Dublin Bay Sailing Club



2020 Sailing Instructions - A

Hut Starts-Fixed Mark Courses

Tuesday and Saturday Racing

See "Racing Programme Keelboats" for Fleets Starting at West Pier Hut on Saturdays

These Sailing instructions should be read in conjunction with the General Sailing Instructions

A1. The Start

1.1 The starting line will be a transit formed by bringing in line the transit markers on top of the DBSC West Pier Hut and the limit mark coloured as indicated on the board displayed at this Hut.

1.2 A boat not yet racing shall keep clear of and not impede, interfere with or hinder in anyway the start of other classes.

1.3 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A3 and A5.

1.4 When at her starting signal, any part of a boats hull, crew or equipment is On Course side of the starting line or its extensions a Black Shape shall be hoisted, accompanied by a sound signal until all such boats are wholly on the pre-start side of the starting line or its extensions or four minutes after the starting signal whichever is the earlier. (Amends RRS 29.1)

1.5 In addition to RRS29.1 the Race Committee may if possible, no less than one minute after the start, broadcast individual OCS boat's sail numbers by VHF. Failure to do so or the order of the broadcast will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a)

A2. The Course

The course will be sailed around fixed marks as shown on the chart "DBSC Racing Marks" for the appropriate year and day of the week. Approximate positions are given in the "Yacht Racing Marks - Bearings" table for the appropriate year

2.1 Saturday Red Fleets shall use Course Card "Red Fleet West Pier Starts".

2.2 Saturday Blue Fleets excluding CRO and CR1, shall use Course Card "Blue Fleet West Pier Starts".

2.2a Cruisers 0 and 1 are scheduled to start at MacLir for all Saturday races

2.3 Tuesday fleets shall use course card "Tuesday West Pier Starts".

2.4 All Marks to be Rounded or passed in the order as shown on Course card.

2.5 Marks in Red to be rounded to Port and Marks in Green to be rounded to Starboard.

2.6 A Letter A-R and a numeral to indicate the course to be sailed as per the appropriate course card will be displayed at least 3 minutes before that starting signal for the class. (Amends RRS 27.1)

A3 Platonic Courses

3.1 The display of letters (plus a numeral for any additional round) will signal that platonic course(s) shall be sailed. A red flag will indicate that these marks are to be rounded to port and a green flag to starboard.

3.2 Finish will be as described in A5 unless shortened.

A4 Shortening the Course

4.1 If a Race Committee boat is positioned at a mark and displaying Flag V and a class Flag with intermittent sound signals, boats in that class should, having rounded it, sail from that mark directly to Turning mark and having rounded Turning mark to port, cross the line from the direction of Turning mark. If all classes in the fleet are being shortened in this way the class flag will be replaced by the appropriate fleet pennant. This is in addition to RRS 32.2

4.2 Courses may be shortened by a Committee Vessel taking up position beside any mark of the course, displaying Flag S and class flags if appropriate. Two sound signals will be made on approach of the leading boats. If the entire fleet is to be shortened the appropriate fleet pennant will replace all class flags. This is in addition to RRS32.2

A5 The Finish

5.1 All boats finishing having sailed the course indicated shall pass Turning mark to port before proceeding to the finishing line.

5.2 The line shall be between the orange limit mark and an orange line on the northeast corner of the DBSC West Pier Hut.

5.3 Boats that have finished shall avoid boats racing.

A6 Time Limits

Saturdays

6.1 The time limit for the first boat of a class to sail the course and finish is 17.00Hrs. Should a boat finish within this time, the time limit for her class shall be extended to 17.30Hrs. Any boats failing to finish by this time shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. (Changes RRS 35 and A5)

Tuesdays

6.2 i) The time limit for the first boat of a class to sail the course and finish is 2 hours.

ii) Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the second boat of her class sails the course and finishes or before 21.05 (whichever is the earlier) shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. (Changes RRS 35 and A5)

For the last two Tuesday races in August SI 6.2i and 6.2 ii shall be deleted and 6.3 shall be in effect.

6.3 The time limit for any boat of a class to sail the course and finish is 20.30Hrs. Any boats failing to finish by this time shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. (Changes RRS 35 and A5)