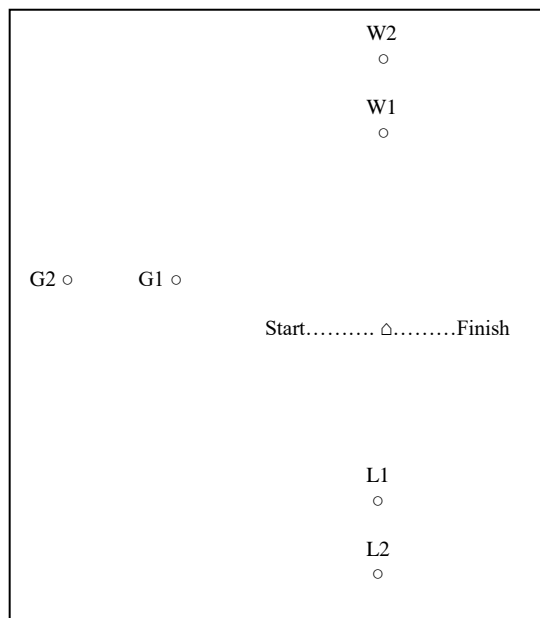
Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

APPENDIX 1 THE COURSES

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

Each #1 #2 #3 shall have both an inner mark and an outer mark. In all cases E-Boat/Fireball classes shall round the outer marks and Mermaid/PY shall use the inner marks. All marks are Yellow.

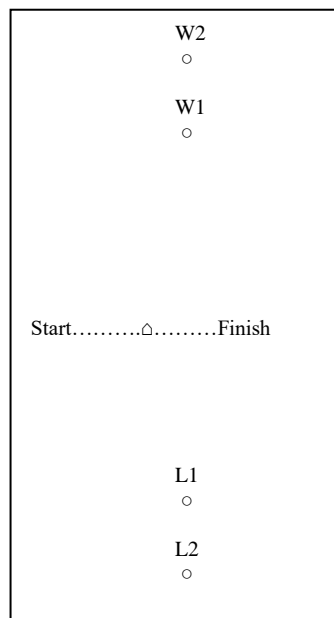
Olympic Course (code flag "O")



E-Boat/Fireball (Olympic)
W2,G2,L2,W2,L2,W2,G2,L2,FINISH

Mermaid/PY (Olympic)
W1,G1,L1,W1,L1,W1,G1,L1 FINISH

Windward/Leeward (Code flag W)



E-Boat/Fireball (Windward / Leeward)
W2,L2,W2,L2,W2,L2,FINISH

Mermaid/PY (Windward / Leeward)
W1,L1,W1,L1,W1,L1,FINISH