



Dublin Bay Sailing Club

2023 Sailing Instructions – D

Dinghy Fleet Tuesday and Saturday Racing

These Sailing instructions should be read in conjunction with the General Sailing Instructions and Dinghy Courses and Race Times 2023. In the case of a conflict between the Notice of Race, the RRS and the Dinghy Sailing Instructions, then these Dinghy Sailing Instructions shall apply.

The racing area will be the waters of Dublin Bay, normally, but not limited to:

(a) Tuesday - Harbour or if possible, Dublin Bay.

(b) Saturday - Harbour or if possible, Dublin Bay.

There may be up to three races sailed on each day

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

D1. The Start

1.1 All boats shall come to the Race Committee boat before their warning signal and obtain acknowledgement that their sail number has been recorded

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

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

1.4 The starting line will be between the red and white staff or the main mast of the Committee vessel displaying the club burgee and displaying a flag showing the letter D at the starboard end of the line and the port end starting mark or a rib displaying an orange flag.

1.5 (NP) Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. The Race Committee may penalize a boat without a hearing for failing to comply with this Sailing Instruction by adding 3 Non Discardable points to her series score. (This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.1).

1.6 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes of her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A3 and A5

1.7 General Recalls. When the recalled class is not the last class in the sequence, the start signal of the recalled class will be postponed until all other classes in the sequence have been started. The First Substitute shall be lowered at the preparatory signal of the succeeding class in the normal sequence. The warning signal for the recalled class will be made with or after the starting signal of the last scheduled start in the sequence. This changes RRS 29.2.

D2. The Course

2.1 Courses will be as per the course diagram in Course Card “Dinghy Courses and Race Times 2023”. Each class may have a different course.

2.2 Triangular courses will be signalled by the display of the letter T on the Committee vessel, Windward-Leeward courses by the display of the letter W or X. in the case of Windward Leeward W signifies that the finish will be to windward and X signifies that the finish is to Leeward – See Diagram on “Dinghy Courses and Race Times 2023”.

2.3 Triangular Courses. “Dinghy Courses and Race Times 2023” shows the order in which marks are to be passed, the side on which they are to be left and the number of rounds.

2.4 Windward Leeward courses. “Dinghy Courses and Race Times 2023” shows the order in which marks are to be passed, the side on which they are to be left and the number of rounds.

2.5 For some Starts separate course numerals may be displayed after the Course Letter to denote the course to be sailed. In this case the following will apply:

2.5 a) Starts for PY, IDRA and Fireball. The first numeral is the course that the Fireball and PY Class should sail. The second numeral is the course the IDRA classes should sail.

2.5 b) Laser Standard and Laser 4.7 starts. The first numeral is the course that the Laser Standards should sail. The second numeral is the course the Laser 4.7s should sail.

2.5 c) Should only one numeral be displayed all classes shall sail the same course.

2.6 Course Boards for each class will be displayed for approximately two minutes before their start and one minute after.

2.7 Windward Leeward – Should a windward offset mark not be laid boats shall sail from Mark 1 to Mark 2 or Finish as appropriate.

D3. Marks

3.1 Marks 1, 2, 3 may be orange inflatable marks. An offset mark may be a dan buoy. Start and finish outer limit marks may be of any type.

D4. Shortening the Course

4.1 If a Race Committee Vessel is positioned at a mark and displaying Flag G and a class Flag with sound signals, boats in that class should proceed directly to the finish and cross the line from the direction of the last mark. If the entire fleet is to be shortened the appropriate fleet pennant D will replace all class flags. This changes RRS 32.2

4.2 Courses may be shortened by a Race 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 D will replace all class flags. This is in addition to RSS 32.2

D5. Changes of the next leg of the course

5.1 Minor changes or adjustments will not be signalled.

5.2 Should a mark position be changed, other than minor changes, the change will be signalled in accordance with RRS 34. The new mark may be a different shape or colour. If a different shape or colour is used and a subsequent change takes place the original mark will be used.

D6. The Finish

6.1 The finish line will be between the red and white staff or the main mast of the Committee vessel displaying the club burgee, a flag displaying the letter D and a finishing mark. This finishing mark will be a small buoy without a flag.

6.2 Boats retiring or not intending to race in the next race or races, shall endeavour to inform the Race Committee.

6.3 The Race Committee may choose to offer boats a finish place where there is significant distance between boats already finished and those still racing. The Race Committee may display Flag W and offer a finishing position to the boat still racing in last place. The finishing position offered to a boat shall be the number of boats ahead of it, both finished and still racing, plus 1. A boat is not obliged to accept such an offer unless it is the last boat racing, and the Race Committee is not obliged to make such an offer. A boat which accepts the place offered will immediately cease to race and the Race Committee may repeat this offer to the new last placed boat. This offer may be made by any race committee vessel. This changes the definition of Finish and RRS 35 and A4.

D7. Time Limits

7.1 a) The time limit for the first boat of a class to sail the course and finish is 60 minutes.

b) Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat of her class sails the course and finishes shall be scored "Did Not Finish" without a hearing. In the case of PY Class each type of boat will be considered a separate class for the purpose of this SI. (Changes RRS 35 and A5).

D8. Sail Numbers

8.1 Boats shall display the sail number as registered with their Class Association. However, they may enter DBSC with an alternative sail number, or notify a change of sail number, provided that:

a) The alternative number is not the registered sail number of another entry in the same class

b) The alternative number is not in use by any other boat in the same class or in the case of Lasers by another other boat regardless of the rig used

8.2 Permanent changes of sail number shall be notified to the Honorary Secretary no less than 24 hours before the start of a race in which a boat intends to sail.

8.3 Temporary changes to sail number shall be notified to the Class Captain prior to 18.00 Hrs on Tuesdays and 13.00 Hrs on Saturdays. These changes must be communicated to the Race Committee Team Lead before 18.10 Hrs on Tuesdays and 13.10 Hrs on Saturdays. No changes will be accepted by the Race Committee on the water.

8.4 Any boat which infringes SI D8 shall be scored DNC without a hearing. This changes Rule A5.