



Dublin Bay Sailing Club

2023 Supplementary Sailing Instructions – C

Green Fleet Saturday Racing

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

Location: Dublin Bay – North of Molly Mark, or in the vicinity of Merrion Mark or as directed by the Committee vessel displaying a green pennant

The Committee boat may use VHF to Communicate its location. Failure to receive this broadcast will not be grounds for redress

The notation [NP] in a rule in these Sailing Instructions means that breaches of these rules will not be grounds for protest or redress by a boat. This changes RRS63.1

Up to Three Races May be Sailed Back-to-Back

C1. The Start

1.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 3 minutes before the starting signal.

1.2 The start will be downwind of the Leeward mark as per course diagrams.

1.3 The starting line will be between the red and white staff or the main mast of the committee vessel displaying the club burgee, and a green pennant at the starboard end of the line and the port end starting mark or a Rib displaying an orange flag. (This changes Appendix S 9.1)

1.4 Should any class not appear in the starting area within 3 Minutes of their Warning Signal the Race Committee may advance the starting sequences for the remaining fleets by 3 minutes. Since starting signals may be so advanced, boats should observe signals at the committee boat and keep a listening watch on the appropriate VHF Channel.

C2. The Course

2.1 Courses will be as per course diagram in Course Card “Green Fleet Courses and Race Times 2023”

2.2 Olympic courses will be signalled by the display of the letter O on the committee vessel, Windward-Leeward courses by the display of the letter W.

2.4 Course Boards displaying the course and number of rounds for each class will be displayed for two minutes before their start and one minute after.

2.5 Windward Mark W will be a plain orange inflatable, if using W1 this will be an orange inflatable with a Black Band.

2.6 Windward Leeward - A leeward gate may be laid when the race committee deems it prudent to facilitate an exceptional number of participants.

C3 Shortening the Course

3.1 If a Race Committee Vessel is positioned at a mark and displaying Flag F with sound signals, boats should proceed directly to the finish and cross the line from the direction of the last mark. If only certain classes in the fleet are being shortened in this way the appropriate class flag will be displayed in addition to ICF F This is in addition to RRS 32.2

3.2 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

C4 Changing the next leg of the course

4.1 The race Committee will lay a new alternate mark and remove the existing mark if practical, considering, there may be other boats sailing to that mark. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by the original mark

4.2 Such a change will be signalled by a Race Committee vessel at the previous mark displaying the signal Flag T accompanied by sound signals. Flag T may be a flag or board. Should the change in leg not apply to all classes, the Race Committee Vessel will in addition to Flag T display the class flags this change applies to.

4.3 In addition the Race Committee may broadcast the intention to change mark positions on VHF. Failure to receive these broadcasts will not be grounds for redress

4.4 The Alternate mark will be an orange inflatable mark with a white band

4.4 Minor changes of marks positions will not be signalled. This changes RRS 33

4.5 If a windward mark is changed there will be no spreader (0) in the new position

For clarity: The intention of these clauses is that should a course change be needed the RO may use a new alternate weather mark for classes that have not yet started to sail towards the original weather mark on their second or subsequent windward leg. They will be signalled this change as they round the leeward mark.

All classes already on the windward leg will continue to sail to the existing Windward mark.

C5 The Finish

5.1 The Finish line will be on the alternate side of the committee boat to the start line as per diagram in course card "Green Fleet Courses and Race Times 2023".

5.2. The finish line will be between the red and white staff or the main mast of the committee vessel displaying the DBSC burgee, a Blue Flag and a Green pennant, and a finishing mark. (This changes Appendix S 11.1)

5.3 Boats retiring or not intending to race two or three shall endeavour to inform the race committee. This may be done by VHF.

5.4 In the event that a boat in last or near last place would finish within the time limit she may be awarded her position by a race official RIB flying whiskey flag ICF 'W' She shall then sail promptly back to the start area for the next race. This changes RRS definition 'Finish'.

C6 Exceptional Changes to Fleet Starts

This procedure is intended for use only when racing cannot be started from a committee vessel

Effectively when the clubs are displaying DBSC over Z special attention should be given to VHF CH68, the DBSC website and emails sent by DBSC on the day of racing

6.1 In the event that afloat starts are not possible, DBSC races will be started from the DBSC hut. Flag ICF'X' may be flown below the DBSC burgee from the yard arms of the waterfront clubs & the Marina not later than 60 mins before racing commences. Classes for which races will be started will be denoted by their Class Flag. The Combined Hut Starts Course Card will apply. Communication on Ch68.

C7 Time Limits

7.1 A time limit of Ten minutes after the second finisher in each class shall apply

7.2 In a one design class the time limit for the first race of the day shall be 70mins the time limit for the subsequent races will be 17.00 Hrs.

7.3 In a handicap class the time limit for the first race of the day shall be 70mins, the time limit for the subsequent races will be 17.00 Hrs. Except that if any boat in the class finishes within this time, the time limit will be extended to 17.30 Hrs. (This Changes RRS 35, and A5)

C8 Races 2 and 3 (subsequent races)

8.1 Subsequent races, if any, will commence as soon as possible after the conclusion of the previous race. For this race Flag R will be displayed with two sound signals to indicate that racing is about to begin.

8.2 The warning signal for subsequent races will be made no less than one minute after Flag R is removed (with one sound signal).

8.3 The starting sequence for subsequent races may differ to the starting sequence for Race 1. should the Race Committee decide to start a race for some classes whilst others are still racing the previous race.