



## **Sligo Yacht Club**

Est. 1821

### **2015 JUNIOR OPEN EVENT** incorporating **IMCAI MIRROR NORTHERNS**

**27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

#### **1. RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013 – 2016.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association will apply.
- 1.3 International Mirror Class Association of Ireland class rules will apply for Boats entered into the Mirror Northerns.
- 1.4 The rules of Sligo Yacht Club.
- 1.5 The Notice of Race.
- 1.6 The Sailing Instructions and any changes thereto.
- 1.7 In the event of a conflict the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
- 1.8 Competitors shall wear lifejackets or other adequate personal buoyancy at all times when afloat. This changes rule 40.
- 1.9 Each boat shall carry a paddle, a bailer (with a minimum capacity of 1 litre) and a towrope of at least 5m length connected to the boat but not connected to any other line.

#### **2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located outside the race office on the upper level of Sligo Yacht Club.

#### **3. CHANGE TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09:00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 21:00 on the day before it will take effect. Flag L displayed on the club flagpole denotes that a competitor notice has been posted.

## **4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the club flagpole.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed with two sound signals "Racing is postponed & launching is prohibited until it is lowered", '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

## **5. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1 Dates of Races.

27<sup>th</sup> June: Race 1 First Gun 13:00

28<sup>th</sup> June: Race 3 First Gun 11:00

- 5.2 The warning signal for a subsequent race or races on each day will be as soon as practical after the completion of the previous race.
- 5.4 One extra race maybe sailed each day provided the schedule does not become more the one race ahead of schedule.
- 5.5 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 15:00hrs.

## **6. CLASS FLAG**

The Class Flag will be flag

## **7. RACING AREA**

The racing area shall be Sligo Bay.

## **8. THE COURSES**

- 8.1 The diagrams in Appendix A describes the courses which may be used.
- 8.2 Flag flown on the committee boat will indentifiy the course to be sailed.

## **9. MARKS**

- 9.1 Marks W, GS, GP, J & L will be large Yellow inflatable Marks.
- 9.2 Mark WO will be a pink spherical buoy.
- 9.3 Pin will be an pink spherical buoy.
- 9.4 A pink spherical bouy may be placed to the stern or off the leeward side of the committee boat. No boat shall pass between this mark and the committee boat.

## **10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**

## **11. THE START**

- 11.1 Races will be started by using rule 26.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between the main mast of the committee boat and the starting marks (Pin) as described in section 9.
- 11.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.1 & A5.
- 11.4 Sail numbers of boats disqualified under rule 30.3 maybe displayed or maybe individually "hailed to" at the first windward mark. Boats whose numbers are displayed shall sail clear of the fleet and retire immediately.

## **12. CHANGES OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

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

## **13. THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between the main mast of the committee boat and the finishing marks (mark discribed in section 9). (Finishing boat shall fly a blue flag).

## **14. PENALTY SYSTEM**

Penalties as per RRS 44

## **15. TIME LIMITS & TARGET TIMES**

- 15.1 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat maybe scored as per their position at their last mark or Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.
- 15.2 The target time for each race is 60 mins. This target is a guide and will not be grounds for a protest or redress.

## **16. PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 16.1 Protest forms are available at the race office on the upper level of Sligo Yacht Club.
- 16.2 The Protests Time Limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 16.3 Protests and requests for redress or reopening a hearing shall be delivered to the race office within the time limit.
- 16.4 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. Location of the hearing will be in the protest room (ask in race office for directions).

## **17. SCORING**

- 17.1 The number of races required to constitute a championship will be one race.
- 17.2 The Low Point System will apply.
- 17.3 When more than two races have been completed a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 17.4 For the "Open Event", the Portsmouth Yardstick HC System will be used to calculate corrected finish times for all competitors and these corrected times will be used to determine the placings for this each race in the this event.
- 17.5 All boats of the Mirror Class that are competing in the "Mirror Northerns" will be scored as per their finishing place on the water.
- 17.6 Results for both Open Event and the Mirror Northerns will be issued.

## **18. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 18.1 Boats maybe required to tag out before leaving the slipway & tag in upon returning to the slipway. This will be confirmed by the PRO at the briefing. Boats failing to tag in or out may be scored DNC for the days racing.
- 18.2 Sailors shall comply with the instuctions of the shoremaster.
- 18.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 18.4 The Organising Authority may stop a boat launching or require it to return ashore, if it considers the boat, its equipment or crew are not adequate for the likely conditions or for any other reason. The decision is final and shall not be grounds for redress.
- 18.5 Competitors in difficulty shall obey any instruction given by a rescue boat crew.

## **19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior approval of the Principle Race Officer.
- 19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the Principle Race Officer. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **20. EVENT ADVERTISING**

- 20.1 Boats shall display event advertising supplied by the organizing authority if requested.
- 20.2 Boats shall not display any advertising which conflicts with the organizing authorities advertising.

## **21. OFFICIAL BOATS**

**22. SUPPORT BOATS**

Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

In case of an emergency, the Race committee may call upon Support boats to assist Event Rescue. In this instance competitors will adhere to rule 18.5 in relation to these support boats.

**23. TRASH DISPOSAL**

No trash is to be disposed of overboard, all trash is to be brought ashore and disposed of appropriately.

**24. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

**25. PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

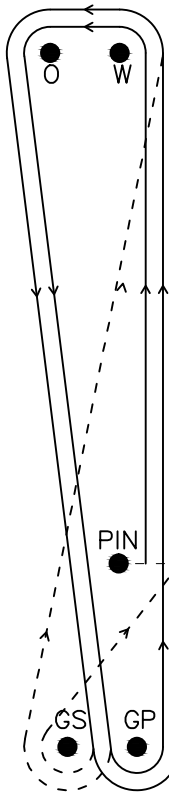
**26. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority 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.

**27. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €3,000,000:00 per incident or the equivalent

SI APPENDIX A \_ COURSE CONFIGURATION



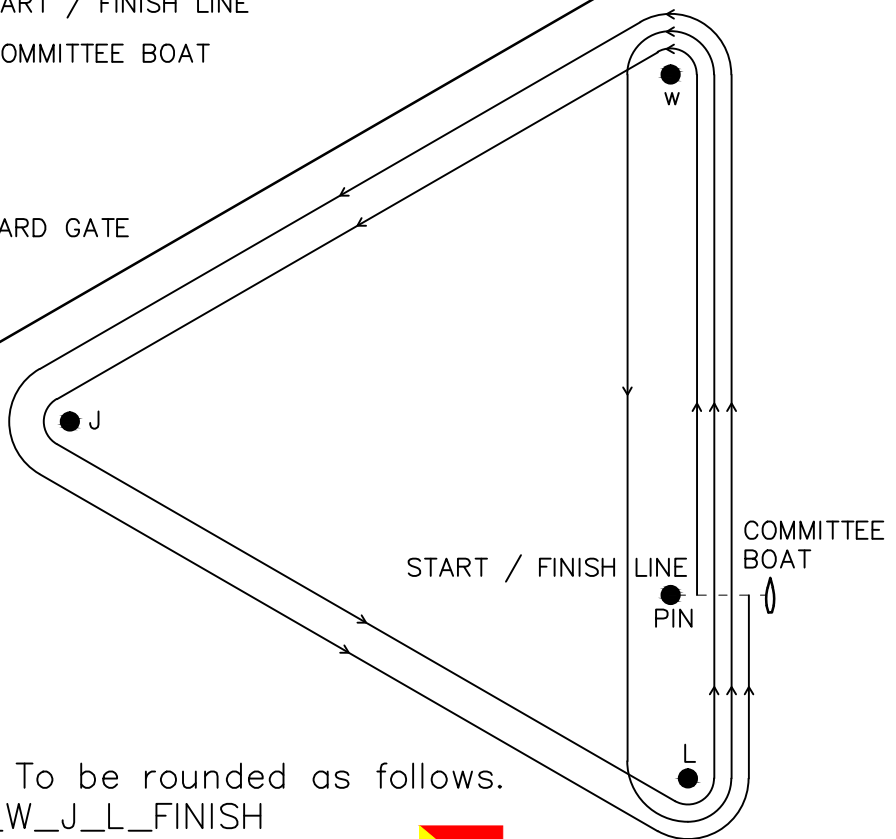
Course W

All Marks to Port – To be rounded as follows.  
 START\_W\_O\_Gate\_W\_O\_Gate\_FINISH  
 Flag W will identify Course to be Sailed.



START / FINISH LINE  
 COMMITTEE BOAT

LEEWARD GATE



Course O

All Marks to Port – To be rounded as follows.  
 START\_W\_J\_L\_W\_L\_W\_J\_L\_FINISH  
 Flag O will identify Course to be Sailed.



Note :

Diagrams not to scale.

# FLAGS



Change to Sailing Instructions



Postponement



Class Flag (for all boats)



Finish Flag



Change of Course



Olympic Course



Windward / Leeward Course