



Mermaid Leinster Championships 2018

Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th June

Venue & Organising Authority: Clontarf Yacht & Boat Club



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

RULES:

1.1 The Championship will be governed by the current RRS, the prescriptions of the Irish Sailing, the rules of the M.S.A., and these Sailing Instructions (S.I.s) and any amendments there to.

2 ENTRIES:

2.1 Eligible Boats may be entered by completing the Registration Form issued by Clontarf Yacht & Boat Club and on payment of the appropriate racing fee.

2.2 Substitutions: A substitution of helmsman/woman is permitted provided he/she is a member of Irish Sailing and M.S.A. Applications to change helm shall be made to the Race Committee at least two hours before the start of the race of that day. A boat damaged beyond repair may be substituted by another boat provided the substitute boat has not already sailed in the event. Applications to change hull, sail or sail number shall be made in writing to the Race Committee at least two hours prior to the start of that day's race.

2.3 Permission will be granted only in exceptional circumstances.

3 **REGISTRATION:** Registration will take place in the Clubhouse on Saturday between 0900 hours and 1030 hours.

4 **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:** Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board in the CY&BC Clubhouse.

5 **ALTERATION TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Alterations to Sailing Instructions including any changes to the schedule of racing will be posted on the Official Notice Board not later than two hours prior to the scheduled start of the race in which it will take effect.

6 **SIGNALS ASHORE:** Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Club Flagpole.

6.1 Flag A.P. with two sound signals means Race is postponed. The Warning Signal will be made not less than one hour after the AP is lowered.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Date	Day	Race	Warning Signal	Low Water	High Water
16 th June	Saturday	Race 1	12.45hrs	07.43	14.35
17 th June	Sunday	Race 4	13.45hrs	08.37	15.27

7.1 At the discretion of the PRO a total of 4 races may be run on Saturday or 2 races on Sunday, weather dependent. Following the end of a race the next race will be started as soon as possible.

8. **CLASS FLAG:** The Class Flag will be the Code Flag 'G'.

9. **RACING:** The racing area will be in an area defined at the briefing.

10. **COURSE TO BE SAILED:** The Course to be sailed shall be:

Start - W - G - L - W - L - W - G - L - finish. The Committee Boat will be anchored between Mark L and Mark W.



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- 10.1 Shortening course:** A course will be shortened by stationing a support boat displaying Flag F at a racing mark and sounding a continuous blast of short signals. Boats having rounded that mark must sail directly through the finish line.
- 11. MARKS:** The racing marks may be large ORANGE or RED buoys.
- 12. STARTING LINE:** The starting line shall be between the mainmast of the committee boat and outer limit mark. An inner limit mark may be moored approximately on the starting line and, if so, no boat shall pass between the inner limit mark and the committee boat after the warning signal.
- 13. THE START:** Races will be started in accordance with R.R.S. 26
- 13.1** A boat shall not start after fifteen minutes after her starting signal.
- 14. CHANGE OF COURSE:** Marks may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration.
- 15. THE FINISH:** The Finishing Line shall be between the main mast of the committee boat flying a blue flag and the limit mark, unless the race is shortened, when it shall be between the committee boat or finishing boat and either mark W, L or G.
- 16. TIME LIMIT:** The Time Limit for each Race shall be 1.5 hours or 15 minutes from the finishing time of the first finisher whichever is the later. This changes R.R.S. 35
- 17. PROTESTS:** In addition to the obligations R.R.S. 61 1(a) protesting boats shall individually, after finishing, inform the Race Officer on the committee boat of the sail number or numbers of any boats against which she intends to protest. Protest Forms will be available in the Race Office and all Protests should be delivered to the Race Office within the Protest Time. The Protest Time will begin after the last boat has finished the last race of the day and will last for 90 minutes. Protests will be heard as soon as possible after the Protest Time has expired.
- 18. SCORING SYSTEM:**
- 18.1** Appendix A4.1 (Low Point Scoring System) of the R.R.S. will apply except that the score for first place shall be 0.75. Four races are scheduled of which a minimum of one race shall constitute a championship. If two or three races are sailed, there will be no discard. If four races are sailed there shall be one discard.
- 18.2** Tie Breaking: In the event of a series-score tie RRS A8 will apply.
- 19 SAFETY REGULATIONS:** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee boat or a rescue boat as soon as possible.
- 20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW:** Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY, HONORARY MEMBERSHIP & SHIPPING NOTICE**
- 21.1 Liability:** Competitors participate in the Championship entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Mermaid Sailing Association, the Race Committee, or Clontarf Yacht & Boat Club will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the Championship. Participation in the event is deemed acceptance of this clause.



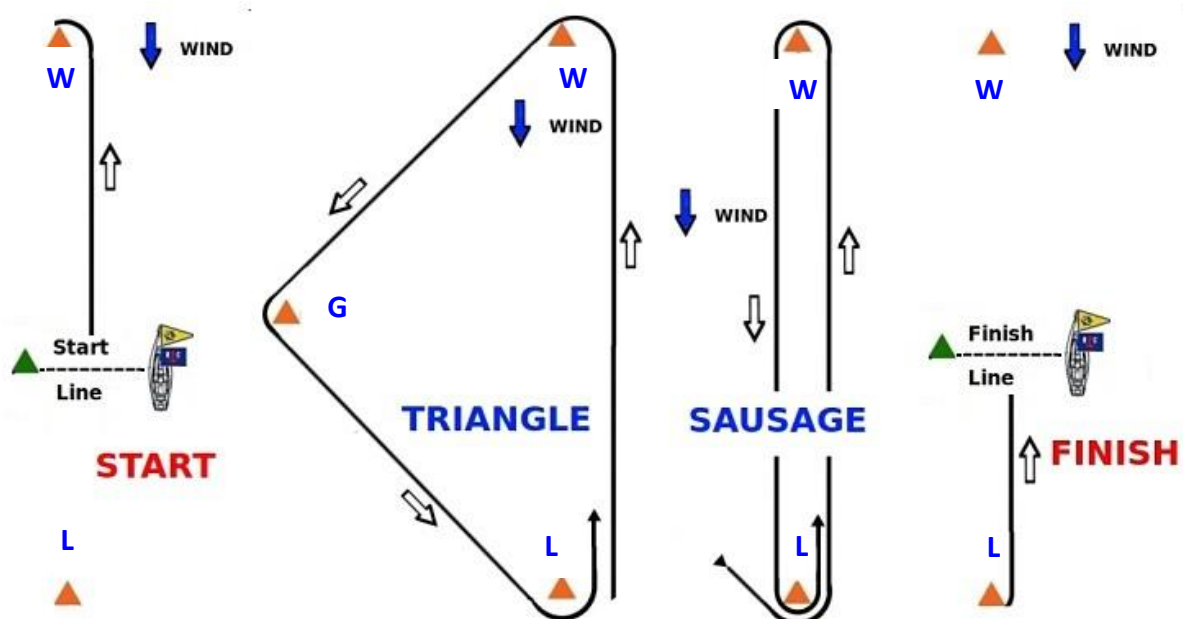
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- 21.2 Honorary Membership:** All competitors sailing in the Leinster Mermaid Championships shall be temporary honorary members of Clontarf Yacht & Boat Club during the event, and will be bound by the rules of the club. Competitors are reminded that personal effects, gear, trailers and other equipment are their own responsibility and neither the Mermaid Sailing Association, the Race Committee, nor Clontarf Yacht & Boat Club can be held liable for any claim, loss or damage.
- 21.3 Responsibility:** Boats are the sole responsibility of competitors, whether they are owners, tenants or borrowers, and they shall be liable for all damages. The decision to sail or race is solely that of the helmsman.
- 21.4 Commercial Shipping:** Strict warning is given by the Port Authority that competitors must at all times keep well clear of commercial shipping and shipping channels. Competitors must comply with these warnings. Competitors must not impinge on the shipping channel whilst racing. All navigation marks entering and leaving the harbour must be left on their proper sides at all times.
- 21.5 Course:**



Start Line -W-G-L-W-L-W-G-L and Finish All marks rounded to Port