




Annual Summer Waterways Ireland Open Regatta 2016

27th and 28th of August 2016.

Sailing Instructions

1. **RULES:** All races shall be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (R.R.S.), the prescriptions of the ISA., Class Rules, the Notice of Race (NOR), these SI's and any amendments thereto. In the event of a conflict between NOR and the SI's, the SI's shall prevail.
2. **ELIGIBILITY:** This Regatta is open to all sailing dinghy classes. All boats must complete the official entry form and comply with its conditions.
3. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:** Notices to competitors during the event will be posted on the official notice board located in the Race office at Killaloe Sailing Club.
4. **CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Changes in sailing instructions will be posted on the notice board before 10:00hrs on the day it will effect.
5. **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:** Signals made ashore will be from a Flag mast at the club VHF Mast. When, **flag AP** is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.
6. **SCHEDULE OF RACES:**
 - 6.1 A Competitor Briefing will be given at 10:45hrs at Killaloe Sailing Club on 27/08/2016
 - 6.2 Each boat will be allocated its handicap multiplier number (PN) as per the current PY System.
 - 6.3 Depending on the number of boats entered, boats may start as one fleet or be divided into two fleets and starts.
 - 6.4 8 races are scheduled, with three completed races constituting a series.
 - 6.5 The Warning Signal for the First Race on 27/08/2016 will be at 11:55hrs and on 28/8/2016 will be at 10.55hrs.
 - 6.6 The Warning Signal for each subsequent race each day will be made as soon as possible after the last boat has finished the previous race.
7. **SAFETY:**
 - 7.1 Personal buoyancy, a PFD, shall be worn at all times when afloat. Wet suits and dry suits are not adequate personal buoyancy. Failure to comply will result in disqualification. Killaloe Sailing Club safety rules apply when using club facilities and sailing area. Rule 40 applies except Code flag "Y" will not be displayed.
 - 7.2 No sailing boats shall launch until the Safety Officer indicates that it is ok to do so.
 - 7.3 When flag "N"  is displayed accompanied by ongoing sound signals from a Safety boat, racing is abandoned and all boats must return to shore as quickly as possible.

8. **COURSES:** The course for all races will be set by the Race Officer and will be displayed on the race notice board. The type of course used may be varied at the discretion of the race officer. Examples of possible courses will be displayed in the race office.
9. **STARTING LINE:** The starting line will be between the main mast of the committee boat and an outer distance mark, and will be described at the briefing.

10. STARTING PROCEDURE:

10.1 Races will be started in accordance with rule 26 with the following change:

10.2 The Class Flag for a single fleet start or Fleet 1 will be **flag Q**.

The class flag for Fleet 2 (if the boats are split into 2 fleets) will be **flag R**. See Addendum 1 below

10.3 The start sequence will be as follows.

Signal	Flag & Sound	Action	Minutes before the Start
Warning signal	Flag Q or R + 1 sound	Displayed	5
Preparatory signal	Flag P, I, U or black flag + 1 sound	Displayed	4
One minute	Flag P,I,U or black flag + 1 sound	Removed	1
Starting signal	Flag Q or R + 1 sound	Removed	0

- 10.4 If **flag U** has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boat's hull, crew, or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or resailed, or postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. This changes rules 26 and 30.
- 10.5 If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line during the two minutes before her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to indicate this fact by displaying **flag V**. Failure to indicate will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 10.6 A boat shall not start later than 5 minutes after her starting signal. This changes rule A4.
11. **RESPONSIBILITY:** Killaloe Sailing Club and the race organisers shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to helm/crew as a result of their taking part in Club sailing races. It shall be the sole responsibility of each Helm to assess the sailing conditions on the day, taking into account the weather conditions and all other factors to decide whether or not to start or continue to race.
12. **MARKS:** Unless otherwise indicated on the Race notice board, the marks are normally orange buoys.
13. **SHORTENING COURSE AFTER THE START:** The course may be shortened at the discretion of the Race Committee. The Code Flag 'S' shall be flown and two sound signals to indicate a shortened course in accordance with rule 32.2.
14. **ABANDONMENT:** Code Flag 'N' when displayed with 3 sound signals mean 'The race is abandoned'. In the event of an Abandonment being signalled, please follow the instructions of the race committee and safety personnel.
15. **TIME LIMIT:** The time limit for the first boat to finish shall be 60mins. In amendment of rule 35, any boat which fails to finish within 15mins of the first boat to finish shall be deemed to have retired.
16. **PROTESTS:** Protests shall be written on forms available from the race office and returned completed not later than 30 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day.
17. **SCORING SYSTEM: 8 races** scheduled, with **three completed races** constituting a series
- 17.1 Each boat's elapsed time in each race will be corrected by its PY Number to determine its finishing position.
- 17.2 The Low Point Scoring System RSS Appendix A will apply. RSS A2 is changed such that each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, but with her worst score discarded if four races are completed and if eight races are completed then her worst two scores are discarded.
18. **PRIZES:** 1st, 2nd and 3rd overall. 1st in Class prize, if more than three boats sail in the class, 1st all Junior Boat, 1st all Lady Boat.

Addendum 1.

INTERNATIONAL CODE FLAGS & RACE SIGNALS
CLASS FLAGS

