



**IMA Eastern Championships 2023  
&  
Donny McKay Hurricane Challenge 2023  
Saturday 2nd September & Sunday 3rd September 2023**

**Swords Sailing & Boating Club (SSBC)**

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## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The notation '[DP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a)

### **1. RULES**

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024.
- 1.2. Racing rules Race Signals AP, 33, 35, 44.1, 60.1(a), 61.3, 62.2, 66, A4 and A5 will be changed. The changes appear, in full, in these sailing instructions.

### **2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

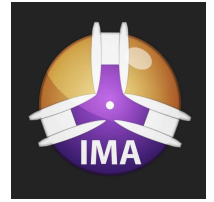
### **3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the SSBC Online official [noticeboard](#) and by way of the event WhatsApp Group.

### **4. CODE OF CONDUCT**

[DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

### **5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**



- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the main flagpole at the club.
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in Race Signals AP. This changes race signals AP.

## 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Seven races are scheduled. 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a championship

A briefing will be held at 10:30am Sat 2nd Sep

<b>Date</b>	<b>number of races</b>	<b>warning signal</b>
Saturday 2nd Sep	4 Races	1155
<b>Date</b>	<b>number of races</b>	<b>warning signal</b>
Sunday 3rd Sep	3 Races	1055

An additional race may be sailed on either day at the discretion of the race committee, this is to allow flexibility to maximise the chances of completing 7 races.

No warning signal will be made after 15:00 on Sunday

## 7. CLASS FLAGS

Class flag will be Numeral Pennant 2.

## 8. RACING AREA

The Racing Area will be in the waters of Broadmeadow Estuary, Malahide.

## 9. COURSES

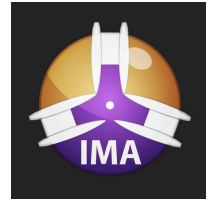
Course to be sailed is detailed in Appendix A. The diagram in Addendum A shows the course, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be passed.

## 10. MARKS

Marks will be yellow Pencil marks..

## 11. THE START

- 11.1. The starting line will be between a vertical pole amidship on the committee boat and Mark 3S.
- 11.2. Mark 3P will be laid after the start of each race is complete to avoid being an obstruction on the start line.
- 11.3. A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after the starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.



## **12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 12.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.
- 12.2. Minor course changes may not be signalled. This changes RRS 33.

## **13. THE FINISH**

A blue flag will be used as the about to finish signal. The finish line will be between Mark 3P and Mark 3S when the vertical pole amidship on the committee boat is displaying the blue flag.

## **14. PENALTY SYSTEM**

Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two Turn penalty is replaced by one turn penalty.

## **15. TIME LIMITS**

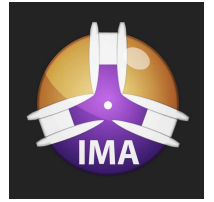
A boat failing to finish within 20 minutes after the lead boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rule 35, A4 and A5

## **16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 16.1. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the later. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 16.2. Protest forms (Paper copies) are available on the event Notice Board in the clubhouse of SSBC.
- 16.3. Notices will be posted on the event WhatsApp group within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in a suitable location of SSBC
- 16.4. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2 and 66.

## **17. SCORING**

- 17.1. Low Point Scoring System in RRS Appendix A4 will apply with the following changes
  - 17.1.1. The first placed boat will receive 1 point
  - 17.1.2. DNS, DNC, DSQ Will score 3 more than the number of finishers
  - 17.1.3. DNF, OCS, RET Will score 2 more than the number of finishers
- 17.2. When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's score shall be her total score excluding her worst score.
- 17.3. Scoring may be on the basis of average lap times. Corrected times will be calculated using the boats elapsed time, its SCHRS handicap and the number of laps completed



## **18. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

[DP] [NP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

## **19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 19.1. [DP] [NP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior approval of the race committee.
- 19.2. [DP] [NP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

[NP] A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.

## **21. OFFICIAL VESSELS**

The SSBC Committee Boat will be used, with a White hull and Blue cabin.

## **22. RUBBISH DISPOSAL**

Rubbish may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.

## **23. PRIZES**

- 23.1. Prizes will be awarded in the overall results of the IMA Eastern Championship
- 23.2. Prize will be awarded in the Donny Mckay Hurricane Challenge
- 23.3. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority and the IMA

## **24. RISK STATEMENT**

- 24.1. RRS 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone".

The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

Sailing by its nature is an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- 24.2. They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- 24.3. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;



- 24.4. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- 24.5. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- 24.6. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- 24.7. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- 24.8. It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules or information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

## **25. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

## **26. TEMPORARY MEMBERSHIP**

All competitors and Race Officials will be granted Temporary Membership of SSBC for the duration of the event.



## Appendix A – Course

Course A -Winward – Leeward

Start

1, 2, 3S or 3P

Boats to continue sailing until blue flag is displayed

Marks 1, 2, 3P to be left to port

Mark 3S to be left to starboard

Mark 3P will be laid once the start of each race is complete to avoid being an obstruction during on the start line

