



Killyleagh Yacht Club
National Squib Northern Championships 2019
25th-26th May 2019

Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020*, the prescriptions of the RYA, the rules of the National Squib Owners Association (NSOA), the Notice of Race, these Sailing Instructions, and any amendment thereto.

1.2 An additional spinnaker may be carried on board, this changes Class Rule C.10.2(a). The second spinnaker shall be used only if the first is lost or damaged beyond repair. A damaged spinnaker cannot be replaced during a race.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the clubhouse.

2.2 Boats may carry VHF radios. Channel 37 will be the preferred communication channel for the event. Any changes to the channel in use will be announced on Channel 37 before the change is made. The content of any communication by the Race Committee or their failure to make a transmission will not be considered as valid grounds for a protest or redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted not later than the two hours before the scheduled start time of the first race on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the club seaward flagpole.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1	DATE	RACE	WARNING SIGNAL
	25 May	1	1125
		2	ASAP after Race 1
		3	ASAP after Race 2
	26 May	4	1055
		5	ASAP after Race 4

5.2 In the event of adverse weather conditions the number of races sailed on any day will be at the discretion of the race committee however there shall be no more than four races sailed on any day.

5.3 On the last day of the event, no warning signal will be made after 1400, except in the case where a postponement, abandonment or general recall has been signalled.

6. CLASS FLAG

The Class Flag will be Code Flag E

7. RACING AREAS

Racing will take place on Strangford Lough. Racing may be located south of Limestone and north of Green Island or alternatively south of Long Sheelagh and north of Limestone. The race area is at the discretion of the race committee.

8. THE COURSE

8.1 The course will be windward/leeward as shown in the diagram in Addendum A.

8.2 The number of rounds to be sailed will be indicated, before the warning signal, on a board on the committee boat.

8.3 Rounding order:

8.3.1 If one round is to be sailed the marks shall be rounded in the following order: Start, 1, 2, 3S/3P, Finish

8.3.2 If two rounds are to be sailed the marks shall be rounded in the following order: Start, 1, 2, 3s/3p, 1, 2, 3S/3P, Finish

8.3.3 If three rounds are to be sailed the marks shall be rounded in the following order: Start, 1, 2, 3s/3p, 1, 2, 3S/3P, 1, 2, 3S/3P, Finish

8.4 Boats must round marks 1 and 2 to port. Boats must pass through the leeward gate from the direction of the previous mark, rounding mark 3S to starboard or rounding mark 3P to port.

8.5 Except at the start and finish the committee boat and start/finish marks are not marks of the course.

8.6 If it is necessary to shorten the number of laps indicated for a race, a race committee boat will display ICF 'S' over 'F' in the vicinity of the leeward gate while making repetitive sound signals. Boats shall pass through the leeward gate as normal and proceed directly to the finish line. This adds to RRS 32.2.

9. MARKS

9.1 Marks 1 will be orange pyramidal.

9.2 Mark 2 will be yellow spherical.

9.3 Marks 3S/3P and the start/finish mark will be orange cylindrical.

10. THE START

10.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26.

10.2 The starting line will be between a red and white pole on the committee boat and a starting mark as described in 9.3 above.

10.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

10.4 To alert boats that a race will begin soon, an orange flag may be displayed, with one sound signal, at least 5 minutes before any warning signal is displayed.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark to a new position and use signals in accordance with RRS 33.

12. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a red and white pole on the committee boat, flying a blue flag, and a finishing mark as described in 9.3 above, except that when the race committee signal a shortened course, the finishing line will be as defined in RRS 32.2(a) or 32.2(c) and rule 8.6 in these sailing instructions.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.3 Scoring Penalty will not apply

14. TIME LIMITS

14.1 The time limit will be 90 minutes

14.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 A protesting boat shall conspicuously display a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity. This amends RRS 61.1(a)(2).

15.2 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

15.3 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

16. SCORING

16.1 The low points system of the RYA shall be the scoring system used.

16.2 Two completed races are required to constitute a series.

16.3 The series will be scored as follows:-

16.3.1 When less than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores

16.3.2 When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 A boat that retires from a race shall, where possible, notify the race committee as soon as possible.

17.2 Adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn by each competitor when racing.

18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

18.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

18.2 No boat shall use any sail(s) other than her own measured ones except with prior written permission of the race committee. No boat shall use the sail number of another boat that is competing in the event.

19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

20. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

20.1 Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the prior written permission of the race committee.

20.2 Any boat permitted by the race committee to be removed from the water to inspect damage and/or effect repairs shall not be scrubbed or cleaned below the water line other than is necessary to effect repairs and must be re-launched as soon as possible.

ADDENDUM A

Windward/Leeward Course

Marks to be rounded, should be rounded as follows:-

One Lap: Start, 1, 2, 3S/3P, Finish

Two Laps: Start, 1, 2, 3s/3p, 1, 2, 3S/3P, Finish

Three Laps: Start, 1, 2, 3s/3p, 1, 2, 3S/3P, 1, 2, 3S/3P, Finish

