



Clontarf Yacht & Boat Club
International Mirror Class Association of Ireland
Mirror Northern Championships
5th - 6th May 2018

Sailing Instructions:

High Water:- Saturday 15.55 hrs. Sunday 16.43hrs

1. RULES.

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the RRS and the prescriptions of Irish Sailing.
<https://www.sailing.ie/Portals/0/ISA-Prescriptions-to-Racing-Rules-2017-2020.pdf>
- 1.2 The rules of the International Mirror Class Association (IMCA, most recent edition) shall apply, and the following rules of the International Mirror Class Association of Ireland (IMCAI, most recent edition) will also apply.
- 1.3 All competitors must be members of the IMCAI, or if not resident on the island of Ireland, must be members of their national Mirror class association.
- 1.4 All boats must carry the required safety equipment specified by the IMCAI. Safety checks may be performed by the IMCAI and/or race committee.
- 1.5 All boats shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance. The minimum indemnity limit shall be €3.0 million (or other currency equivalent) per incident.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS.

Notices to competitors will be posted on the event notice board in the main hallway of the clubhouse.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 11.00 on the day it will take effect, and that any change to the schedule (or start time) of races will be posted by 21.00 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE.

- 4.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed from the main flagpole in front of the clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES.

- 5.1 Six races are scheduled for the event as follows:-
Day 1 - 4 races scheduled - Warning signal 13.30
Day 2 - 2 races scheduled - Warning signal 14.00
- 5.2 Races after the first race of each day shall commence as soon as is practicable after the finish of the preceding race.
The race committee reserves the right to sail a maximum of four races per day and / or to reschedule races to the following day as necessary.

6. CLASS FLAG.

The class flag will be International Code flag numeral No. 6

7. RACE AREA.

7.1 The race area shall be specified at briefing. Please note that racing in the shipping lane is prohibited

8. COURSES AND MARKS.

8.1 Courses shall be as shown in Addendum 'C' which will be posted on the Event notice board.

8.2 Marks may be moved by the PRO to ensure the course configuration.

8.3 The course will be triangular . All Marks will be large yellow or orange bouys.

Course : 1st Lap Start – Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Mark 3

2nd Lap Mark 1 – Mark 3

3rd Lap Mark 1 – Mark 2 – Mark 3

and thence to the finishing line.

NB: BOATS MUST GO THROUGH THE START/FINISH LINE AT THE END OF EACH ROUND OF THE COURSE (that is when going from Mark 3 to Mark 1)

8.4 In the event of extreme conditions racing may take place from a shore based Start/ Finish line. Should this be necessary the competitors will be briefed on the course details etc.

9. STARTING / FINISHING LINE.

9.1 The Starting / Finishing line will be between the main mast of a committee vessel displaying an orange flag and an orange/yellow outer limit mark. The Flagship will be placed between mark No 3 and Mark No 1

10. SHORTENING COURSE.

10.1 The course may be shortened to finish at any mark of the course between the mark and a boat displaying Code Flag S.

11. TIME LIMITS:

11.1 The time limit for each race will be the earlier of 80 minutes from the starting signal and 20 minutes from the finishing time of the first boat to have sailed the course. Boats finishing outside the applicable time limit will be scored "Did Not Finish". This changes RRS 35.

11.2 If no boat has passed the first mark of the course (Mark1) within 30 minutes of the starting signal, the race will be abandoned. This amends RRS 35.

12. SCORING.

12.1 3 races are required to constitute a championship

12.2 Discards - when up to 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

12.3 When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

13. PROTESTS:

13.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

13.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day (or 60 minutes from the time of abandonment of the last race, if applicable). The protest time limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

NB: Boats intending to protest MUST inform the Flagship at the end of the race in question and get an acknowledgement.

- 13.3 Notices will be posted within 15 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of the time and location of hearings.
- 13.4 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
- (a) Within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - (b) No later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.

14. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT:

- 14.1 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed without the approval of the race committee and prior to racing using such substitute equipment.
- 14.2 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without the approval of the race committee and prior to using such replacement crew.
- 14.3 Permission may be given verbally by the race committee on the water.

15. EQUIPMENT & MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

16. COMPETITORS BRIEFING.

- 16.1 The competitors briefing shall be held on Saturday at 12.00 hours in the clubhouse.

17. SAFETY.

- 17.1 A safety tag system **may** be operated throughout the event as described at the briefing.
- 17.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee (Flagship), or a safety boat, or the race office ashore as soon as possible.

18. SUPPORT BOATS.

Boats designated by the race committee to lay marks, perform race management and rescue duties, to carry race committee personnel are deemed to be Official Boats. All other craft not competing in the event, including (but not limited to) those of team leaders, coaches, parents and supporters are deemed to be Support Boats. Support boats shall not enter the rectangular area bounded by a notional line encompassing the race course that is not less than 50 meters from any mark, starting or finishing boat. This restriction shall apply from the first warning signal for each for each flight of races to the time the last boat racing in the flight finishes. Support boat drivers shall wear kill cords.

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority or the race management team will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

20. PRIZE GIVING.

- 20.1 Prize giving will be held in the clubhouse as soon as possible after completion of racing on Sunday.

