



## Sligo Yacht Club

### Club Racing 2024 Sailing Instructions

#### 1. Rules

Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing, ISA prescriptions*, the *Rules and Policies of Sligo Yacht Club*, the *Notice of Race* and *Sailing Instructions*.

In case of a conflict in the rules the *Sailing Instructions* will take precedence.

#### 2. Entries

Entries are limited to members of Sligo Yacht Club with sailing rights and have completed the Club Racing Entry form.

#### 3. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the club notice board or via usual class communication channels.

#### 4. Signals Made Ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located east of the clubhouse. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after flag AP is lowered.

#### 5. Schedule

Races will generally, be held as per the Club Sailing Calendar. This will be made available to all members. Amendments to the Club Sailing Calendar will be communicated as laid out in #3 above.

#### 6. Racing Area

The racing area will be Sligo Bay.

#### 7. Courses and Marks

The course[s] will generally be laid marks. If fixed marks are to be used the PRO will inform the competitors of this prior to the warning signal. All laid marks will be pink polyform buoys. Fixed marks will be the Bungar and Wheatrock Cardinal marks. See appendix 1 for course diagrams

#### 8. Starting and Finishing Lines

The starting and finishing lines will generally be between the committee boat and a laid mark (pink polyform buoy). This mark will generally be the leeward mark of the course.

## **9. The Start**

### **All Keelboat Classes**

Races will be started in accordance with a 3 Minute Starting sequence (3-1-Start)

The starting line will be between the Race Committee boat at the Starboard end and the Start Mark at the port end.

The race committee will attempt to inform individual Recall OCS sail numbers no later than one minute after the starting signal, however their failure to do so does not negate the competitors penalty.

A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes rule 63.1, A4 and A5.

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If multiple Classes are racing on the same course. The PRO will inform the competitors of the Class starting order.

The "Start" of Class 1 will be the 3 minutes Signal for Class 2, etc.

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### **Flags and Signals**

The Club racing Flags are shown in Appendix 2.

Sound Signals will usually be in the form of a whistle. For keelboat club races, the PRO may also countdown to sound signal on VHF channel 77

## **10. Finish**

Generally, the FINISH for clubs races, for all classes, under normal circumstances, will be a downwind finish, completing the end of the last lap of the course. The LINE will be between the Leeward Mark (left to starboard) and the Committee Boat (left to Port).

### **11. Time Limit**

The time limit for each race will generally be 40 minutes for the first boat to finish. The finish line will stay open for 10 minutes after the first boat crosses. Boats not finishing with this time will generally be scored DNF. The PRO at his discretion, may award unfinished boats finishing places in accordance with their position on the course when the finish lined closes.

## **12. Protests**

Protests shall be delivered to the PRO or Fleet Captain within 60 minutes after the race committee finish boat docks. The protest time limit and a list of protests received will be posted on the notice board. Hearings will be held as soon as practicable in the committee room.

## **13. Scoring**

Scoring will generally be in accordance with RRS Appendix A, with the following amendments;

### **Long Series (with races on non-consecutive days)**

All scores will count.

For every five races in a series one discard will be allowed. Examples: 11 Races Sailed / 9 Races to count ... 20 Races sailed / 16 Races to count.

Competitors that are classified OCS, BFD, UFD, DNS, DNF or RTD will be scored  
"Finishers +1"

Competitors that are classified DSQ, DNE, DGM OR DNC will be scored  
"In Class +1"

The above classifications are based on the following principal:

A Boat that reaching the sailing area for a club racing date (even if only for one race) will be classified Finishers +1, a Boat that does not make the sailing area on a particular club racing date, will be classified Competitors +1. In an instance where a classification is not specifically listed above, points will be awarded using this guiding principal.

One race constitutes a series.

### **Short Series / Cup Races**

All scores will count.

If 3 or more races are sailed one discard will be allowed.

One race constitutes a series.



## Appendix 2: Flags

### Club Racing Flag Sequence

# SYC Club Racing Flag Set

Class Flag for ALL starts will be Numeral 1

Warning

Class Flag Up



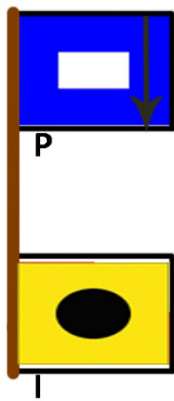
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Prep Flag Up



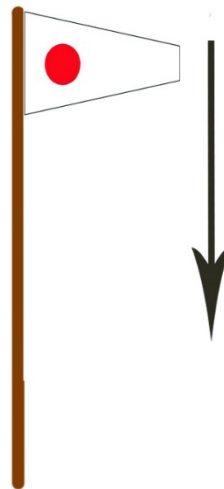
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Class Flag Down



Recalls



## **Appendix 3**

### **Organised Sailing Activities**

#### **Fleet Safety Officials:**

##### **J24**

- 1. Owen Carton**
- 2. Brian Raftery**
- 3. Ken Draper**

##### **Mirror**

- 1. Nancy Rooney**
- 2. Caroline Coulter**
- 3. Tania McHale**

##### **GP14**

- 1. Ossian Geraghty**

**If the Fleet Safety Official is not present the “decision to sail” for the class will be taken the PRO.**