



Christmas Cracker - 2022

For Mono-Hull Dinghies

Sailing Instructions



General Information

All competitors are honorary members of the DMYC on race day. The DMYC reserves the right to withdraw this membership.

We ask your assistance in our efforts to keep the racing simple, trouble-free, safe, enjoyable and clean, bearing in mind the constraints involved in setting courses, racing in confined waters and the compromises of the handicapping system. We remind competitors to keep clear of harbour and marina traffic, during and after racing, and to “leave no trace” in or on the water.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The race will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, the Prescriptions of Irish Sailing (ISA Prescriptions), these Sailing Instructions and the appropriate Class Rules.
- 1.2 Racing rules 63, A3, A4 and A5 and race signals will be changed as detailed below.
- 1.3 All helms must be members of the national authority or an Irish Sailing (ISA) Category 1 Club.
- 1.4 No boats should be left unattended on the DMYC slip.
- 1.5 Boats must display the sail number associated with their entry.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the DMYC web site and may also be repeated through other channels.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 11:00 a.m. on the day of the race.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the yardarm of the DMYC clubhouse.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 There shall be one race on 27 December 2022.
- 5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the race is at 12:55, with the start at 13:00.

6 CLASSES AND FLAGS

All boats will compete in one class. Flag E will be used as the class flag in the starting sequence.



7 RACING AREAS

Racing will take place in Dun Laoghaire Harbour. The approximate locations of the marks are shown on the Course Card (page 4).

8 COURSE

- 8.1 The course shall be based on circuits of the harbour, rounding four marks on each lap, leaving all marks to port, as shown on the Course Card (page 4).
- 8.2 The first mark of the course shall be designated by a letter on a board displayed on the committee boat. Having rounded that mark to port, boats should proceed to round each of the other marks to port, following an anti-clockwise sequence around the harbour.
- 8.3 The number of laps will not be signalled at the start. Boats should continue rounding marks in sequence until the finish is signalled. This is intended to be approximately 75 minutes after the start of the race.

9 MARKS

The four rounding marks will be orange or yellow inflatable marks, cylindrical or pyramidal in shape. (These marks may be a mix of types.) The start mark will be a striped inflatable mark. The finish mark will be a striped inflatable mark.

10 THE START

10.1 Races will be started using RRS 26, with the warning signal 5 minutes before the starting signal, and the preparatory signal 4 minutes before the starting signal. The planned start sequence is:

Warning Signal	Preparatory Signal	One Minute	Start
12:55 E flag displayed	12:56 P flag displayed	12:59 P flag removed	13:00 E flag removed

10.2 The start area will be in the central part of the harbour, approximately downwind of the first mark of the course. The committee boat will fly the DMYC burgee and may also fly a flag for the event sponsor, Viking Marine.

10.3 The start line will be between a striped pole on the committee boat, with an orange flag, and the course side of the start mark.

10.4 A boat that does not start within 6 minutes of the starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.

11 THE FINISH

11.1 When flag F is displayed at one of the rounding marks, with sound signals, all boats should round that mark to port as normal, and then proceed to the finish line and finish, regardless of the number of laps completed at that point. This changes RRS race signals.



11.2 The finish line will be between a striped pole on the committee boat, with a blue flag, and the course side of the finish mark. The planned location of the finish line is in the central part of the harbour, approximately upwind of the mark where flag F will be displayed.

11.3 The course may be shortened at any of the rounding marks in accordance with RRS 32.

12 PROTESTS

12.1 A boat wishing to protest another competitor must inform the race officer before leaving the race area.

12.2 A Hearing Request Form is available at https://www.dmyc.ie/dmyc_hearing_request_form/ or on paper at the DMYC Race Office. Protest hearing requests, either on this form or containing similar information, should be emailed to frostbites@dmyc.ie within one hour of the last boat finishing the race.

12.3 Protests will be heard at 17:00 on Sunday 1 January 2023.

13 SCORING

13.1 The scoring system in RRS Appendix A will be used, modified as described below.

13.2 Where boats have sailed different numbers of laps, their elapsed times will be scaled accordingly.

13.3 Elapsed times will then be adjusted using the Portsmouth Yardstick handicap system. If no PY number is available for a particular craft, the organisers will allocate a fair number, equivalent to a PY number.

14 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the top five boats. There will also be spot prizes for classes with large participation.

15 SAFETY

- 15.1 Adequate personal buoyancy must be worn by all competitors. Wet suits are not sufficient.
- 15.2 Each boat should have on board a knife, which is readily accessible in the case of capsize, and a towing line, properly secured.
- 15.3 The priority of safety boat personnel is the safety of people. The instructions of safety boat personnel must be obeyed.
- 15.4 In strong winds or other adverse conditions, especially if the race is abandoned, boats must return to shore as soon as possible after finishing or retiring. In extreme conditions, it may not be possible to return to the point of departure.
- 15.5 In the event of racing being abandoned due to severe weather conditions, competitors are required to report immediately to the DMYC on their arrival ashore (083 060 0867 or 087 233 6197).

16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in this race entirely at their own risk. The decision to race or to continue racing is the responsibility of the helm and crew of each boat – see RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race. Dun Laoghaire Motor Yacht Club cannot be held responsible for any injury, accident or damage to any person, boat or equipment arising out of these races. The same applies to the organisers, the sponsors, the safety boat personnel and any volunteer acting on behalf of DMYC.

17 COVID MEASURES

Whilst the DMYC wishes to provide high quality racing for all, we must also be conscious of the current Covid-19 Guidelines and safety measures. Consequently:

- Racing is unlikely to take place if winds are gusting over 20 knots;
- RIBs will be primarily for mark laying, and may be crewed by a driver only. Competitors should consider their ability and the prevailing conditions before going afloat, to avoid placing RIB crew at risk.

Course Card



The circles on the picture indicate the approximate positions of the rounding marks, and the letters associated with them. The arrows indicate the approximate route for one lap of the course.

Example Course

The first mark of the course will depend on the wind direction – the aim is to have a beat from the start line to the first mark. For example, if the wind is from the East, the first mark is likely to be mark C. The committee boat would display the letter C to indicate this.

In this example, after the start, boats would sail to mark C and round it to port. Then round marks D, A and B, in that order. Then return to mark C to start another lap: C, D, A, B. All marks should be rounded to port.

Repeat until the finish is signalled: flag F displayed at one of the marks. Round that mark as normal, then sail to the finish line. In this example, with wind from the East, flag F might be displayed at mark A, to give a beat to the finish line, which would be positioned approximately upwind of mark A, somewhere near the centre of the harbour.