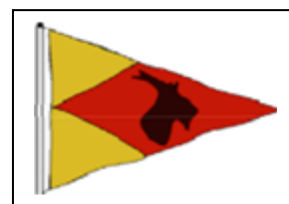


Annual Cruiser Regatta
Skerries Sailing Club
26th, 27th August 2023



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 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 online. All Cruiser entries should hold an echo certificate.

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

Saturday 26th August

Race 1 (Long race) - Warning Signal 15:00 hrs

Sunday 27th August

Race 2 (Bay race) – Warning Signal 10:45 hrs

Race 3 (Bay race) – Warning signal after end of race 2

No race will start after 14:00 hrs on the Sunday (except to restart a race which was subject to a general recall).

PRO Briefing – 13.30 in SSC Clubhouse on Saturday 26th August

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

Saturday: windward mark will be a large round yellow buoy, Rockabill lighthouse, blue barrel island mark, finish mark red/orange pin, or as directed on Channel 72 before the 5 minute warning signal.

Sunday: The windward mark or leeward mark maybe an orange / pink mark depending on the wind direction. Course marks will be as directed on Channel 72 before the 5 minute warning signal.

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

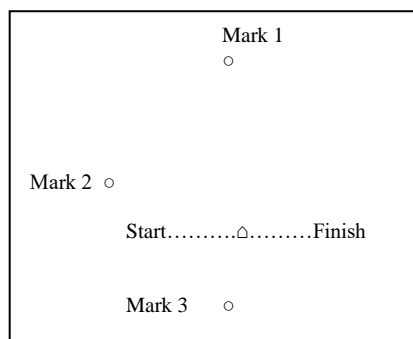
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Long race as directed by race officer on channel 72.

Sunday

The course for both races will be an Olympic Course as directed by race officer on channel 72.

Olympic Course (code flag "O")



Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – 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.

9. THE START

Races will be started using RRS 26, **5-minute starting sequence**), as follows:

Signal	Flag and Sound	Minutes before Starting Signal
Warning	Class flag (Numeral 3) ; 1 sound	5
Preparatory	P, U, or black flag; 1 sound	4
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

10. START LINE

The starting line will be that formed by the main mast of the main Committee boat (Inis Rua) and a Red Mark. 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.

11. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be that formed by a red/orange 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/Orange 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.

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

Three 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.

16. PRIZES

Cruiser Regatta prizes will be awarded at the main prize giving ceremony on Sunday afternoon. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd overall and 1st white sails only overall. Prizes will be awarded on the Sunday after racing.

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.