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IRISH RUFFIAN 23 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023
The National Yacht Club (NYC)
East Pier, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin
28th to 30th July 2023

The Irish Ruffian Association and Committee wish to thank the Commodore of the National Yacht Club, Race Officer, Race office personnel, on the water personnel and staff of the National Yacht Club.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 Part 1 of the Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply.
- 1.3 The prescriptions of Irish Sailing will apply.
- 1.4. The rules of the Ruffian 23 Class Association will apply.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the Race Office of the NYC. Notices may be repeated on the event WhatsApp group QR code:

**Ruffian National
Championship 2023**

WhatsApp group



<https://chat.whatsapp.com/HB0GgRx68nH8xvBEXqveHD>

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1400 on 28th July and before 0900 on 29th and 30th July, 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 yard arm of the National Yacht Club. Such signals will be displayed under the Class Flag.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

4.3 When flag L is displayed ashore, it will be removed after the start of the first race to which the notice to competitors applies.

4.4 Signals made ashore may be repeated on the event WhatsApp group.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Seven races are scheduled as follows:

Date	Time of first Warning Signal	Number of Races Scheduled	Tides Dun Laoghaire
Friday 28 th July	1555	2	LW 13:52 1.3 m. HW 20:30 3.4 m.
Saturday 29 th July	1055	3	HW 09:01 3.5 m. LW 14:56 1.2 m.
Sunday 30 th July	1055	As many races as are required to complete the series, to a maximum of 3 races.	HW 10:09 3.6 m. LW 15:53 1.1 m.

5.2 The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable.

5.3 On 30th July, no warning Signal will be made after 15:30, except after a General Recall.

5.4 To achieve a minimum of 4 races, it may be necessary to hold an extra race on Saturday, or Sunday. See SI 3, Changes to Sailing Instructions.

6 CLASS FLAG

Class flag will be IC flag Q.

7 RACING AREA

Racing will take place in Dublin Bay.

8 THE COURSE

8.1 Courses will be of the Windward-Leeward and Triangular types. The course to be sailed for each race will be signalled no later than the Warning Signal, as follows:

8.1.a) Flag O - Windward-Leeward course

8.1.b) Flag T - Triangular course

8.2 The diagrams in Addendum A & Addendum B 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.

8.3 No later than the warning signal, the race committee vessel may display the approximate compass bearing and distance to the first mark.

9 MARKS

9.1 Windward-Leeward Course: marks 1, 2, 3A & 3B will be yellow inflatable buoys.

9.2 Triangular Course: marks 1, 2 & 3 will be yellow inflatable buoys.

9.3 Starting and Finishing Marks: Outer Limit mark and Finish Mark will be an orange dan buoy with orange flag. Inner Limit Mark, if laid, will be a small spherical orange buoy.

10 THE START

10.1 Races will be started using rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.

10.2 The starting line will be a line between a red-and-white pole on a race committee vessel at the Starboard end, and an Outer Limit mark at the Port end. The race committee vessel will display a NYC burgee and an orange flag. The Outer Limit mark will be an orange buoy displaying an orange flag. This changes RRS Race Signals.

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 35 and A5.1.

10.4 When an inner limit mark (ILM) is laid, approximately on the starting line, it is a starting mark that shall be left to starboard. A boat that passes between the committee boat and the ILM shall sail across an extension of the starting line to the pre-start side before starting. A boat that fails to do so will be scored Did Not Start by the race committee without a hearing, this changes RRS A5.1.

10.5 When the Race Committee determines that a boat has not complied with RRS 29.1 or 30 or with SI 10.4, the Race Committee may broadcast the boat's sail number on the designated VHF channel, as soon as practicable after the starting signal. Failure to transmit or receive a broadcast, the sequence of the broadcast or errors in the broadcast, shall not be grounds for a request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

10.6 When RRS 30.4 (Black Flag Rule) applies, and following a general recall, the Race Committee may, in addition to the requirements of RRS 30.4, broadcast sail numbers on the designated VHF channel as soon as is practicable. Failure to transmit or receive a broadcast, or errors in the broadcast, will not be grounds for a request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

11 CHANGE OF 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. Minor adjustments of mark positions will not be signaled by the Race Committee.

11.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes RRS 28.

11.3 When flag F is displayed at any mark or gate, accompanied by continuous sound signals, boats, after rounding the mark or passing through the gate, shall sail to the finish line to finish. SI 11.2 will apply. This changes RRS Race Signals.

11.4 A gate may be replaced by a single mark to be left to port.

12 THE FINISH

12.1 The finishing line will be between a red & white pole on a race committee vessel displaying a blue flag and the finishing mark. This changes RRS Race Signals.

12.2 When the blue flag is displayed no boat shall pass through the finishing line, in either direction, except to finish. Any boat in breach of this SI will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1.

13 PENALTIES

13.1 RRS 44.1 will apply.

14 TIME LIMIT

14.1 The time limit for the first boat that starts, sails the course and finishes will be 75 minutes.

14.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat that starts, sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 and A5.1.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

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

15.2 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 later.

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.

15.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b) and may be posted on the event WhatsApp group.

15.5 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.

15.6 RRS Appendix T (Arbitration) will apply.

16 SCORING

16.1 The Low Points scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.

16.2 Four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

16.3 When four (4) 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 notify the race committee as soon as possible.

17.2 Competing boats shall keep clear of commercial shipping at all times.

18 REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

18.1 Substitution of boats, hulls or sails will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee

18.2 No boat shall use the sail number of another boat that is competing in the event.

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

19.1 Boats may be checked at any time at the discretion of the Race Committee.

19.2 Each boat, with her sails and equipment, shall be available for inspection as stated in the Notice of Race.

20 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the prior written permission of the race committee. 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 waterline other than is necessary to effect repairs and must be re-launched as soon as possible.

21 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the event.

22 RADIO COMMUNICATION

22.1 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.

22.2 The race committee may make broadcasts of course location and Race Signals on VHF Channel 69 (or such channel as displayed on the race committee vessel). Failure to transmit or receive such broadcasts, or errors in the broadcast, shall not be grounds for a request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 62.1 (a).

23 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd & 3rd in the Gold Fleet and 1st & 2nd in the Silver Fleet. The Gold Fleet / Silver fleets will be determined by dividing the fleet in half,

by reference to the final overall results (if there is an odd number of entries, the middle-placed boat will be assigned to the Gold Fleet). The Carmen trophy will be awarded to the best traveller outside of the first 3 boats in the Gold fleet. Special prizes may also be awarded.

24 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The Organising 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 event. The National Yacht Club, including its officers, employees and agents, the race management team, the support boats and anyone helping to run the event shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury however caused to the owner/competitor or crew as a result of their taking part in the event.

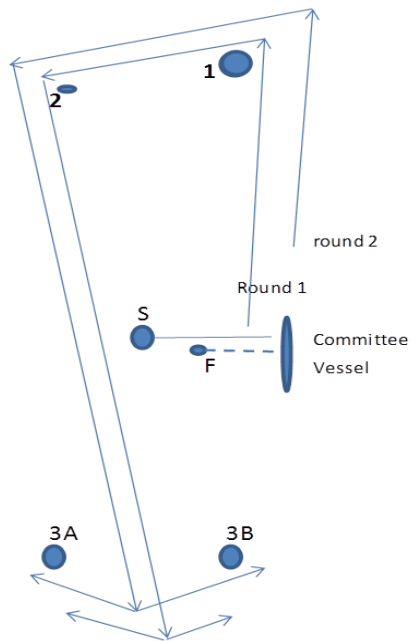
25 INSURANCE

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.

ADDENDUM A

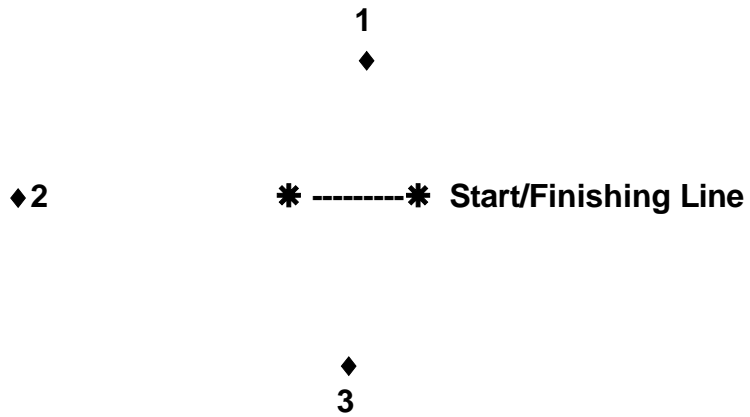
Course Diagram: Windward-Leeward Course (not to scale)

Marks shall be rounded as follows after the Start: 1 - 2 - 3A or 3B - 1 - 2 - 3A or 3B, thence to Finish. Marks 1 & 2 shall be rounded to port. Boats shall round either mark 3A to starboard or mark 3B to port.



ADDENDUM B

Course Diagram: Triangular Course (not to scale)



Note: All marks shall be rounded to port.

The course will be: From the Start to 1-2-3-1-3 thence to the Finish

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