



45th Year
2023 ALL-IRELAND INTER-SCHOOLS

Sat 14th & Sun 15th October

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.

International Code Flag 'A' will be the Warning Signal for all Classes.

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: 14th October

Registration: 09.00 hrs.

Briefing: 10.00 hrs.

First Gun: 11.00 hrs. *High Water: 12.19 hrs.*

Sunday: 15th October

First Gun: 11.00 hrs. *High Water: 12.50 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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•-----  Start/Finish Line

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7. *MARKS*

Racing marks 1, 2 & 3 will be Orange Buoys.

8. *THE START*

Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26 (5-4-1-GO).

The starting/finishing line will be between a red and white striped pole on the Committee Boat and an outer limit Black Buoy.

9. *THE FINISH*

The finish line will be the same as the start line. The number of rounds to be sailed by each Class shall be specified at the briefing.

10. *SHORTENING COURSE*

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

This will be signalled as per RRS 32.

In addition to RRS 32, the race committee may also award a finishing score to a boat that is still racing by displaying to her from a committee vessel (which may be in motion) flag W with one sound signal. A boat so notified is no longer required to sail the course, shall stop racing and shall return to the starting area, or return ashore if there is no more racing. A finishing score under this sailing instruction will be the score she would have received had she sailed the course and finished within any time limit, without gaining or losing any place. However, when two or more boats that are overlapped are notified, they will be scored as if they were tied. The decision by the race committee to use this procedure or not to use it shall not be grounds for requesting redress. This changes rules 60.1(b) and 62.1(a).

11. 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.

12. 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.

There will be 'Results query Forms' available at Race Office

13. SCORING

Boats except for Optimists 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	<i>Equal to finishing position</i>
Retired:	1 point more than the <i>number of entrants in the series</i>
Non-Starter:	1 point more than the <i>number of entrants in the series</i>
Disqualification:	1 point more than the <i>number of entrants in the series</i>

Optimists will be scored on Scratch as per Appendix A.

Schools or school teams with more than one competing boat shall combine into teams of 2 or 3 and the combined PY scores from the **top two boats** per specified team in each race will determine the overall school or school team result.

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.

14. PRIZEGIVING

Prizes will be presented as soon as possible after racing.

Mixed Fleet: The winning school team will be awarded the **CONOR NOLAN MEMORIAL TROPHY** and the winning individual will be awarded the **DAVIDSON MEMORIAL TROPHY**.

Optimist Fleet: The winning school team will be awarded the **Institute of Education Trophy** and the winning individual will be awarded the **Optimist Trophy**.

Overall Best SDC Helm will be awarded the **RIOCARD O'TIARNAIGH TROPHY**.