



Irish Fireball Association Munster Championships



14th October 2017

Hosted by Dun Laoghaire Motor Yacht Club (DMYC)
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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 Organising Authority and Rules

- 1.1 The Organising Authority is the Irish Fireball Association and DMYC.
- 1.2 The Regatta will be governed by the 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of Sailing Ireland and the current International Fireball Class Rules, except as any of these are changed by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.3 This championship will be designated as a category C Event.

2 Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Notice Board located at DMYC

3 Changes in sailing instructions

Changes to the sailing instructions and/or Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Notice Board before 10.00 hrs on the day the change will take effect.

4 Signals made ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on DMYC main flag pole.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes'

5 Class flag

The Class Flag will be International code Flag Numeral 8

6 Sailing area

The sailing area will be to the west of the harbour entrance, Seapoint Bay

7 The course

See **Appendix A** for a description of the courses.

Number of loops will be displayed by the committee boat.

Depending on the number of loops displayed, marks to be rounded in the following order.

- 1 Loop:** Start-1-Finish
- 2 Loops:** Start-1-Gate-1-Finish
- 3 Loops:** Start-1-Gate-1-Gate-1-Finish
- 4 Loops:** Start-1-Gate-1-Gate-1-Gate-1-Finish
- 5 Loops:** Start-1-Gate-1-Gate-1-Gate-1-Gate-1-Finish

8 Marks

Marks will be the inflatable type.

9 Schedule of races

- 9.1 4 Races are scheduled of which one shall be completed to constitute a series. If no racing is possible on Saturday, racing may take place on Sunday 15th October
- 9.2 The Regatta Briefing will take place at approximately 10:30 hrs Saturday.
- 9.3 The schedule time for the warning signal for the first race on Saturday is approx 11:30hrs.
- 9.4 Remaining races to be started as soon as possible after preceding race.

10 The start

Races will be started using RRS 26, with the warning signal 3 minutes before the starting signal, and the preparatory signal 2 minutes before the starting signal. This changes RRS 26.

The starting line will be between the main mast of the committee boat and a starting mark at the port-end.

A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting Signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes Rule A4.

11 The finish

The finish line will be between the main mast of the Committee Boat and the Finishing Mark.

12 Shortening the course

If the race committee signals a shortened course (displays flag S with two sound signals), the finishing shall be

- (a) at a rounding mark, between the mark and a staff displaying flag S in a Mark or Committee boat.
- (b) at a gate, between the gate marks.

13 Time limit

The time limit for races will be 90 minutes. Boats will be timed up to 20 minutes after the first boat sails and finishes the course. Boats still racing at the expiry of this 20 minute period will be scored Did Not Finish. After the first boat has finished, the Race Officer may offer a finishing position to the boat still racing in last place. The finishing position offered to a boat will be the number of boats ahead of it (both finished and still racing) plus 1. A boat is not obliged to accept such an offer unless it is the last boat still racing. The Race Officer is not obliged to make such an offer. A boat that accepts the place offered will immediately cease to race, and the race officer may repeat this process with the next boat. The offer may be made via rescue or support boat personnel. This amends the definition of the word "Finish". This changes RRS 35.

17 Retirements

A boat, which retires from a race, shall make every effort to inform the Race Committee Boat, a Mark Boat, a Safety Boat or the Race Office as soon as possible.

18 Protests

- 18.1 In addition to the obligations in RRS 61.1 (a) protesting boats shall, immediately after finishing , inform the Race Officer of the sail number(s) of boat(s) protested against. Protest Forms will be available from the Race Office and all protests shall be delivered to the Race Office within Protest Time. A schedule of Protest Hearings will be posted on the Official Notice Board as soon as practicable each day.
- 18.2 The Protest Time for receipt by the race office, is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of each day. This changes RRS 61.3 and RRS 62.2

19 Safety Regulations

- 19.1 Life-jackets or other adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn by all competitors at all times while afloat. Wet suits and dry suits are not adequate personal buoyancy. Flag Y will not be displayed. This

changes RRS 40 and Race Signal Y.

20 Scoring

20.1 The Low Point Scoring System Appendix A2 will apply.

20.2 Appendix A9 will apply to this Fireball Championships, as it will be counted as a regatta series.

N.B. All fleets will be scored on one result sheet so that any competitor may see their position relative to the entire entry and not just respective to their designated fleet.

20.3 A minimum of one race constitutes a series.

20.4 Discards to be applied based on races sailed

1 - 3	races sailed	no discard
4 or more	races sailed	1 discard

21 Prizes

For the purpose of prize giving all fleets will be scored. Prizes will be awarded to the winners of the event as designated by DMYC. Perpetual prizes remain the property of the Irish Fireball Association and must not leave the island of Ireland.

Prizes will be presented for; 1st, 2nd and 3rd

22 Entry Disclaimer

It is the Competitor's decision to enter the Regatta or to start in any race. Competitors shall accept that their participation in the Regatta is at their sole exclusive risk in every respect. By way of entry to the Regatta competitors shall indemnify Fireball International, the International Fireball Association of Ireland, DMYC, their officers, members, servants and agents in respect of all claims and demands of whatever nature which may be made upon them in connection with or howsoever arising from their participation or intended participation in the Regatta. Competitors shall acknowledge that Fireball International, the International Fireball Association of Ireland, DMYC, their officers, members, servants and agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in the Regatta or howsoever arising in connection with these events

Appendix A - COURSES

