



# 29er Nationals 2023



## Sailing Instructions

National Yacht Club  
**30th June, 1 & 2 July, 2023**

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

### 1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020.
- 1.2. RRS Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, will apply, except that rule P2.3 will not apply and rule P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.
- 1.3. RRS 44.1 and RRS P2.1 are changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

### 2. Green and Clean Regatta

- 2.1. As sailors, we seek to protect and restore our oceans, coastal waters and shore environment.
- 2.2. [DP] Competitors shall not drop trash in the boat park or elsewhere, it may be placed in the receptacles provided.
- 2.3. Whilst afloat, trash may be placed aboard safety and patrol boats
- 2.4. The use of single trip containers is discouraged; where possible water bottles should be refilled.
- 2.5. Competitors and support persons are expected to maintain a clean and tidy boat park.
- 2.6. Toxic cleaning products should be avoided.

### 3. Communications with Competitors

- 3.1. There will be a briefing for competitors at 17.00hrs on 30<sup>th</sup> June in the Dinghy park.

- 3.2. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, located under the balcony at the NYC. A non-official secondary means of communication to sailors will be used via whatsapp. <https://chat.whatsapp.com/J2HlzfNYleQGmViep56OmP>
- 3.3. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag masts on the club yardarm
- 3.4. [DP] Boats shall not leave the shore until flag D is displayed ashore. The warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after flag D is displayed.
- 3.5. The class flag will be the J flag.
- 3.6. When flag AP is flown ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes'. This changes flag AP in the Race Signals.

#### **4. Changes to the Sailing Instructions**

- 4.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least one hour before the scheduled start time on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be notified by the race committee before 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

#### **5. Format of Racing**

- 5.1. The regatta will consist of ten (10) races, over three (3) days.

#### **6. Schedule**

- 6.1. The number of races scheduled each day, up to a maximum of 5, is at the discretion of the race committee.
- 6.2. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on 30<sup>th</sup> June is 17.55hrs, and on other days is 11.25.
- 6.3. The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable.
- 6.4. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 6.5. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 16:00, except for postponements, general recalls and abandonment of a race where the first warning signal was made before 1600 hrs

#### **7. Racing Area**

- 7.1. Location of the intended racing area will be described at the briefing. Area A will be West of the harbour by Seapoint. Area B will be straight North from the Mouth of the harbour. Area C will be by Scotsman's Bay, east of the harbour

#### **8. The Course**

- 8.1. The diagram in Appendix B shows the course, the course designation, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

**8.2.** No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the course designation and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

## **9. Marks**

**9.1.** Marks 1, 2S and 2P will be large yellow inflatable

**9.2.** Starting and finishing marks will be a race committee signal boat at the starboard end, and a yellow inflatable stick at the port end

## **10. The Start**

**10.1.** The starting line will be between the starting mark and a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel.

## **11. The Finish**

**11.1.** The finishing line will be between the finishing mark and a staff displaying a blue flag on the committee vessel

## **12. Time Limits and Target Times**

**12.1.** The time limit and target time in minutes is as follows:

Time Limit	Finish Window	Target Time
60	15	30

Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

**12.2.** Boats failing to finish within the finish window time after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

## **13. Hearing Requests**

**13.1.** Hearing Requests should be submitted via the online portal at

[https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/6519/event\\_links?name=29er-irish-championships](https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/6519/event_links?name=29er-irish-championships)

**13.2.** The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the later.

**13.3.** 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.

**13.4.** Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

**13.5.** A list of boats that, under SI 1.2, have been penalised for breaking RRS 42 will be posted.

- 13.6.** 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 RRS 62.2.

#### **14. Scoring**

- 14.1.** One race is required to be completed to constitute a championship
- 14.2.** Regatta Scoring.
- (a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores.
  - (b) When from 4 to 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
  - (c) When from 8 to 10 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 14.3.** A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

#### **15. Safety Regulations**

- 15.1.** [DP] Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices always while afloat, except briefly while adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 15.2.** Check-out and check-in of competitors will apply as follows: Tally band for helm and crew
- 15.3.** [DP] A boat that retires from a race, or does not intend to start a race, shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

#### **16. Replacement of Crew or Equipment**

- 16.1.** [DP] Substitution of competitors, including swapping of helm/crew positions, will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee. If both crew and helm are replaced, the boat will be regarded as a new entry.

#### **17. Official Boats**

- 17.1.** Official boats will display white numbered flags.

#### **18. Support Boats**

[DP] Support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

#### **19. Radio Communication**

[DP] Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

## **20. Prizes**

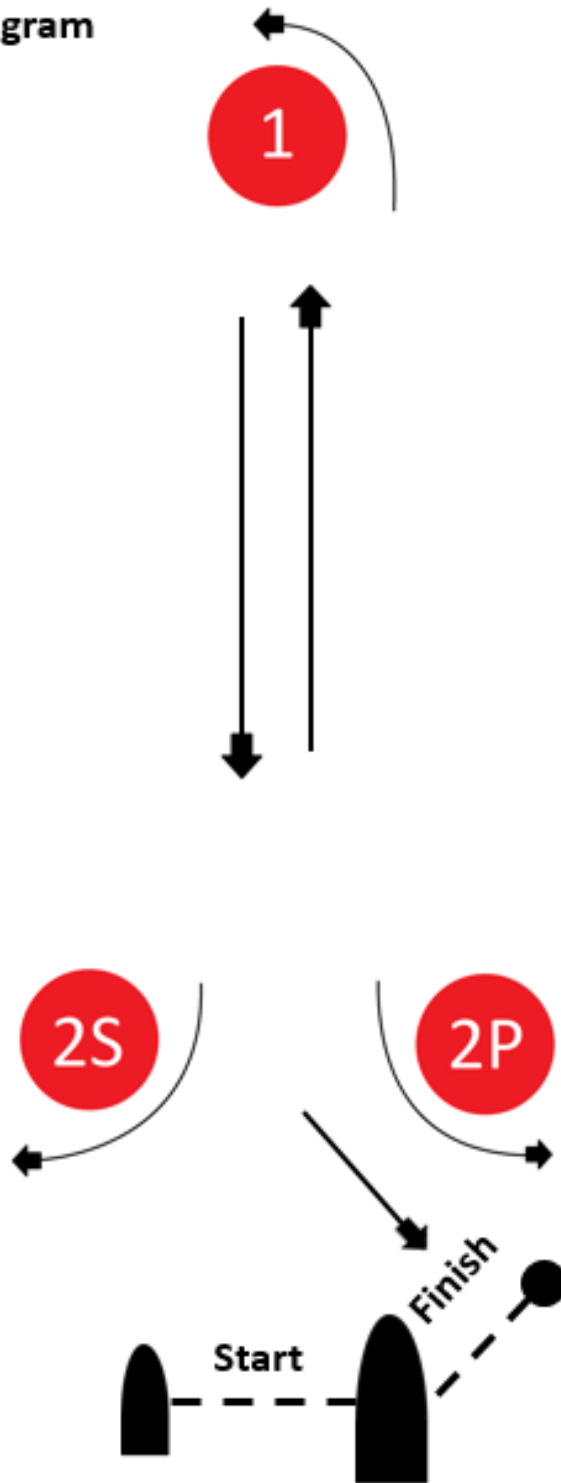
The prizes to be awarded are listed in the Notice of Race.

## **21. Risk Statement**

- 21.1.** 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.”
- 21.2.** 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 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 omission;
  - 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)** Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3 million (or equivalent in Euros) against third-party claims, or the equivalent in other currencies.
  - i)** In compliance with the International 29er Class association class rules section C.3.1 (b), each competitor shall carry at all times, a SOLAS approved whistle



**Appendix B  
Course Diagram**



Signal

Mark Rounding Order

L2

Start – 1 – 2S/2P – 1 – 2P - Finish

L3

Start – 1 – 2S/2P – 1 – 2S/2P – 1 – 2P - Finish