

# Dublin Bay Sailing Club

## General Sailing Instructions

### All Fleets

These Sailing instructions should be read in conjunction with the Sailing instructions for individual fleets and series.

#### **GR 1 Rules**

1.1 All racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of Irish Sailing and the rules of each class concerned unless changed by these sailing instructions. Changes will be notified in the instruction that changes a rule.

1.2 Where appropriate, class rules are changed by these sailing instructions to allow the use of VHF radio and GPS.

#### **GR 2 Notices to competitors**

Notices to competitors may be posted on a notice board in each of the waterfront clubs and Dun Laoghaire Marina. They will be displayed on [www.dbsc.ie](http://www.dbsc.ie)

#### **GR 3 Changes to sailing instructions**

3.1 Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted before 12.00 hrs. on the day from which it will take effect. The waterfront clubs and Dun Laoghaire Marina will be asked to display Flag L under the DBSC burgee. Changes to sailing instructions will also be displayed on [www.dbsc.ie](http://www.dbsc.ie)

3.2 Changes may also be announced before racing on the relevant VHF channel. Failure to receive such a transmission shall not constitute grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

3.3 Changes shown on [www.dbsc.ie](http://www.dbsc.ie) shall be the official text until a further change is signalled.

#### **GR 4 Signals made ashore**

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the 4 waterfront clubs and Dun Laoghaire Marina.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, 1 minute is replaced with not less than 60 Minutes.

4.3 When a visual signal is displayed over a class flag, the signal applies only to that class or Fleet.

#### **GR 5 Schedule of races**

5.1 Please see full racing schedule [here](#).

5.2 The schedule of start times for Red and Blue fleets is shown on course card 02.

5.3 The schedule of start times for Green fleet is shown on course card 03.

5.4 For Dinghy racing, please refer to course card 04.

## **GR 6 Class Flags**

6.1 Red, Blue and Green fleets, see course card 02.

6.2 Dinghies please see course card 04.

## **GR 7 Late Arrivals**

7.1 A boat under power or tow after her preparatory signal in the starting area, may, having turned off her engine and/or cast off her tow, take a Two Turn Penalty on the pre-start side of the line before starting. This changes RRS 42.1 and 44.1

7.2 No boat shall start her engine or accept a tow after her warning signal. This changes RRS 42.1 and the preamble to Part 4.

## **GR 8 Club fixed Marks**

8.1 Each Club fixed mark, except the limit marks, Harbour and Zebra, will bear its name and appropriate letter as per DBSC "Racing Marks" chart.

8.2 Any mark may be replaced without further notice by a temporary inflatable buoy. These buoys are pillar shaped and marked either T1 or T2 surmounted by an Orange flag. These buoys will be laid in the approximate position of the mark they are replacing.

## **GR 9 Racing areas**

9.1 Red, Blue and Green fleet racing area is denoted in the year book DBSC Racing Marks.

9.2 Dinghy fleets refer to course card 04.

## **GR 10 Disclaimer of Liability**

10.1 It shall be the sole responsibility of each boat's skipper to decide whether or not to start or continue to race: and each owner/helm shall sail or race his/her boat entirely at his/her own risk; and that Dublin Bay Sailing Club Ltd. and its committee, race officers and organisers shall not be liable in the event of any accident or mishap. All Yachts shall be adequately covered by 3<sup>rd</sup> party liability insurance.

10.2 The Committee reserves the right to accept or reject a boat/skipper entry on grounds of safety or other such grounds as it deems appropriate.

## **GR 11 Prohibited areas.**

11.1 Boats, whose warning signal has not been made, shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

11.2 A boat shall not pass between the starter's hut and the orange, black or green limit marks, while sailing to Turning Mark from any preceding mark.

11.3 A boat shall not enter the "No Go" area as denoted on DBSC Racing marks bounded by the following:

Poolbeg Lighthouse, Navigation Marks 6.4, Dublin Bay Buoy, Navigation Marks 1,3,5 and North Bull lighthouse.

11.4 A boat shall not pass between Dalkey Island and the mainland nor between the shore and the special yellow buoys marking the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown coastal swimming areas.

11.5 On Tuesdays, a boat of the keelboat classes shall not enter the area of Scotsman's Bay bounded by the racing marks of the dinghy courses.

11.6 A boat sailing in a DBSC race shall not cross the finish line of any other race that may be taking place elsewhere in the Bay at the same time.

11.7 Where a boat infringes any of the rules contained in GR11 she may be disqualified without a hearing. The penalty shall be notified in the race results (This changes RRS 63.1)

## **GR 12 Commercial shipping**

All boats will give way and keep clear of commercial shipping. A boat reported by a harbour master for interference with commercial shipping in Dublin Bay will be disqualified from that days racing without a hearing. (Amends RRS63.1) Such a disqualification will be notified to the boat in the race results.

## **GR 13 Protests**

13.1 Protests shall be, submitted electronically through the DBSC website, emailed to the Hon. Protest Secretary or delivered to the address given in the year book within 48 Hours of the start of the race for the protesting boat's class. In the case of electronic submissions or emails the time stamp recorded on the Hon. Protest Secretary's system shall be deemed evidence of the time submitted. In the case of a diagram being considered necessary this shall also be emailed or delivered to the Hon Protest Secretary.

13.2 A request for redress by a boat disqualified without a hearing or for any other scoring action shall be made within seven days of the race results being posted on the DBSC Website (This changes RRS 62.2)

13.3 If a protestee retires before a hearing has been scheduled, they shall be scored as retired (RTD). If a protestee retires after a hearing has been scheduled and notice of the hearing has been sent to the protestee, they shall be scored as disqualified (DSQ)

13.4 Protest forms are available at [www.sailing.ie](http://www.sailing.ie) and on the DBSC website. Protests may be scanned and delivered electronically as per GR13.

13.5 Unless, in the opinion of the protest committee, there is good reason for the Protest Committee to rule otherwise, a protest hearing shall not be postponed due to the inability of any of the parties to attend. A party unable to attend may nominate a person to represent them at the hearing provided that RRS 63.3 is adhered to.

13.6 Notices will be posted to inform competitors of the time and place of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. If any party is absent from the hearing 15 minutes after the scheduled time, the protest committee will proceed with the hearing in their absence under RRS 63.3 (b).

13.7 Where the Hon Protest Secretary receives an application for a protest, or request for redress, outside the time limits specified in these instructions or where the protest, or request for redress, is otherwise deemed invalid by the Hon Protest Secretary, the Hon Protest Secretary shall inform the protester accordingly. No hearing will be scheduled unless the applicant or protester, within seven days of his or her being notified, requires him to do so (Amends 63.1)

## **GR 14 Scoring**

14.1 RRS Appendix A will apply with the following changes:

14.2 A race shall be scored only if two or more boats come to the starting area. This changes RRS 90.3(a).

14.3 If less than 4 races are completed a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.

14.4 When more than 4 races have been completed a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding the number of worst scores as follows:

No of Races Sailed	No of Worst Scores Excluded
From 1 to 3	0
From 4 to 6	1
From 7 to 11	2
From 12 to 17	3
From 18 to 24	4
From 25 to 31	5
32 or more	6

14.5 RRS A9 shall apply but is changed so that a boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats which came to the starting area.

### **GR 15 Handicaps**

15.1 Boats will be handicapped using one or more of following:

ECHO (progressive)

IRC

One Design

Portsmouth Yardstick (PY)

Sports Boat Class Handicap

Boats shall comply with all stipulations and/or conditions to any valid current certificate used in handicap

15.2 A boat competing under any handicap system shall be in possession of a valid current handicap for that system. Such certificate may be required to be produced for inspection by the Hon Secretary or other committee nominee. DBSC will adopt the ratings from the relevant authority for use in the results system. It is the responsibility of each boat to ensure that handicaps are applied for in sufficient time to be input into the DBSC results system.

15.3 Any changes in Handicap must be notified to the Hon Secretary (or a person nominated by him) as soon as possible.

15.4 When a race has been completed, changes to a boat's handicap will not be used to change a boat's corrected time or finishing place, except that:

- a) Any revision of a boat's ECHO handicap which should apply to a race but was received by the Hon Secretary after the scores were calculated may be used in re-calculating a race

- b) If an IRC certificate with a higher handicap is received by the Hon Secretary after the specified date for registration.

15.5 Boats in cruiser classes will be divided as follows on the basis of their ISA Standard ECHO reference handicap or IRC handicap (subject to the Committee's right to allocate a boat to any class).

Cruisers 0 Boats at 1.035 and above

Cruisers 1 Boats at 0.980 to 1.034

Cruisers 2 Boats at 0.920 to 0.979 and Boats from 0.910 to 0.919 with an overall length exceeding 9mts Cruisers

3A Boats at 0.861 to 0.919

Cruisers 3B Boats at 0.860 and below.

Cruisers 5 shall be assigned to A or B divisions by class agreement.

15.6 IRC rule 22.4.2 shall not apply. There will be no limits on crew number or weight

15.7 For the purposes of RRS 49.2 lifelines complying with OSR 3.14(i) shall be deemed to be taut

15.8 Endorsed certificates are required for cruisers 0,1 & 2.

## **GR 16 Class Insignia and Sail Numbers**

16.1 All boats shall comply with RRS 77 save as provided below:

16.2 Where there is a conflict between National Authority or class rules and RRS 77, boats shall comply with their National Authority or class.

16.3 Changing Sail Numbers

a) Should a boat (other than a dinghy) wish to change her sail number or use a sail with a number other than that notified in her entry form (or any amendment thereto) she shall notify the Hon. Secretary at [honorarysecretary@dbsc.ie](mailto:honorarysecretary@dbsc.ie) at least 24 hours before the changed sail number is used. The new sail number will continue to be used until a further similar notification is given to the Hon. Secretary.

b) In the case of boats competing on the dinghy course, permission to sail under any other sail number must be obtained from the RO before the warning signal for that days racing.

16.4 A boat in a cruiser class shall conspicuously display the numeral pennant of her class on her backstay, or if no back stay is fitted, on both port and starboard shrouds.

## **GR 17 Average points for Race Officer duties.**

17.1 In Red Blue and Green Fleets, in the event of an owner/helmsman of a boat which normally races on one of the DBSC courses acting as Race Officer, his or her boat shall be awarded average points for that race in the current series excluding any discarded races which may have been applied provided the boat in question does not come to the starting area or start the race concerned.

17.2 Dinghy Fleets, in the event a helm or crew acting as race officer or his/her assistant on the dinghy course his or her boat shall, for that race, be awarded average points for the current series excluding any discarded

racers which may have been applied provided the boat in question does not come to the starting area or start the race concerned.

17.3 Boats which qualify for above shall notify [Honorarysecretary@dbsc.ie](mailto:Honorarysecretary@dbsc.ie) accordingly.

#### **GR18 Notification of disqualification**

The publication of disqualification in the race results will be deemed written notification of disqualification.

#### **GR19 Class Line Duty**

19.1 DBSC requires Red Blue and Green Fleet classes to provide helpers to assist the regular volunteers at the West Pier Hut or on Committee boats (See rota in the year book).

19.2 Manning requirements are as follows:

**Tuesdays** Two Persons *and* Two cars to transport the West Pier team as well as their equipment and helpers to the hut.

**Thursdays** Two persons with appropriate sailing gear and buoyancy aids to go aboard a Committee Vessel.

**Saturdays** Three persons *and* two cars. One person with appropriate sailing gear and buoyancy aids to go aboard a Committee Vessel and Two Persons *and* Two cars to transport the West Pier team as well as their equipment and helpers to the hut.

Reporting Times to meet on the Balcony of the RIYC

Tuesdays 17.30 Hrs

Thursday 17.00 Hrs

Saturday 12.45 Hrs

19.3 The Class Captain shall ensure that person he or she has nominated is familiar with DBSC procedures and is fully capable to carry out the duties which may be assigned either ashore or on the Race Committee vessel.