

DUN LAOGHAIRE MOTOR YACHT CLUB



Kish Race 2015 Sailing Instructions.

GENERAL INFORMATION.

TEMPORARY MEMBERSHIP

All Helmsmen and their crews competing in the Race will be Temporary Members of the Dun Laoghaire Motor Yacht Club on the day of the Race and will be bound by the rules of the Club. The Club reserves the right to withdraw such Temporary Membership.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Flag Officers and Committee of the Dun Laoghaire Motor Yacht Club wish to express their gratitude for the assistance rendered by: The Irish Sailing Association, Dublin Bay Sailing Club, and to Captain Simon Coates, Harbour Master Dun Laoghaire, for facilities provided.

PRIZES

First prize will be awarded in classes in which there are two or more boats entered, and in addition, second and third prizes will be awarded when there are 5 and 7 or more entrants respectively.

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY AND RULES

1.1 The Organising Authority is the Dun Laoghaire Motor Yacht Club.

1.2 This event will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013-2016 and any amendments thereto, the Prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association (ISA), the appropriate Class Rules, IRC and ECHO handicapping system rules, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions (SIs). In the event of any conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1 Eligible yachts are those in the classes listed on the Notice of Race that comply with the relevant Class Rules and handicapping system rules and Race entry requirements.

2.2 The safety of a yacht and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner(s) or the owner's representative whose obligation it is to ensure that the yacht is fully sound, seaworthy, manned by an experienced crew and equipped with all the necessary safety gear. Neither these Sailing Instructions nor any action of the organising authority in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the owner(s) or owner's representative.

2.3 Attention is drawn to RRS Part 1 - Fundamental Rules.

2.4 Yacht owners and competing crews shall ensure that they are adequately insured against loss, damage or injury to persons, yachts or equipment at all times and however occurring and shall maintain third party insurance cover of not less than one million five hundred thousand Euro (€1,500,000), and shall produce a valid certificate of insurance upon request.

2.5 No responsibility shall be accepted by the Organising authority (Dun Laoghaire Motor Yacht Club), its members, servants or agents, nor those officials or members connected with the event for any loss, damage, injury or other claim of whatever nature howsoever arising or caused in connection with participation in, or intended participation in, this event.

3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

3.1 Changes in Sailing Instructions and/or Notices to Competitors will be posted on the notice board of the Dun Laoghaire Motor Yacht Club and may be repeated on the notice boards of the Royal St. George Yacht Club, the Royal Irish Yacht Club, the National Yacht Club, and the Dun Laoghaire Marina before 1000hrs on the day they shall take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted before 2100hrs on the day before they shall take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore may be displayed from the yardarm of the Dun Laoghaire Motor Yacht Club and may be repeated on the yardarms of the Royal St. George Yacht Club, the Royal Irish Yacht Club, the National Yacht Club, and Dun Laoghaire Marina.

4.2 International Code Flag “AP”, Answering Pennant, with two sound signals, (one sound signal when lowered) means “Racing is postponed”. The warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after “AP” is lowered. (This amends RRS Race Signals).

Course Card “Kish”

**Race Committee Vessel [Hawaiian Goose] identification: DMYC Burgee and Orange flag;
Designated VHF Channel: 68**

5. THE KISH COURSE

5.1 The Course shall be from the Start (in the vicinity of Pier Mark) to the Kish Lighthouse, which shall be rounded to Starboard and thence to the finish.

5.2 Alternative Course: At the Preparatory Signal for each Class, an alternative course may be signaled by the Committee Boat displaying international code flag “F”. The alternative course will be to a mark or marks as indicated by the Committee Vessel (this may be on a blackboard displayed on the committee vessel and/or radio). The mark shall be rounded to Starboard and thence to the finish. (Amends RRS 27.2).

6. THE CLASSES TO RACE, CLASS FLAGS AND THE SCHEDULE

6.1 The starting sequence will be in accordance with RRS 26.

6.2 The following will be the classes to race, the class flags, and the schedule:

Classes	Flags	Warning	Prep.	1 Min	Start
Cruisers 2, Cruisers 3	2, 3.	10.25	10.26	10.29	10.30
Shipman	W	10.30	10.21	10.34	10.35
Ruffians	U	10.35	10.36	10.39	10.40
Beneteau 21	T	10.40	10.41	10.44	10.45
White Sail	5	10.45	10.46	10.49	10.50

7. STARTING AND FINISHING LINE

7.1 The starting line will be between the main mast of the Race Committee Vessel and Pier Mark, or alternative designated mark such as a candy-stripe.

7.2 The Finish will be between the main mast of the Race Committee Vessel and Harbour Mark, or alternative designated mark, unless Shortened Course has been signaled.

8 SHORTENED COURSE

8.1 The course may be shortened by a committee vessel flying flag "S", positioned approximately on the rhumb line between the Kish lighthouse (or alternative designated mark) and Harbour mark. In that case, the finish line will be between the committee vessel and a nearby DBSC mark, navigation mark, or inflatable mark. Such a shortened course will be announced on VHF channel 68, and the approximate position of the finish will be given.

9 TIME LIMITS

9.1 If no boat has passed the Kish Lighthouse, or designated alternative mark, within 5 hours, the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes Rule 62.1(a). Boats failing to finish before 16:30 will be scored 'Did not Finish' without a hearing. This changes Rules 35, A4 and A5.

10 COMMUNICATIONS

10.1 Any boat that retires from the race or does not finish within the time limit **MUST** contact the Race Committee as soon as possible on the designated VHF channel, or by other effective means. Other boats are requested to relay VHF transmissions if direct communication with the Race Committee is impossible.

10.2 Boats approaching the finish are requested to hail the Race Committee on the designated VHF channel.

10.3 Communication with Vessel Traffic Service or other commercial vessels about their movements shall not be construed as outside help under RRS 41.