

## IMA National Championships and Donny McKay Hurricane 5.9 Challenge

9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Oct 2021

Swords Sailing and Boating Club

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

#### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024*.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the ISA will apply.
- 1.3 The rules of the Irish Multihull Association will apply.
- 1.4 Racing rule(s) Signals AP, 35, 44.1, 60.1(a), 62.2, 63.1, 66, A4, A5 will be changed. The changes are detailed in the sailing instructions.

#### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located in the club house.

#### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 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 at main flagpole at Swords Sailing Club
- 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                         | Schedule          |
|-----|------------------------------|-------------------|
|     | Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct | Races 1, 2, 3, 4, |
|     | Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct  | Races 5,6         |
- 5.2 Six races are scheduled. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.
  - 5.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> Oct will be 11:55 and on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Oct will be 10:55.
  - 5.4 **BRIEFING.** There will be a briefing ashore at 11.00am on Sat.
- #### 6 CLASS FLAGS
- 6.1 The Class Flag will be Numeral Pennant 2.

## **7 RACING AREAS**

**7.1** Racing will take place on Broadmeadows Estuary

## **8 THE COURSE**

**8.1** The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

**8.2** Competitors must not sail through the start / finish line on a down wind leg of the course. A boat passing through the start/finish line from windward to leeward after the start, except to correct a perceived starting error, will be disqualified without a hearing. This changes rule 63.1

**8.3** Boats must pass through the start finish line on the windward leg to mark 1.

## **9 MARKS**

**9.1** Turning Marks will be yellow. The starting mark will be an orange buoy (unless replaced by a moored vessel flying a yellow flag).

**9.2** An inner mark may be laid on the starting line. The inner mark will be a yellow or white buoy

## **10 THE START**

**10.1** THE START – starting signals will as per rule 26 unless amended by these instructions.

**10.2** The starting line will be between the mast on the committee boat and starting mark as defined in 9.1.

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

## **11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

**11.1** To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

**11.2** Minor Course changes may not be signaled.

## **12 THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between the Start/Finish mark and the mast on the committee boat displaying a blue flag. A blue flag will be used as the About to Finish signal.

## **13 PENALTY SYSTEM**

Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

## **14 TIME LIMITS**

Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

## **15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

**15.1** Protest forms are available at the race office, located at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

**15.2** The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today.

**15.3** Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at the club house beginning at the time posted. Decisions of any protest will be completed prior to the prize giving. An appeal may be lodged after this time and may result in a retrospective change in the result.

**15.4** Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

**15.6** Breaches of instructions 17, 18, 19 or 20 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the

protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.

**15.7** On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day; (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.

**15.8** On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

## **16 SCORING**

**16.1** The Low Point Scoring System in RRS Appendix A4.1 will apply with the following changes:

(a) The first placed boat in each fleet will receive 1 point.

(b) DNS, DNC, DSQ, shall score 3 points more than the number of finishers.

(c) DNF, OCS, RET shall score 2 more than the number of finishers

**16.2** 1 discard will apply after 4 races are completed. No further discards will apply.

**16.3** Scoring may be on the basis of average lap times. Corrected times will be calculated using the boats elapsed time, its SCHRS handicap and number of laps completed.

## **17 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

**17.1** Personal flotation devices shall be worn at all time afloat except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices.

**17.2** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

## **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** Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

**18.3** Boats shall display their correct sail numbers. Any boat that desires to sail with a different sail number shall request permission in writing from the race committee. Permission will not normally be granted except in exceptional circumstances.

## **19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## **20 TRASH DISPOSAL**

Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

## **21 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## **22 PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded in the overall results IMA National Championship

Prizes will be awarded in Donny McKay Hurricane Challenge

The winner of the Donny McKay Hurricane Challenge 2021 will be awarded the Donny McKay Challenge Trophy. This shall be held by the winners and returned by them (in good time and in good order) to the Organisers of the event in the following year. The Donny McKay Trophy shall not be removed from the island of Ireland.

Other fleet prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority and the IMA.

## **23 RISK STATEMENT**

**23.1** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, 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.

Sailing by its nature is an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- (g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event
- (h) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience, and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.

## **24 INSPECTIONS**

**24.1** The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

**25 INSURANCE**

**25.1** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

**26 TEMPORARY MEMBERSHIP**

**26.1** All competitors and Race Officials will be granted Temporary Membership of SSBC for the duration of the event.

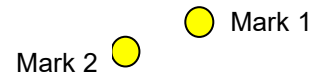
**27. COVID MEASURES**

By taking part in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID19 and for complying with the OA's COVID-19 procedures. Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols, or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions. A breach of this rule shall not be grounds for protest by another boat. This amends rule 60.1(a).

# ATTACHMENT A

Windward/Leeward -

Approximate positions of marks



## Multihull Fleet

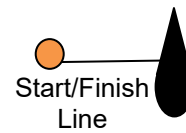
Start

1 – 2 - 3S OR 3P - Start / Finish line

4 laps

Marks 1, 2, 3P to be left to port

Mark 3S to be left to starboard



The start-finish line must not be crossed on the down wind leg from the direction of the mark 2.