Sutton Dinghy Club

43rd ALL-IRELAND INTER-SCHOOLS 2018

Sat 29th & Sun 30th September

MIXED FLEET

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing; the prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association; the respective Class Associations except as modified by these Sailing Instructions, and the Conditions of Entry. All competitors and their friends will be afforded Temporary Membership of Sutton Dinghy Club for the duration of the event, and as such shall be subject to the Rules and Bye-Laws of Sutton Dinghy Club. The Club reserves the right to withdraw such Temporary Membership.

Adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn at all times while afloat. The helmsmen of boats competing shall be responsible (without limitations) for all damages arising from breach of the Racing Rules or the Sailing Instructions. In the event of racing being held in heavy weather, responsibility for deciding to compete, or to continue, will rest with the individual competitor's parent/guardian/school teacher.

Helmsmen must hold a valid current certificate of insurance against third party risks for a minimum of €1,000,000 for their boat and crew which covers them while competing in this event.

All boats must have painter minimum 5 metre of at least 5mm attached to the hull.

2. ENTRIES

All School Team Captains must register their teams with the Race Office before competing in the competition. Crews & helms may not be changed without the agreement of the race committee. Laser rig size nominated at registration may not be changed during the series. A Tag system will be in operation and failure to comply will result in disqualification.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the Clubhouse.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

These Sailing Instructions may be varied by posting a notice on the Inter- Schools Notice Board not later than one hour before the start of racing for the day.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Four races are scheduled for the series. The Race Committee reserves the right to alter the schedule. The starting time for the second and subsequent races on each day will be as soon as practicable after the completion of the previous race.

Saturday: 29th September	**Registration:**	**09.30 hrs.**	
	Briefing:	**11.30 hrs.**	
	First Gun:	**13.00 hrs.**	***High Water: 15.06 hrs.***
Sunday: 30th September	**First Gun:**	**13.30 hrs.**	***High Water: 15.47 hrs.***

6. COURSE

A Triangular course will be used with a start/finish line positioned a short distance upwind of mark 3. Marks shall be rounded in the following order: **Start – 1 – 2 – 3.**

Boats MUST pass through the start/finish line when sailing between marks 3 and 1.

Competitors shall sail the number of rounds specified at the briefing (see 9 below)

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7. MARKS

Racing marks will be orange pyramids.

8. THE START

Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26 (5-4-1-GO). The GO for the first start will be the 5 minute warning for the second start.

The starting sequence and flags will be as follows:

First Start: Laser Standard, Laser Radial, RS Feva, RS 400 and 420 and other classes as advised at briefing (Laser Class Flag)
The starting/finishing line will be between a red and white striped pole on a committee boat at the **starboard (right)** end and a round starting mark at the **port (left)** end.

Second Start: Mirrors ,Toppers, Laser 4.7's and other classes as advised at briefing (Code Flag G)
The starting/finishing line will be between a red and white striped pole on a committee boat at the **port (left)** end and a round starting mark at the **starboard (right)** end.

In the event of a General recall for the First Start, the re-start for the recalled Class/s will be moved to the end of the start sequence. This changes RRS 29.2)

9. *THE FINISH*

The finish line will be the same as the start line. The number of rounds to be sailed by each fleet shall be specified at the briefing. Should it be necessary to reduce the number of rounds to be sailed by each fleet, a signal boat at Mark 3 will display Flag "S" along with the fleet flag and repeated sound signals. The fleet so signalled will sail to the finish line.

10. TIME LIMITS

Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat (in their class) finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes Rule 35. Boats retiring must notify the Committee Boat or nearest Safety Boat.

11. PROTESTS

Protests must be made in writing and lodged with in the Race Office within one hour of the finish of the last Race of the day. The arrangements for the hearing of protests will be posted on the Inter-Schools Notice Board.

11.a) There will be 'Results query Forms' available at Race Office

12. SCORING

Boats will be handicapped on a Portsmouth Yardstick basis, and scored on corrected times as per Appendix A.

First boat:	**1 *point;***
Second boat:	***2 points;***
Third boat:	***3 points***
Other finishers	***Equal to finishing position***
Retired:	**1 point more than the *number of entrants in the series***
Non-Starter:	**1 point more than the number of entrants *in the series***
Disqualification:	**1 *point more than the number of entrants in the series***

Team Series: Schools or school teams with more than one competing boat shall combine into teams of 2 or 3. Each team to count the combined scores of the **top two boats** in each race. All races to count to determine the overall school or school team result. No race discards.

Individual Series: Four races are scheduled for the series. If all are completed each boat will be allowed one discard, if 3 or less are sailed, all shall count for the final result.

13. PRIZEGIVING

Prizes will be presented as soon as possible after racing.

The winning school team will be awarded the **Conor Nolan Memorial Trophy**

The winning individual will be awarded the **Davidson Memorial Trophy**

The overall Best Mirror dinghy will be awarded the **All Ireland Inter-Schools Mirror Cup.**

The overall Best Sutton Dingy Club will be awarded the **O'Tiarnaigh Trophy.**