



Mermaid Munster Championships 2017

Sat 3rd & Sun 4th June



Venue & Organising Authority:
Foynes Yacht Club



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES:

- 1.1 The Championship will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2017-2020), the prescriptions of the I.S.A., the Rules of the M.S.A., and these Sailing Instructions (S.I.s) and any amendments there to.

2. ENTRIES:

- 2.1 Eligible Boats may be entered by completing the Registration Form issued by Foynes Yacht Club and on payment of the appropriate racing fee.
- 2.2 Substitutions: A substitution of helmsman/woman is permitted provided he/she is a member of the I.S.A. and M.S.A. Applications to change helm shall be made to the Race Committee at least two hours before the start of the race of that day. A boat damaged beyond repair may be substituted by another boat provided the substitute boat has not already sailed in the event. Applications to change hull, sail or sail number shall be made in writing to the Race Committee at least two hours prior to the start of that day's race.
- 2.3 Permission will be granted only in exceptional circumstances.

- 3 **REGISTRATION:** Registration will take place in the Clubhouse on Saturday June 3rd between 0900 hours and 1100 hours.

- 4 **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:** Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board in Foynes Yacht Club's Clubhouse.

- 5 **ALTERATION TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Alterations to Sailing Instructions including any changes to the schedule of racing will be posted on the Official Notice Board of Foynes Yacht Club's Clubhouse not later than two hours prior to the scheduled start of the race in which it will take effect.

- 6 **SIGNALS ASHORE:** Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Club Flagpole.

- 6.1 Flag A.P. with two sound signals means Race is postponed. The Warning Signal will be made not less than one hour after the AP is lowered.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>RACE</u>	<u>WARNING SIGNAL</u>	<u>Low Water</u>	<u>High Water</u>
3 rd June	Saturday	Race 1	1230 hrs	0758	1455
4 th June	Sunday	Race 4	1200 hrs	0903	1555

- 7.1 At the discretion of the OOD a total of 4 races may be run on Saturday or 2 races on Sunday, weather dependent. Following the end of a race the next race will be started as soon as possible.

8. **CLASS FLAG:** The Class Flag will be the Code Flag 'G'.

9. **RACING:** The racing area will be in an area East of Foynes Island or at Mount Trenchard.

10. **COURSE TO BE SAILED:** The Course to be sailed shall be:
Start - W - G - L - W - L - W - G - L and may finish at the Committee Boat anchored between Mark L and Mark W.

11. **MARKS:** The Racing Marks may be large ORANGE Buoys.

12. **STARTING LINE:** The starting line shall be between the Red/White Pole positioned on the

Committee Boat and a Starting Mark (which may or may not be Mark L). An inner limit Mark may be moored approximately on the starting line and, if so, no boat shall pass between the inner limit Mark and the Committee Boat after the Warning Signal.

13. **THE START:** Races will be started in accordance with R.R.S. 26
- 13.1 A boat shall not start after fifteen minutes after her starting signal.
- 13.2 If **flag U** has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boat's hull, crew, or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or resailed, or postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. This changes rules 26 and 30.
14. **CHANGE OF COURSE:** A Change of Course after the Start will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the new leg, although the New Mark may not be in position. Any Mark to be rounded after rounding the changed Mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration.
15. **THE FINISH:** The Finishing Line shall be between the Main Mast of the Committee Boat flying a Blue Flag and the Weather Mark, unless the race is shortened, when it shall be between the Committee/Finishing Boat and either mark W. L. or G.
16. **TIME LIMIT:** The Time Limit for each Race shall be 2.5 hours or 20 minutes from the finishing time of the first finisher whichever is later. This changes R.R.S. 35
17. **PROTESTS:** In addition to the obligations R.R.S. 61 1(a) protesting boats shall individually, after finishing, inform the Race Officer on the Committee Boat of the Sail Number or Numbers of any boats against which she intends to protest. Protest Forms will be available in the Race Office and all Protests should be delivered to the Race Office within the Protest Time. The Protest Time will begin after the last boat has finished the last race of the day and will last for 90 minutes. Protests will be heard as soon as possible after the Protest Time has expired.
18. **SCORING SYSTEM:**
- 18.1.1 Appendix A4.1 (Low Point Scoring System) of the R.R.S. will apply except that the score for first place shall be 0.75. Four races are scheduled of which a minimum of one race constitute a championship. If two or three races are sailed, there will be no discard. If four races are sailed there shall be one discard.
- 18.2 Tie Breaking: In the event of a tie on total points between two or more yachts, the tie shall be broken in favour of the yacht with, in the first instance, the most first places, or, if still tied, the most second places, and so on if necessary, for those races as count for total points. Should this method fail to resolve the tie, the score in the last race, in which the tied boats raced shall determine the result and if necessary the second last race and so on.
- 19 **SAFETY REGULATIONS:** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee boat or a rescue boat as soon as possible.
- 20 **REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR BOATS:** Substitution of competitors or boats will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 21 **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY, HONORARY MEMBERSHIP & SHIPPING NOTICE**
- 21.1.1 **Liability:** Competitors participate in the Championship entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to race. The Mermaid Sailing Association, the Race Committee, or Foynes Yacht Club will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the Championship.
- 21.2 **Honorary Membership:** All competitors sailing in the Munster Mermaid Championships shall be Honorary members of Foynes Yacht Club during the event, and will be bound by the rules of the club. Competitors are reminded that personal effects, gear, trailers and other equipment are their own responsibility and neither the Mermaid Sailing Association, the Race Committee, nor Foynes Yacht Club can be held liable for any claim, loss or damage.
- 21.3 **Responsibility:** Boats are the sole responsibility of competitors, whether they are owners, tenants or Borrowers, and they shall be liable for all damages. The decision to sail or race is solely that of the helmsman.

- 21.4 **Commercial Shipping:** Strict warning is given by Foynes Port Authority that competitors must at all times keep well clear of Tugs and commercial shipping in the area. Competitors must comply with these warnings. All navigation marks entering and leaving the harbour must be left on their proper sides at all times.
- 21.5 **Local Variations:**
See Admiralty Chart of Foynes Island & Harbour Area in the Clubhouse.

Course

● W

● G

● L

**Start Line -W-G-L-W-L-W-G-L and Finish
All marks rounded to Port**