



RUFFIAN 23 ALL IRELAND TEAM RACING CHAMPIONSHIP 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Dun Laoghaire Motor Yacht Club Dun Laoghaire Harbour West Pier

23rd August 2026

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority (OA) is Dun Laoghaire Motor Yacht Club (DMYC) in conjunction with the Irish Ruffian Association.

2. EVENT WHATSAPP GROUP

The event WhatsApp will use the Irish Ruffian Association WhatsApp, competitors are strongly advised to monitor this WhatsApp group for updates or amendments to this NOR or event SI's

3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

3.1 Signals made ashore will be made verbally and may be broadcast on the WhatsApp group for the event.

4. SIGNALS MADE AFLOAT

When flag AP or flag N are flown, they apply to all races in progress. If they are flown over team colours, they apply to the race indicated by the colours. Communication afloat may be by way of VHF and/or Umpires.

5. BOAT ASSIGNMENTS

5.1 The Boat Assignments for the Round Robin stages is shown in the accompanying document entitled "Round Robin Boat Assignments". Each flight will consist of 2 races, each Round Robin will consist of 3 flights, a total of 6 races.

6. REGISTERING WITH THE RACE COMMITTEE

All boats shall sail past the stern of the committee boat on arrival at the race area each day and obtain acknowledgement. Genoas shall be visible in case they display a sail number which differs from the mainsail.

7. CLASS FLAGS

The Class Flags (Warning Flags) for each race will be the 2 colours (i.e. 2 of Blue, Green, Pink or Yellow) of the 2 teams competing in each race and will be flown as the Warning Signal.

8. THE COURSE

8.1 The Course will be one round of a Starboard Box course - see Addendum A, which shows the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2 The Race Committee may use any alternative course, the details of which will be broadcast on Channel 68.

9. MARKS

9.1 Marks 1, 2, 3 & 4 may be orange inflatable buoys of the triangular “tea bag” shaped type.

9.2 Starting and Finishing Marks: Outer Limit Mark/Finish Mark will be a pin mark with a flag. Inner Limit Mark, if laid, will be a buoy of type to be announced at the Race Briefing.

10. THE START

10.1 Races will be started using rule 26 with the warning signal given at 3 (three) minutes before the starting signal.

10.2 At each Warning Signal in a flight, the coloured flags assigned to each team for the race in question, will be displayed. The Warning Signal for the second race in each flight will be made at or after the start of the previous race.

10.3 The starting line will be a line between a red-and-white pole on a race committee vessel at the Starboard end, and an Outer Limit mark at the Port end. The race committee vessel will not display an orange flag, this changes Race Signals.

10.4 A boat starting later than 3 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 and A5.1.

10.5 When an inner limit mark (ILM) is laid, approximately on the starting line, it is a starting mark that shall be left to starboard. A boat that passes between the committee boat and the ILM shall sail across an extension of the starting line to the pre-start side before starting. A boat that fails to do so will be scored Did Not Start by the race committee without a hearing, this changes RRS 35 and A5.1.

10.6 When the Race Committee determines that a boat has not complied with RRS 29.1 or 30 or with SI 11.5, the Race Committee may broadcast the boat's sail number on VHF channel 68, as soon as practicable after the starting signal. Failure to transmit or receive a broadcast, the sequence of the broadcast or errors in the broadcast, shall not be grounds for a request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

11. THE FINISH

11.1 The finishing line will be between a red & white pole on a race committee vessel and the finishing mark. The blue flag will not be flown, this changes Race Signals.

11.2 If an inner limit mark (ILM) is laid, approximately on the finishing line, it is a limit mark that shall be left to starboard. A boat in breach of this SI will be scored DSQ without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 and A5.1.

11.3 After the finish, boats shall keep clear of boats still racing, after the penultimate race in a Round Robbin the boats shall proceed directly to their designated change over marks.

11.4 Boats shall stay close to the starting area between races, to facilitate a quick turnaround.

12. CHANGEOVERS

12.1 Team flags and Protest flags shall remain on boats at all times, they must not be removed during changeovers or at any other time during the competition.

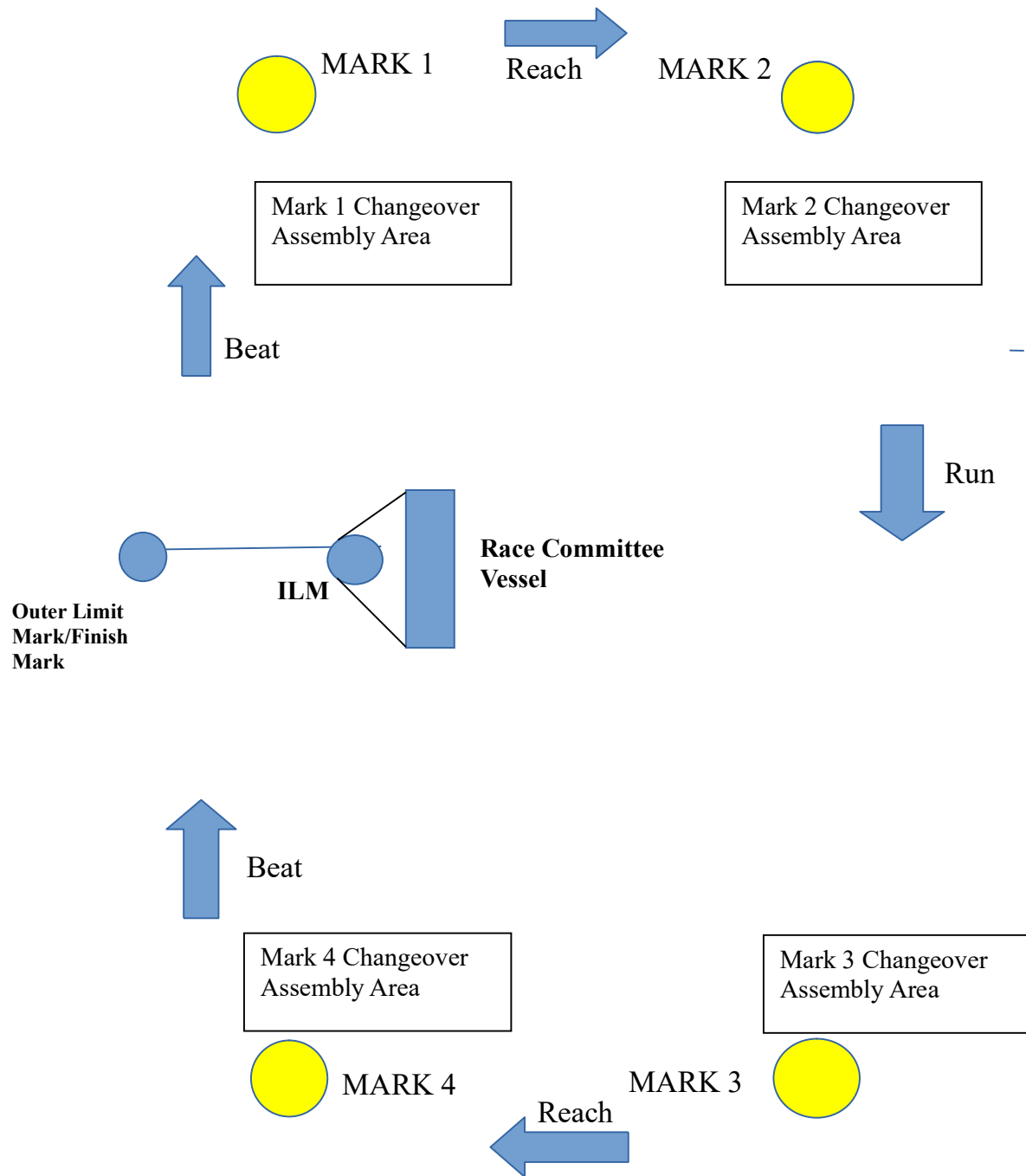
After the completion of the first and second Round Robin, boats shall proceed to the changeover area marked on Addendum A according to their current Team Colour and as scheduled on the “Round Robbin Boat Assignments” and change boats as directed. Boats shall not impede any boats

still racing. Crews shall swap boats as prescribed by the document entitled “Round Robin Boat Assignments” and follow all instructions of the Race Committee.

12.2 At the completion of each changeover by each team, the team captain shall confirm the completion to the Race Officer via VHF or other means. In case of any difficulty with carrying out the changeover, the team captain shall inform the Race Officer immediately.

ADDENDUM A

COURSE AND CHANGEOVER AREAS



Course: Start – Mark 1 – Mark 2 – Mark 3 – Mark 4 – Finish

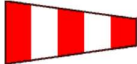
Marks 1, 2, 3 & 4 to be left to Starboard.

“ILM” = Inner Limit Mark

Additional Information

Extract from RRS Race Signals, etc.

This is included for the convenience of competitors and does not change RRS Race Signals, nor does it form part of the SI. Refer to RRS for the full text.

Flag	Meaning (see RRS Race Signals for full text)
AP 	All races not started are postponed. The warning signal will be made 1 minute after removal unless at that time the race is postponed again or abandoned.
Flag N 	All races that have started are abandoned. Return to starting area.
Flag P 	Preparatory signal (no starting penalties in force)
Flag X 	Individual Recall (one or more boats is OCS). Lowered after 3 minutes or when all OCS boats have returned, whichever is sooner).
Flag S 	The course is shortened at the adjacent mark.
Flag R 	Ruffian Class Flag, will be displayed to designate the Committee Boat, but not a starting Class Flag, the warning flags will be the team colour flags associated with the designated teams starting to race