

**Leinster Schools Team Racing Championships**  
**12th March 2023**  
**National Yacht Club Dun Laoghaire**

**A/ Briefing Notes**

1. On arrival at the club only School Representatives are permitted to enter the Race Office. On completion of registration, they will receive a laminated copy of the flight sheets. The flight sheets will be on display at the Race Office Window. Competitors are to go directly to the changing rooms. After changing, remove your sailing bags and place them in a neat pile under the balcony (right hand side when looking towards the Clubhouse). The first 6 teams racing proceed to your boats and commence rigging. Rigging must be completed by 8.55 in time for the briefing at 09.00
2. In between racing, after buying food and beverages please use the tables on the forecourt. Clubroom seating areas are to be kept free for Club Members.
3. Please clear tables of rubbish when you are vacating them and place them in the bins dotted around the forecourt.
4. Competitors are not permitted to go upstairs to the balcony or first floor of the clubhouse.
5. The downstairs bar ('JB Room') will be manned from 11:00 to 16:00 or later and you can place food or drinks order there.
6. On completion of rigging do not bring the boats to the slipway until informed by the Beach Master. Boats must be in a single line formation.
7. Only two teams at a time are permitted on the pontoon at any one time.
8. Please do not assemble at the outer limit of the court as members may be launching boats by the cranes.
9. There will be a designated holding area on the forecourt where you must assemble on time to be permitted access to the change-over area on the pontoon. If you are not there on time then the next pairings will be called. Failure to abide by this is not grounds for Redress.
10. When you have been informed that you are finished racing for the day and after you have changed please return to the forecourt to assist with derigging so the last finishers can go change in order to be on time for the Prize Giving.
11. Please take particular note of the following points in the Sailing Instructions:

**Please Bring Bailers**

## **B/ Risk Statement**

1. Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."
2. Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges the risk statement as included in the Notice of Race.

## **C/ Code of Conduct**

1. Competitors shall comply with any reasonable request from any official, including attendance at official functions, co-operation with event sponsors and shall not behave to bring the event into disrepute.
2. Competitors shall oversee the boats and equipment with proper care and seamanship.
3. The penalty for breaking instruction 23.1 and 23.2 (see SIs) is at the discretion of the protest committee and may include exclusion from further participation in the event, the withdrawal of any prize or the withholding of deposits.
4. Participants are expected at the event to conduct themselves reputedly both on and off the water. Any hailing on the race course shall be done in a reasonable manner and compliant with the Racing Rules of Sailing. Any miscalling such as hailing 'Protest' without a red flag to intimidate a competitor or calling for 'Room' when clearly not entitled to it or calling in a threatening manner will be considered by the umpires as a breach of Sportsmanship and will result in an immediate two turns penalty per RRS D2.3g. Persistent breaches may result in further action by a Protest Committee up to disqualification from the event.

## **Umpire Briefing Notes**

1. A hail of protest not accompanied with a clearly visible red protest flag will be ignored by the Umpires. Teams should ensure they have a 6" long piece of ribbon attached to their P.F.D. by string and held out at arms length. Protest flags must be worn by the crew, not the helm.
2. Calling protest for mark contact or breaches of Rule 42 are ignored by Umpires. Only when we see these rule breaches will a penalty be applied.
3. If you are protested and you know you are aware that you have broken a racing rule, indicate quickly by putting your index finger in the air and clearly calling spinning and do a one turn penalty.
4. If you have been protested the Umpire will decide who has broken a rule and will fly a red flag and hailing the sail colour. If you receive a red flag you must

complete a tack and a gybe in the same direction twice. Failure to do so may result in you receiving another red flag.

5. Barracking at Umpires (e.g questioning an Umpires decision or giving out to them) will not be tolerated. We will say "Sail On". Failure to comply with this command may result in a red flag which is 2 turns. Continuous barracking may result in a Black Flag.

6. Inappropriate language towards competitors or Race Officials will not be tolerated and may result in discretionary penalties being added to your score, upon receipt of a complaint to the Organising Authority.