

IMA SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2003

1. RULES

Racing will be governed by the 2001-2004 ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association (ISA), the Rules of the appropriate Class, these Sailing Instructions (SIs) and any amendments thereto and in the event of any conflict between the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions then the Sailing Instructions will prevail.

2. ALTERATIONS TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Race Committee may alter these Sailing Instructions not later than one hour prior to the scheduled start of the relevant race or races by posting a notice on or near the Official Notice Board in the Club. Any change in the schedule time of the start of Sunday's race will be posted by 20.00 hrs on the day before on the official notice board. It is the sole responsibility of each competitor to ensure that they have apprised themselves of any such alterations.

3. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

(a) General -

One crewmember must be a fully paid up member of the IMA. The safety of a boat and its entire management including adequate insurance shall be the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner/competitor racing the boat. The establishment of these Sailing Instructions and the provision of patrol boats in no way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the owner/competitor. By launching or putting to sea, the competitors imply the suitability of their boat and the competence of the skipper and crew for the expected or forecast conditions.

Temporary Membership is extended to visiting competitors, race officials and race management crews for the duration of the event. Such temporary members shall be subject of the rules of the club.

(b) Measurement -

All boats shall comply with their Class Rules and, together with their measurement certificate, shall be made available for inspection at the request of the Race Committee.

(c) Identification -

Boats shall use their correct sail number, which must be clearly readable on both sides of the mainsail. Permission to sail under any other number shall be sought **in writing** from the Race Committee before going afloat. RRS Appendix G4 shall not apply (i.e. in amendment of RRS 63.1, a boat in breach of this SI will be scored as Disqualified)

4. SAFETY

(a) In amendment of RRS 40, adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn by all competitors at all times when afloat.

(b) All boats shall have a suitable painter to extend three metres at least beyond the bow and which does not form part of the sheets, lines or rigging of the boat.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES AND ORDER OF STARTS

The schedule of races will be advised at the venue. There will be two fleets – C1 and C2. The C1 fleet will consist of Formula 18, Hurricane 5.9 and Spitfire. The C2 fleet will consist of Dart 18 and 16, Hobie 16 and Condor. Any additional classes will be entered in the appropriate fleet. The starting order of the fleets will be - C2 will start first and C1 second, and races will last approximately 40-50 minutes.

6. THE START

Races will be started in accordance with Rule 26. The **Starting Line** shall be between the main mast on the Committee Boat and a Starting mark. An inner limit mark may be laid approximately on the starting line and if so, after the Warning Signal, boats shall not pass between this mark and the Committee Boat. In amendment of RRS 63.1 a boat contravening this SI will be scored as Disqualified (DSQ).

7. COURSES AND MARKS

Courses to be sailed will be advised at the event and races. Prior to the Warning Signal the Race Committee will display a flag to designate the type of course to be sailed. A long sound signal will be made when the flag is initially displayed or if the course type is changed.

International Code Flag 'W' denotes a WINDWARD/LEEWARD

International Code Flag 'T' denotes a TRIANGULAR Course.

International Code Flag 'Z' denotes a TRAPEZOID Course.

WINDWARD/LEEWARD COURSE

The course will be laid using a spreader mark. After starting the marks shall be rounded to port in the following order. All boats must pass through the Finish Line between marks 3 and 1.

1 – 2 – 3 - Finish Line - unlimited number of laps

TRIANGULAR COURSE

The course will be laid as an approximately equal sided triangle. After starting the marks shall be rounded to port in the following order:-

1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish

TRAPEZOID COURSE

The course will be laid using four marks positioned as shown in the diagram.

After starting the marks shall be rounded to port in the following order. All boats must pass through the finish line between marks 4 and 1.

1 – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – 4 – 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 - Finish

8 FINISHING LINE

The Finishing Line shall be on the beat, between the mast of the Committee Boat and the Finish Mark.

9 SHORTENING COURSE

The course may be shortened by the Race Committee at any mark of the course or at a new mark that may be laid provided three legs are sailed. Shortening of the course will be signalled by the Committee Boat, stationed opposite the new finishing mark, displaying International Code Flag 'S' accompanied by two sound signals. This amends RRS 32.

10 TIME LIMIT

In amendment of RRS 35 & 63.1 any boat, which fails to finish within 30 minutes of the leading boat of their class, shall be scored as a non-finisher (DNF). The time limit for the leading boat shall be two hours.

11 PROTESTS

A protesting boat shall, in addition to the obligations of RRS 61.1(a), immediately after finishing inform the Committee Boat personnel of the sail numbers of any boats against which she intends to protest. Protest forms will be available from the Race Office, and shall be completed and returned not later than the protest time limit for each Class. The protest time limit shall be 60 minutes after the finishing time of the last boat in the race. Where races are run back-to-back, the protest time limit for the last race shall be the protest time limit for all races on that day. This amends RRS 61.3.

12 ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

In amendment of RRS 44.1 & 44.2, a boat need complete only one 360 Degree Turn which must be made wholly in one direction and must include one tack and one gybe.

13 SCORING SYSTEM.

Five races will normally be scheduled, of which a minimum of three shall constitute a series. The Low Point Scoring of Appendix A4 will apply. In amendment of Appendix 2, there shall be one discard if more than three races are completed.

14 NATIONALS

In the case of the competition being the National Championships, the handicap system shall not be used. In this case each class with 6 or more yachts shall have its own start. Classes with fewer starters shall race in a handicap fleet.

15 PRIZES

The first three boats in C1 and C2 and first Youth will be awarded prizes. There may be prizes awarded to the first Formula 18, Hurricane 5.9, Dart 18 and Dart 16. If these boats have already won a prize it will be passed to the next boat.

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