

1720 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP



Howth Yacht Club, Howth, Co. Dublin
3rd – 7th September 2003

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Championship will be governed by the "rules" as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). The prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association shall not apply. If there is any conflict between the Notice of Race (NoR) and the Sailing Instructions (SIs), the SIs take precedence.
- 1.2 Boats may be required to affix advertising supplied by the Sponsor to each side of their bows. If used, this advertising will be supplied by the organisers and shall be positioned, on each side of the hull, as instructed by the Organisers.
- 1.3 Each boat shall carry her National Letters and sail numbers on her mainsail, in amendment of RRS G1.1(b).
- 1.4 Boats shall not be removed from the water between the time of the scheduled start for Race 1 and the finish of her last race of the series. In an emergency, and only following a written request, the Race Committee may waive this SI.

2. SCRUTINEERING

- 2.1 Each boat shall "Inspect" one other designated boat and shall fully complete a Scrutineering Form in respect of that boat. The Form shall be lodged in the Race Office before 09.00 hrs. on Friday 5th September.
- 2.2 Each boat shall facilitate (and fully co-operate with) the crew of her "Inspecting" boat throughout the scrutiny and shall promptly produce all the required items for inspection.
- 2.3 Failure to comply with any part of SI 2.1 or 2.2 may result in a scoring penalty of 20% being applied to the appropriate boat (without a hearing) in respect of all races sailed until those SIs are complied with (amends RRS 63.1). This penalty shall be applied as set out in RRS 44.3(c) except that each boat that finished after her shall be moved up one place.

3. SAILS ON BOARD

- 3.1 1720SCA Rules C.2.1 and C.2.2 will be strictly applied and are reproduced in the Notes appended.
- 3.2.1 Boats shall use only the sails (max. 6) that were on board when the boat left the Marina and no sail shall be taken afloat in, or transferred to or from, a RIB (or other craft) except as provided for in SI 3.2.2.
- 3.2.2 If a sail becomes damaged to the extent that it could not be repaired on the water a replacement may be obtained from onshore, otherwise no sail shall be exchanged between races on the same day.
- 3.2.3 Any boat replacing any sail shall notify the Race Committee immediately on arrival ashore that day and, if requested, shall produce the damaged sail for inspection. If, in the opinion of the Race Committee, the sail is not damaged to the extent required by 1720SCR C.2.2 the boat shall be penalised as described in SI 2.3. In amendment of SI 2.3, the penalty will be applied to each race during which the replacement sail was used.
- 3.3 1720SCR C.2.4 will not apply at this regatta. Boats are not entitled to protest another boat for an alleged infringement of this rule (amends RRS 60.1(a)).

4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 Only boats registered with the 1720SCA (and for which the 2003 Class Fee has been paid) shall be eligible to compete.
- 4.2 Sails shall carry buttons (Royalty Tags), in accordance with Class Rules.
- 4.3 Crews shall comply with the maximum Crew Weight Limit, as set out in the Class Rules. The scales used are deemed to be accurate and, in amendment of RRS 62.1, no redress will be granted in respect of this issue.
- 4.4 The Race Organisers shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/competitor, his skipper or crew as a result of their taking part in the race or races. Moreover every competitor warrants the suitability of his boat for the race or races.
- 4.5 A boat is entirely responsible for its own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.
- 4.6 It is for the boat to decide whether it is fit to sail in the conditions in which it will find itself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that it is fit for those conditions and that its crew is competent to sail and compete in them.
- 4.7 The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least Euro 1.26m.
- 4.8 Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the racing and the event and includes the Organising Authority, the 1720 Sportsboat Class Assoc., the Race Committee, the Race Officer, patrol boats and Beachmasters.
- 4.9 Each boat is responsible to ensure that it 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 that the crew know how to use it.
- 4.10 The fact that the Race Committee, Jury or another boat conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of the boat set out in this paragraph.

5. OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD

The Official Notice Board will be located under the arch next to the side entrance to Howth Yacht Club.

6. ALTERATIONS TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS OR SCHEDULE

Any alterations to the SIs will be posted on the Official Notice Board not later than two hours prior to the scheduled start of the first race on the day it will take effect except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 21.00 hrs. on the day before it will take effect.

7. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

7.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagstaff at Howth Yacht Club.

7.2 After a postponement has been signalled the Warning Signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after the signal is lowered (amends Race Signals).

7.3 When flag 'V' is signalled boats shall not leave the harbour/marina. The Warning Signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after the signal is lowered (amends Race Signals).

8. RACE PROGRAMME

Day and Date	Schedule of Races
Wednesday 3 rd Sept.	Race 1 - Warning Signal 11.30 hrs., followed by Races 2 & 3
Thursday 4 th Sept	Race 4 - Warning Signal 10.30 hrs., followed by Races 5 & 6
Friday 5 th Sept.	Race 7 - Warning Signal 10.30 hrs., followed by Races 8 & 9
Saturday 6 th Sept.	Race 10 - Warning Signal 10.30 hrs., followed by Race 11
Sunday 7 th Sept	No races, unless fewer than 6 races have been completed to date.

The Race Committee reserves the right to change the schedule of races.

No race shall be started later than 14.00 hrs on Sunday 30th June.

If fewer than six races have been completed by Saturday evening further races will be scheduled for Sunday, to bring the number up to six, even though the series may already be valid.

9. CLASS FLAG

The Class code flag shall be International Code Flag 'F'.

10. SAFETY

Flag Y displayed before the warning signal means, "All competitors shall wear personal buoyancy whilst afloat". This amends RRS 40.

11. RACING AREA

Races will be held in the waters North of Howth Harbour.

12. THE COURSE

12.1 The marks will be laid approximately as shown in the diagram.

12.2 After starting marks shall be rounded to port (p) or to starboard (s) as follows:

1(p) - 2(p) - 3(s) or 4(p)

1(p) - 2(p) - 3(s) or 4(p) - Finish

12.3 Starting marks are marks of the course only when starting.

12.4 After the start the Committee Boat may be an obstruction.

12.5 The finishing line ranks as an obstruction and boats shall not cross it except when finishing. Breach of this SI shall result in the boat being scored DSQ without a hearing (amends RRS 63.1). (See SI 18)

12.6 The approximate compass bearing to Mark 1 may be displayed from the Committee Boat at the Starboard end of the Starting Line.

13. MARKS

Descriptions of the marks will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

14. THE START

14.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 except that, at least five minutes prior to the first Warning Signal for a second or subsequent race on a day, an Orange flag will be displayed and a sound signal will be made. The Orange flag will be removed (without a sound signal) after the finish of the last boat or at the expiration of the time limit, whichever is the earlier (amends Race Signals).

14.2 The starting line shall be between an orange inflatable mark (to be passed to port) and a red and white pole (or main mast) on the committee boat. An Inner Limit Mark may be moored near the Committee Boat, approximately on the Starting Line. Any boat passing or attempting to pass between such Limit Mark and the nearby Committee Boat will be disqualified without a hearing (amends RRS 63.1).

14.3 A boat shall start not later than 5 minutes after her starting signal.

14.4 If a start under the Black Flag Rule (RRS 30.3) is subject to a general recall the sail numbers of boats identified infringing RRS 30.3 will be displayed on the Committee Boat for at least five minutes before the signal First Substitute is removed. One long sound signal will be made when the numbers are initially displayed.

14.5 When the Race Committee decides that its application of RRS 30.3 entitles a boat to redress under RRS 62.1(a), it may give her redress by not displaying her sail number and not disqualifying her (amends RRS 30.3, 60.2 and 63.1).

15. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

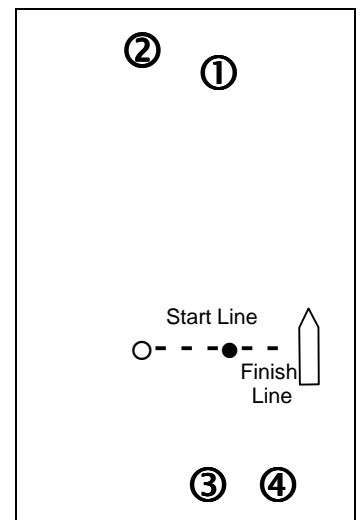
15.1 A significant change of course after the start will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not then be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration.

15.2 If the Race Committee is unable to relocate an existing mark it will substitute a black inflatable mark.

15.3 In amendment of RRS 33, no signals will be made to indicate whether or not a leg has been shortened or lengthened.

16. SHORTENING COURSE

In amendment of RRS 32 the course may be shortened for any reason at the discretion of the Race Committee provided that at least three legs will be sailed. If the Race Committee decides to shorten the course to finish at Marks 3 and 4, the finishing line shall be between Marks 3 and 4 and the Committee Boat will be stationed on the extension of that line. This amends RRS 'Race Signals'.



17. ABANDONING A RACE

In addition to RRS 32 the Race Committee may abandon a race because of major wind-shifts or irregular winds affecting all or part of the course or when the wind speed drops below 5 knots. Boats will not be entitled to redress under RRS 62.1(a) if this SI is applied.

18. THE FINISH

The Finishing Line shall be between a red and white pole (or main mast) on a committee boat and a **black** Finishing Mark.

19. TIME LIMIT

In amendment of RRS 35 any boat which fails to finish within 20 minutes of the leading boat shall be scored as 'Did not finish'. The Time Limit for the leading boat shall be 90 minutes.

20. RETIRING

A boat shall make every effort to promptly inform the Race Committee of her retreat.

21. PROTESTS

21.1 In addition to the obligations in RRS 61.1(a) protesting boats shall, immediately after finishing, inform the Race Committee (on the Committee Boat at the Finish) of the sail number(s) of any boat(s) against which they intend to protest.

21.2 Protest Forms will be available from the Race Office.

21.3 All protests shall be delivered to the Race Office (at Howth Yacht Club) within protest time. Protest time will end approximately 30 minutes after boats reach the marina after racing each day and the expiry time will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

21.4 The sail numbers of boats involved in protests together with the schedule of protests will be posted on the Official Notice Board 15 minutes after the time limit for protests. The listing of a boat on this schedule shall constitute informing her in the context of RRS 61.1(b).

21.5 In amendment of RRS 66, on the last day of the regatta a request to reopen a hearing shall be delivered:-

(a) within protest time if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day

(b) no later than 15 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision that day.

22. BOWSPRIT RULE

22.1 Bowsprits shall not be extended on an upwind leg. An upwind leg is a leg on which spinnakers cannot be set. The upwind leg starts 5 boat lengths after rounding the mark at the beginning of the leg and finishes at Mark 1 when the stern of the boat crosses the extension of an imaginary line drawn through Mark 4 and Mark 1, after rounding Mark 1.

For the purposes of this SI the leg between Mark 1 and Mark 2 is NOT an upwind leg. (This means that bowsprits can be extended but boats cannot claim an overlap with a bowsprit if they couldn't fly a spinnaker on that leg.)

For the purposes of RRS 18 when it is possible to set a spinnaker the normal position of the bowsprit is extended. When it is not possible to set a spinnaker the normal position of the bowsprit is retracted.

22.2 The penalty for infringing this SI may be a points penalty, suspended or imposed, instead of disqualification.

23. USE OF LARGE JIBS AND LARGE SPINNAKERS

If the wind speed exceeds 25 knots the Race Committee may, at its absolute discretion, display flag 'Q' before the warning signal for a race. This visual signal will be accompanied by one long sound signal.

When this signal is displayed boats shall not use a large spinnaker but may use a small spinnaker which, if used, shall be flown from the hounds and not the masthead. In addition, when this signal is displayed, boats shall not use a large jib but may use a small jib. This SI amends RRS 'Race Signals'.

24. PENALTIES

For infringements of the Class Rules the Jury may impose penalties other than disqualification.

25. SCORING

Eleven races are scheduled of which three shall be completed to constitute a series. The low-point scoring system, RRS Appendix A, will apply, except that:

(a) The first placed boat in each race shall receive 0.75 points.

(b) If only three races are sailed no discard will be permitted.

25. SCRUTINEERING

Boats may be scrutineered at any time during the event.

26. INTERNATIONAL JURY

26.1 An International Jury has been appointed for this event and, in accordance with RRS 70.4, the right of appeal is denied.

26.2 The Jury may go afloat each day to observe the racing. In the interests of reducing the number of Protest Hearings and encouraging boats to take penalties afloat members of the Jury may blow a whistle when they see what they believe to be a breach of the RRS. Members of the Jury may initiate a protest as a result of what they have seen or they may act as a witness in a boat versus boat protest or they may take no action.

26.3 In amendment to RRS 60.1, alleged infringements of SIs 1.4, 2 and 7.3 may only be protested by the Jury.

28. PRIZES

Race prizes will be awarded the highest placed boat that has not already received one such prize (alters NoR). Other prizes will be awarded for, at least, overall positions 1 to 5 inclusive.

29. SUPPORT BOATS

Only Official Race Committee Boats and the Jury Boats are permitted in the race area while a race is in progress. Other boats shall stay outside areas where boats may be racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or an abandonment.

30. IMMEDIATE PENALTIES FOR BREAKING RULE 42

Appendix N will apply. Action taken by the Jury under Appendix N will not be grounds for redress by a boat.

BRIEFING

There will be a Briefing at 09.00 hrs on Wednesday 3rd. September 2003

The following notes are provided for the information of competitors :-

- A. Competitors are Honorary Members of Howth Yacht Club for the duration of the event.
- B. Competitor's attention is especially drawn to SIs 2, 22, 23 and the following Class Rules: -
- C.1.5 – Hiking
With the exception of the head and upper limbs no part of a crew's body shall protrude beyond an imaginary vertical line drawn as a tangent to the hull at the point where the crewmember is positioned. No crewmember shall sit on the handrail.
- C.2.1 While racing, sails on board shall be limited to One each of Mainsail, Small Jib, Large Jib, Small Spinnaker and two Large Spinnakers (a total of Six (6) sails). Only one large Spinnaker shall be used during any one race but if that (first) Large Spinnaker suffers serious damage the second Large Spinnaker may be used.
- C.2.2 Except when a sail has become damaged to such an extent that it cannot be repaired on the water no sail shall be exchanged between races on the same day.
- C. If you have any queries about the Sailing Instructions please put them in writing and lodge them with Ron Hutchieson or the Race Office. A written reply will be given and both the query and the reply will be posted on the Official Notice Board for the benefit of all competitors.

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Tuesday		Cork Dry Gin Reception
Wednesday	20.00 ±	
Thursday	20.00 ±	Restaurant Night
Friday	20:00 ±	Restaurant Night
Saturday	20.00 ±	1720 Dinner / Disco + Prizegiving (if 6 or more races sailed to date)

E. TIDES

Tide Table at Howth	LW	HW
3 th September	10:40	17:16
4 th September	11:47	18:24
5 th September	13:09	19:43
6 th September	14:35	21:06