



# PRESTWICK SAILING CLUB

## D-Zero Scottish Championships



25th & 26th Sep 2021

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

#### 1 RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Rules of the D-Zero Class Association and these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Racing Rule 40 will be changed as follows;  
Adequate personal buoyancy must be worn by all competitors when afloat. Neither a wet-suit nor a dry-suit constitutes adequate personal buoyancy. Flag Y shall not be displayed.

#### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the lounge of Prestwick Sailing Club.  
A race briefing for competitors will be held at 11:30hrs at Prestwick Sailing Club.

#### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change(s) to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 45 minutes before the start of the race on the day it will take effect, displayed on the Official Notice Board.

#### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the balcony at Prestwick Sailing Club Clubhouse
- 4.2 When flag 'AP' is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes in the Race Signal "AP'.
- 4.3 Boats will not go afloat until released by the Beachmaster.

#### 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

<i>Date</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Approximate 1<sup>st</sup> Race Start Time</i>	<i>Maximum Number of Races</i>
SATURDAY 25th Sep 2021	D-Zero	1300	3
SUNDAY 26 <sup>th</sup> Sep 2021	D-Zero	1100	3

- 5.1 The race committee reserve the right to modify the schedule due to weather conditions or other causes. This may include bringing scheduled races forward.
- 5.2 All races will be run back to back each day.
- 5.3 No warning signal will be made after 16:00hrs on Sunday 26th.

#### 6 CLASS FLAGS

<b>Class</b>	<b>Flag</b>
D-Zero	E

#### 7 RACING AREAS

The racing area will be on the waters adjacent from Prestwick Sailing Club.

## 8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The diagram in Appendix A show the course, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. They do not indicate the angle or distance between legs.
- 8.2 The number of laps is not predetermined.
- 8.3 Completion of a lap is defined by passing mark 3.

## 9 MARKS

The course marks will be cylindrical inflatable race marks – see Appendix A for detailed description.

## 10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

At the south of the bay there is a spit of rock going straight out to sea for 300 meters.

## 11 THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started using Rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

Time	Signal
- 5 min	Warning Signal Displayed
- 4 min	Preparatory Signal Displayed
- 1 min	Preparatory Signal Removed
0 min	Start

- 11.2 Times shall be taken from the visual signals, the failure of a sound signal shall be disregarded.
- 11.3 The starting line will be between the mast of the Committee Boat displaying an orange flag and an inflatable race mark.
- 11.4 An inner limit mark may be laid adjacent/downwind of the Committee Boat. No boat may pass between this mark and the Committee Boat.
- 11.5 In the event of a general recall the warning signal shall be made 1 minute after removal of the First Substitute flag.

## 12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 To change the next leg of a course, the race committee may move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

## 13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between the mast of the Committee Boat displaying a blue flag and an inflatable race mark.
- 13.2 Shortly before the finish the Committee Boat shall display IC flag S. Competitors shall complete the lap they are sailing after passing mark 3 on its proper side and shall proceed to cross the finish where their finishing position shall be recorded. RRS 32.2 shall apply.

## 14 SHORTENING COURSES

- 14.1 On all courses if required a race may be shortened at any mark of the course in accordance with RRS 32.2. All competitors shall complete the number of rounds equal to the leading boat before proceeding to the finish.
- 14.2 When **IC flag W** is displayed, boats that have not yet finished may be given a finishing place anywhere on the race course or at a nearby mark, or not. Boats can finish between the adjacent mark and the committee or support vessel displaying **IC flag W**. When a boat finishes in accordance with this instruction, she shall be awarded a finishing place after all boats that have passed the nearby mark ahead of her before **IC flag W** was displayed. Boats that have already passed the mark before **IC flag W** is displayed shall continue and finish as described in the course in Appendix A. This changes RRS 32.2.

## **15 PENALTY SYSTEM**

The scoring penalty, Rule 44.3 will not apply.

## **16 TIME LIMITS**

- 16.1 The time limit is 90 minutes. When the first boat finishes within the last 20 minutes of that time, the time limit will be extended to 20 minutes after the finishing time of the first boat. No boat shall finish after the expiry of the time limit. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.
- 16.2 If no boat has passed the first mark of the course within 30 minutes the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a)
- 16.3 A tail-end boat that has lost contact with the body of the fleet may be informed on the water, towards the end of the race, that she need not complete that lap, but may return to the starting area for the start of the next back-to-back race. An appropriate finishing position will be recorded by the Race Committee. Failure to take advantage of this provision may result in any following back to back race being started before that competitor has returned to the starting area. This shall not be the basis for a redress request under Rule 62(a). This alters Rule 35.

## **17 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 17.1 The Exoneration Penalty and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available.
- 17.2 Protest forms are available. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 17.3 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 17.4 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. Hearings will be held in the Protest Room, located in Prestwick Sailing Club clubhouse. Times will be displayed on the Official Notice Board.
- 17.5 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 17.6 Breaches of instructions 1.2(a), 18, 24 and 26 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.
- 17.7 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.  
This changes RRS 66.

## **18 SCORING**

- 18.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series
- (a) When fewer than 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When 3 races or more have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **19 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 19.1 When the race committee considers that a boat or competitor is in difficulty, it may instruct the boat or competitor to accept outside help, retire or sail ashore. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 19.2 A tally system may be used during the event while competitors are afloat. Tallies will be numbered rubber wristbands which should be worn on each competitor's wrist. Individual tally numbers will be allocated at registration.
- 19.3 Check-out tallies shall be collected from the tally board which will normally be positioned at the entrance to the clubhouse prior to going afloat.
- 19.4 Check-in tallies should be returned to the tally board immediately on returning to shore after racing, but no later than 30 minutes after the last boat finishing the last race of the day.

**IT IS THE COMPETITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT THEY HAVE RETURNED THE TALLY.**

## **20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW**

Substitution of helmsmen during the regatta will not be permitted.

## **21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

21.1 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 equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## **22 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

22.1 A boat shall not make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## **23 PRIZES**

23.1 Prizes shall be awarded at the discretion of the organisers, taking into account fleet numbers.

## **24 RISK STATEMENT**

24.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone"

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and other property whether afloat or ashore.
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- g) The boat is adequately insured with cover of at least £3 million against third party claims

## **25 INSURANCE**

25.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per event or the equivalent. Competitors shall sign a declaration to that effect when registering

Appendix A



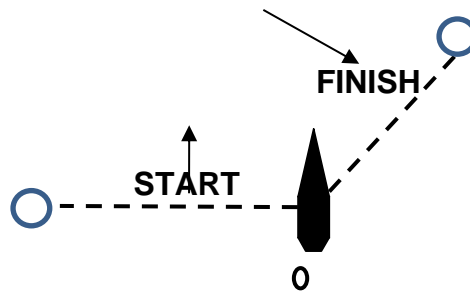
WIND DIRECTION

COURSE

Key:

 1.8m Orange Cylindrical Inflatable Race Marks

 Orange Sphere Polyform.



Marks 1, 2, 3 are 1.8m cylindrical Orange inflatable race marks

Starting mark will be a 1.5m cylindrical inflatable race mark

Finishing mark will be a 1.5m cylindrical inflatable race mark

Inner distance mark will be an Orange sphere polyform buoy

Course to be sailed on each lap

1p -- 2p – 3p – 1p – 3p

