



# **Sutton Dinghy Club Regatta**

**Saturday 27th August 2022**

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

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

### **RACE PROGRAMME: -**

**MAIN FLEET BRIEFING 10.30 hrs. (Followed directly by Optimist Briefing)**

**FIRST GUN 11.30 hrs. H.W. 12.44hrs.**

Two races back-to-back will be scheduled for Combined Classes of Laser (Radial & 4.7 rigs), Topper and Mixed Class dinghies – the second race will start as soon as practicable after the completion of the first. The overall result (see SI 7- Scoring) will count for Regatta prizes.

The Warning signal for each race will be :

#### **1. Combined Classes**

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**2. Optimist Class:** Three races will be scheduled for the Optimist Class. The races will be back-to-back – the second and third races will start as soon as practicable after the completion of the preceding race.

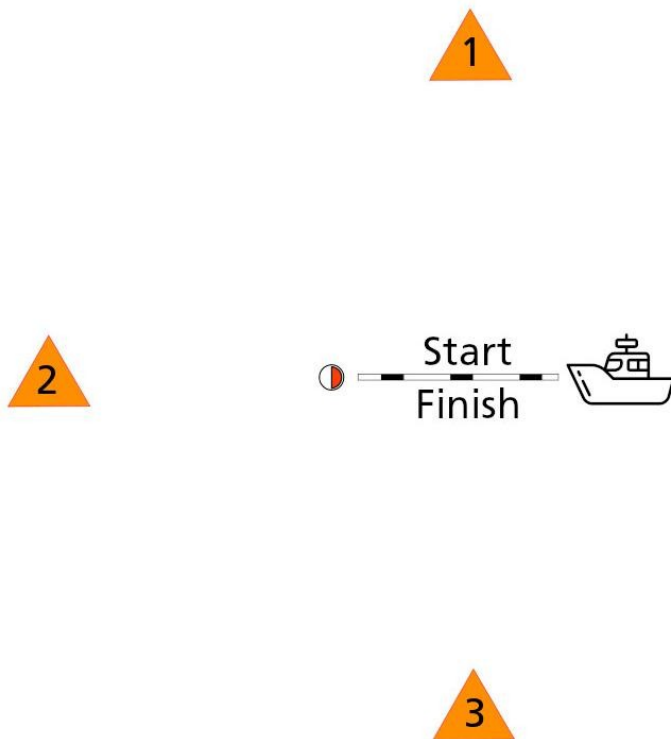
## 1. RULES

Racing will be governed by the 2021 - 2024 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including the Irish Sailing Prescriptions, the rules of each participating Class, these Sailing Instructions (SI's) and any amendments thereto.

## 2. REGISTRATION

All Helms must register with the Regatta Secretary before competing in the competition.

## 3. COURSES



Three orange marks (Marks 1, 2 & 3) will be laid to form a typical "Olympic" triangular course.

**Mixed Dinghies:** START- 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - FINISH

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**Optimists:** Will sail on an Inner Course using separate marks to the main fleet. The course shall be advised at the **Optimist Briefing** The racing area shall be in front of the club house.

In the event of extreme weather conditions, alternative course arrangements may be made. Details will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board, and the competitors briefed regarding the revised arrangements.

In the event of a wind shift after the start, the marks may be moved without signalling. This changes RRS 33.

#### **4. THE START**

Main Fleet Races will be started from the Main Committee vessel, or another vessel, (the "Starting Vessel"). The starting line will be the line between a red/white striped pole on the Starting Vessel and an outer limit mark which will be described at the briefing.

Starts will be in accordance with RRS 26 (5 – 4 – 1 – Start)

- A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored 'Did Not Start' without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

**Optimists:** the Optimists shall sail from the Club Starting Line directly in front of the clubhouse,

#### **5. SHORTENING COURSE**

The course may be shortened for a class or classes at a rounding mark. The course may also be shortened at the Start/Finish line.

This will be signalled as per RRS 32.

#### **6. FINISHING AND TIME LIMITS**

The finishing line will be located a short distance to windward of Mark 3.

The finishing line will be between a red/white striped pole on the Committee Boat displaying a blue flag and a spherical buoy, unless the course is shortened to finish at one of the Course Marks.

The Time Limit for each race shall be 1½ hours. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

In addition the Race Officer may award a finishing score to a boat that is still racing and boats so notified are no longer required to sail the course and shall stop racing and return to the starting area or ashore if there is no more racing.

#### **7. SCORING**

The scoring system shall be as shown in RRS A4.1 (Low Point System).

Race or Series Ties will be broken in accordance with RRS A7 & A8.

## **8. PROTESTS**

In addition to RRS 61.1(a), boats wishing to lodge a protest shall signify their intention to protest to the Race Officer immediately after racing by sailing close to the Committee Boat on the extension of the finishing line and waiting for acknowledgement from the Race Officer.

Protests shall be written on forms available from the Race Office and delivered there within one hour of the finish of the last boat in the last race. The protest time limit will be posted on the official notice board.

*In the event that (a) separate race(s) is run for Optimist sailors, no protests will be accepted arising from incidents in such race(s).*

A schedule of protest hearings will be posted on the official notice board as soon as practicable after racing.

## **9. SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITY**

The priority of safety boat crews is the safety of people, their instructions in pursuit of this aim must be obeyed. Safety Boats have right of way over all competitors when involved in rescuing manoeuvres. Failure to comply with these safety constraints may result in disqualification.

Adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn at all times while afloat. Wet suits do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy. If the buoyancy is of the inflatable type, it shall be inflated at all times while afloat. Every competing boat shall render all possible assistance to any vessel or person in peril, when in a position to do so.

Sailing without adequate footwear is prohibited – “NO BARE FEET”

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.

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.

## **10. PRIZES:**

Prizes will be awarded in each class as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> prize if 3 or more boats compete

2<sup>nd</sup> prize if 5 or more boats compete

3<sup>rd</sup> prize if 9 or more boats compete

The winning boat in each class will be awarded perpetual trophies: the Henry Cup (Laser), and the O’Tiarnaigh Cup (Optimist).

### **Note:**

*For the Laser class, if there are three or more boats of any one rig type (Standard, Radial, or 4.7), separate results will be recorded, and prizes awarded accordingly.*

*The Henry Cup (Laser) will be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.*