



Dublin Bay Sailing Club

2023 Supplementary Sailing Instructions

Red and Blue Fleets-Committee Boat Starts Thursday, and Saturday

These Sailing instructions should be read in conjunction with the General sailing instructions also issued to competitors

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

B1. The Start

1.1 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 blue 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)

1.2 The Race Committee may, no later than three minutes before the starting signal of any class, move either end of the starting line. (This changes RRS 27.2).

1.3 Red Fleet Thursdays - Should there be a general recall, the race committee may decide to continue the starting schedule and restart the race for the class recalled after all other scheduled starts have been completed. This will be signalled by displaying the class flag of the class due to start at the next warning signal. VHF communications may also be made (This changes RRS29.2)

B2. The Course

2.1 The course will be sailed around fixed marks as shown on the chart "DBSC Racing Marks 2023" The approximate positions are given in the "Yacht Racing Marks & Bearings 2023 ", and/or Temporary Laid Marks

2.2 All Marks are rounding marks to be rounded on the required side and in the order shown on Course card.

2.4 Marks in Red shall be rounded to Port and Marks in Green shall be rounded to Starboard.

2.5 No later than 3 minutes before the starting signal of each class the race committee shall designate the course to sailed, by displaying the letter and number reference from the appropriate Fleet Course Card (This changes RRS 27.1)

2.6 Platonic courses: No later than 3 minutes before the starting signal for each class the race committee may display a series of letters designating fixed marks or an orange symbol designating a laid mark. Boats shall round the marks in the order displayed. A number completing the series designates the number of laps to be sailed.

When a red flag is displayed boats shall round the designated marks to port, when a green flag is displayed boats shall round the designated marks to starboard.

2.7 The race committee may also communicate the course to be sailed by VHF, failure to do so or failure to receive such message will not be grounds for redress.

(This changes RRS 27.1)

Thursday Racing Blue Fleet

2.8 Blue Fleets Shall use Course Card 1 “Mac Lir Blue Fleet Thursdays 2023”

2.9 When Cruiser 4, 5a and 5b, are required to sail different courses the race committee will designate the course to be sailed by displaying a letter and 2 numbers. Cruisers 4 and 5a shall sail the course designated by the letter and the first number, Cruisers 5b shall sail the course designated by the letter and the second number.

Red Fleet

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

2.11 **Thursday Red Fleets** Shall use either Course Card “Free Bird Red Fleet RTC Courses Thursday 2023” Or Course Card “Red Fleet W/L Courses 2023” or a Platonic course using either laid marks and fixed marks or a mix of both

2.11 (a) RTC courses the race committee shall designate the course to sailed, by displaying the letter and number reference from Course Card “Free Bird Red Fleet RTC Courses Thursday 2023” (This changes RRS 27.1)

2.11 (b) W/L Courses the race committee shall designate the course to sailed, by displaying ‘W’ followed by the letter and number reference from Course Card “Red Fleet W/L Courses 2023” (This changes RRS 27.1).

Saturday

The Schedule of Racing indicates the dates scheduled for each fleet to start at the Hut or Committee Vessel

Cruisers Zero and 1 will always Start and Finish at the Committee Vessel on Saturdays unless SI B3 applies or an amendment to the racing schedule is posted

2.12 All races started from a committee vessel will finish at the committee vessel or another race committee vessel

2.13 Fleets starting at a Committee Vessel will use Course Card “**Committee Vessel Starts Saturdays 2023**”

B3 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

3.1 In the event that afloat starts are not possible, DBSC races will be started from the DBSC hut. Flag ICF'Z' 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.

B4 Shortening the Course

4.1 If a Race Committee vessel is positioned at a mark and displaying Flag F with sound signals, boats should, having rounded that mark, sail directly to the finish and cross the line from the direction of the last mark rounded. If only certain classes in the fleet are being shortened in this way the class flag will be displayed with the F flag. This changes 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.

B5. The Finish

5.1 The finish line will be between the red and white staff or the main mast of the committee vessel displaying the club burgee and a finishing mark. (This changes Appendix S 11.1)

B6 Time Limits

Thursdays

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

b) 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)

c) Should only two boats start a race any boat failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first 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 Thursday races in August and any subsequent races held in September SI 6.1i and 6.1 ii shall be deleted and 6.2 shall be in effect.

6.2 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).

Saturdays

6.3 a) The time limit for the first boat of a class to sail the course and finish is 17.00Hrs

b) Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the second boat of her class sails the course and finishes or before 17.30 (whichever is the earlier) shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. (Changes RRS 35 and A5)

c) Should only two boats start a race any boat failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat of her class sails the course and finishes or before 17.30 (whichever is the earlier) shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. (Changes RRS 35 and A5)

d) Should more than one race be scheduled the time limit for the first race shall be 90 Minutes

