



HOWTH YACHT CLUB

Irish Fireball Association



Leinster Championships

Organised by HYC Events Ltd.

Saturday, July 17th 2010

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Sunday, July 18th 2010

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 THE RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of the ISA and the current International Fireball Class Rules, except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions.
- 1.2 This championship will be designated as a category C Event.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Notice Board, located adjacent to the Marina Office, at the pedestrian entrance gate.
- 2.2 The Race Office is adjacent to the Marina Office.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes to the sailing instructions and/or Notices to competitors will be posted on the Notice Board, before 0930 on the day the change will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted no later than 2100 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag pole at the top of the marina.
- 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 6 races are scheduled of which one shall be completed to constitute a series. Up to 4 races may be sailed on Saturday 17th July, 2010 and the remaining races on Sunday 18th July 2010.
- 5.2 The Regatta Briefing will take place at 0930 on Saturday 17th July 2010.
- 5.3 The scheduled time for the warning signal for the first race on Saturday 17th July, 2010 is 1130. The schedule time for the warning signal on Sunday 18th July 2010 is 1030
- 5.4 Remaining races shall be started as soon as possible after the preceding race.

6 CLASS FLAG

The Class Flag will be International code flag numeral 8

7 SAILING AREA

Racing will take place in waters in the vicinity of Irelands Eye, north of Howth, Co. Dublin.

8 MARKS AND COURSES

- 8.1 See **Appendix A** for a description of the courses. A flag identifying the course to be sailed for each race will be flown from the Committee Boat in accordance with RRS Rule 27.1.
- 8.2 All the course marks will be large black spherical buoys.

9 THE START

- 9.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS26
- 9.2 The start line will be between the red/white pole (or main mast) on the Committee Boat and a large orange buoy.
- 9.3 An inner limit mark may be laid approximately on the starting line, and if so, boats shall not enter the triangle formed by this buoy and the bow and stern of the Committee Boat.
- 9.4 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting Signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes Rule A4.

10 CHANGES TO THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 10.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will move the original mark (or finishing line) to a new position. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the mark may not yet be in the new position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the moved mark may be relocated without further signaling to maintain the course configuration.

However, the Race Committee may make minor alterations to the course without signaling such change.

- 10.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the 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 Rule 28.1.

11 **SHORTENING THE COURSE**

If the race committee signals a shortened course (displays flag S with two sound signals), the finishing line shall be

- (a) at a rounding mark, between the mark the mast of the committee boat displaying Flag S
- (b) at a gate, between the gate marks.
- (c) If the race will be shortened at the start/finish line, the signal shall be the display of flag F with repetitive sounds at Mark 3 on Course 1 and at Gate Marks 2A and 2B on Course 3. This changes RRS 32.2

12 **THE FINISH**

The finish line will be between the red/white pole (or main mast) of the Committee Boat and the Finishing Mark.

13 **TIME LIMIT**

The time limit for races will be 90 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish.

After the first boat has finished, the Race Officer may, offer a finishing position to the boat that is still racing and in last place. The finishing position offered to a boat will be the number of boats ahead of it (both finished and still racing) plus 1. A boat is not obliged to accept such an offer unless it is the last boat still racing. The Race Officer is not obliged to make such an offer. A boat that accepts the place offered will immediately cease to race, and the Race Officer may repeat this process with the next boat. The offer may be made via rescue or support boat personnel. This amends the definition of the word "Finish". This changes RRS 35 and A4.

14 **RETIREMENTS**

A boat which retires from a race shall inform the Committee Boat, a Mark Boat or a Safety Boat as soon as possible and shall not leave the race area without doing so.

15 **Protests**

- 15.1 Protest forms are available at the Race Office. Protests shall be delivered there within the Protest Time limit.

- 15.2 The Protest Time limit is sixty minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of each day. This changes RRS 61.3 and RRS 62.2.

16 **SCORING**

- 16.1 The Low Point Scoring System Appendix A2 will apply.

- 16.2 Appendix A9 will apply to this Fireball Championships, as it will be counted as a regatta series. N.B. All fleets shall be scored on one result sheet so that any competitor may see their position relative to the entire entry and not just respective to their designated fleet.

- 16.3 A minimum of one race constitutes a series.

- 16.4 Discards to be applied based on races sailed
- 1 - 3 races sailed - no discard
 - 4 - 6 races sailed - 1 discard

17 **PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded to the winners of the event as follows:

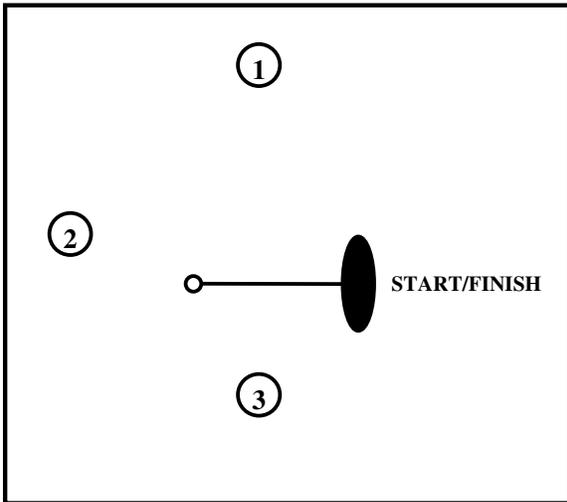
Gold Fleet: 1st, 2nd and 3rd are to be awarded to the top three boats at the end of the event irrespective of the fleet designation of the competitor.

Silver Fleet: 1st, 2nd and 3rd are to be awarded to the top three boats from the Silver fleet excluding any Silver fleet boat that may have won any prize in the Gold Fleet.

Perpetual prizes remain the property of the Irish Fireball Association and must not leave the island of Ireland.

The winner of the title "Leinster Champion" may be a member of any International Fireball Association not solely the Irish Fireball Association and will be awarded the event prize. The Irish Leinster Champion shall be the top scoring boat from the Irish fleet and will be awarded the Irish perpetual trophy.

Appendix A - COURSES



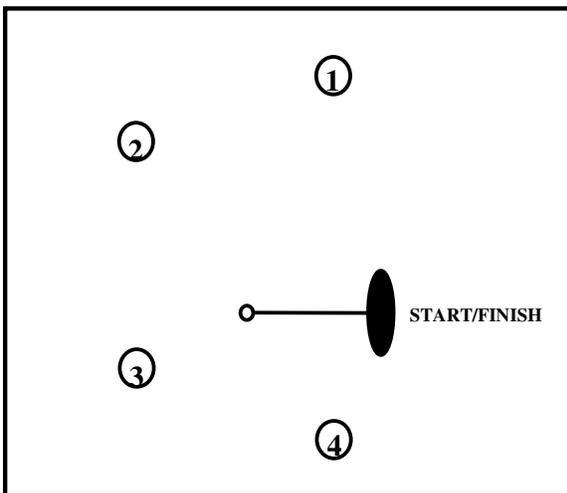
COURSE 1

Olympic Triangle

Code Flag "O"

All marks to be rounded to port in the following order

START-1- 2- 3 -1 -3 -1 -2 -3 -FINISH



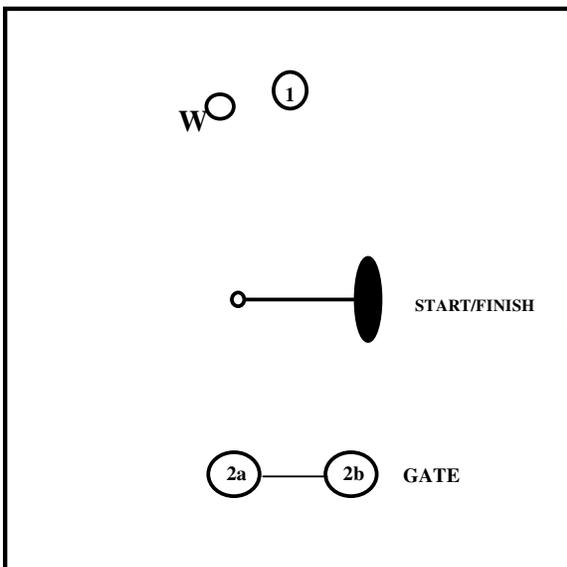
COURSE 2

Trapezoid

Code Flag "T"

All marks to be rounded to port in the following order

START-1 - 2 - 3 - 2 - 3 - 4 - FINISH



COURSE 3

Windward-Leeward

Code Flag "W"

All marks to be rounded to port except Gate mark 2a, which will be rounded to starboard.

START-1-W-Gate-1-W-Gate- FINISH