



Dublin Bay Sailing Club

2025 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. In the case of a conflict between the Notice of Race, DBSC Sailing Instructions A General Sailing Instructions, and the Dinghy Sailing Instructions, these Dinghy Sailing Instructions shall apply.

The racing area will be the waters of Dublin Bay. When necessary, racing may be within Dun Laoghaire Harbour.

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 RRS 60.1, 61.1 and 61.4(b).

The following rules are changed in these Sailing instructions: RRS 27.1, 28.1, 29.2, 32.2, 35, 60.1, 61.1, 61.4(b), A3 and A5.

D1. Class Flags

1.1 The flag used to identify each class is shown in the table below. These flags may be used, for example, in signalling a shortened course for a specific class. Where more than one class is starting at the same time, the warning signal for classes will be as shown in the table shown here.

Class	Class Flag	Class Flag	Warning Signal	Warning Signal
Melges 15	Melges 15 flag		Numeral 2	
Fireball	Numeral 1			
IDRA 14	Q flag			
PY	E flag		Numeral 3	
ILCA 7	ILCA 7 flag			
ILCA 6	ILCA 6 flag		ILCA 6 flag	

D2. The Start

- 2.1 All boats shall come to the Race Committee boat before their warning signal and obtain acknowledgement that their sail number has been recorded.
- 2.2 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 3 minutes before the starting signal.
- 2.3 The start will be as per course diagrams.
- 2.4 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.
- 2.5 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.

D3. The Course

- 3.1 Courses will be as per the course diagram in Course Card “Dinghy Courses and Race Times”. Each class may have a different course.
- 3.2 Olympic 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 X signifies that the finish will be to windward and W signifies that the finish will be to Leeward – See Diagram on “Dinghy Courses and Race Times”.
- 3.3 “Dinghy Courses and Race Times” shows the order in which marks are to be passed, the side on which they are to be left and the number of rounds.
- 3.4 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:
 - a) Melges 15, Fireball and IDRA. The first numeral is the course that the Melges 15 and Fireball Classes should sail. The second numeral is the course the IDRA class should sail. Should only one numeral be displayed all classes shall sail the same course.
- 3.5 Course Boards for each class will be displayed for approximately two minutes before their start and one minute after. This changes RRS 27.1.
- 3.6 Windward Leeward – Should a windward offset mark not be laid boats shall sail from Mark 1 to Mark 2 or Finish as appropriate.

D4. Marks

- 4.1 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.

D5. Shortening the Course

- 5.1 If a Race Committee Vessel is positioned at a mark and displaying Flag F and a class Flag with sound signals, boats in that class should round that mark and proceed directly to the finish and cross the line from the direction of the mark at which F was displayed. If the entire fleet is to be shortened F will be displayed without class flags. This is in addition to RRS 32.2.

D6. Changes of the next leg of the course

- 6.1 Minor changes or adjustments will not be signalled.
- 6.2 Should a mark position be changed, other than minor changes, the change will be signalled in accordance with RRS 33. 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.

D7. The Finish

- 7.1 The finish line will be between the red and white staff on the Committee vessel displaying the club burgee and a finishing mark.
- 7.2 Boats retiring or not intending to race in the next race or races, shall endeavour to inform the Race Committee.
- 7.3 When the race committee signals to a boat that is still racing by displaying flag W with one sound signal:
 - The boat is no longer required to sail the course (this changes RRS 28.1). The boat shall no longer continue in the race, and shall return to the starting area, or return ashore if there is no more racing; and
 - The race committee shall, without a hearing, score the boat points determined by her place in the race as recorded at the time of signalling by the race committee vessel. This changes RRS A5.

D8. Time Limits

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

D9. Sail Numbers

- 9.1 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 ILCAs by any other boat regardless of the rig used.
- 9.2 Changes of sail number whether temporary, or permanent shall only be accepted when a change of sail number request form has been correctly filled out. This can be done up to 5 minutes in advance of the race in which the sail is to be used. This form is available [HERE](#) on the DBSC website.
For clarity, no changes of sail number will be accepted by the Race Committee on the water.
- 9.3 Save when a sail change request is made in accordance with D9.2 all boats shall display the same sail number on any sails which display a sail number.
- 9.4 Any boat which infringes SI D9 shall be scored DNC without a hearing. This changes Rule A5.