



TRALEE BAY SAILING CLUB



Dublin Bay Mermaid

National Championship 2021

Wednesday Aug 18th – Saturday Aug 21st

(Optional practice race on Tuesday Aug 17th)

Sailing Instructions

1. Organising authority

1.1 The Organising Authority (OA) is Tralee Bay Sailing Club

2. Rules

2.1 The current racing rules of World Sailing, the class rules of the Dublin Bay Mermaid class association, the prescriptions of Irish sailing, The Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions shall apply. In the event of a conflict between the NoR and the SIs then the SIs shall prevail.

3 Notices to competitors

3.1 Notices to competitors shall be displayed on the official notice board located in the hallway of the TBSC clubhouse.

4 Changes to sailing instructions

4.1 Changes to the SIs shall be posted on the official notice board at least two hours before the start of the first race on the date to which they apply.

4.2 Changes to the schedule of races shall be posted on the official notice board before 2100 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

5 Signals made ashore

5.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed on the flagstaff adjacent to the clubhouse.

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore 1 minute is replaced with not less than 60 minutes in the race signal AP.

6 Schedule of events

6.1 Registration shall be open in the TBSC clubhouse from 0900 to 1000 hours on Wednesday August 18th

6.2 A briefing for competitors will be held at 1000 hours on Wednesday August 18th.

6.3 The warning signal for the first race of the event shall be at 1200 hours on Wednesday August 18th. One or more races may follow on that date.

6.4 On subsequent days of the event the first warning signal shall be at 1100 hours.

6.5 No race shall start after 1500 hours on the last day of the event.

6.6 The OA may organise a practice race on Tuesday August 17th and/or a crew race during the event. These races are not part of the event and shall not be scored for the event.

7 Race area

7.1 All races will be sailed in the waters of Tralee Bay.

7.2 The race officer may broadcast the location of the committee boat on VHF ch 8 prior to the warning signal.

8 Marks

8.1 The marks shall be orange cylindrical buoys.

8.2 Alternative marks may be used if required and such changes shall be communicated via VHF ch 8 prior to the warning signal of any races affected.

9 Class flag

9.1 The class flag shall be international code flag 'G'

10 Start

10.1 The start line shall be between the main mast of the committee boat to starboard and an outer distance mark to port. The outer distance mark shall be an orange cylindrical mark.

10.2 An inner distance mark may also be laid and boats approaching the line to start shall not pass between this mark and the committee boat.

10.3 The committee boat may fly an orange flag to show that she is on station.

10.4 The race officer may sound three short blasts to indicate that a start sequence is imminent.

10.5 Race starts shall be in accordance with rule 26.

10.6 The warning signal shall be the class flag.

11 The course

11.1 The course shall be an Olympic type course as per the diagram in appendix 1

11.2 All marks must be rounded to port in the correct order

11.3 A boat located near a mark of the course making repetitive sounds and flying International code flag 'F' shall signify that after rounding the mark boats shall proceed directly to the finish line. They shall cross it from the direction of said mark.

12 The finish

12.1 The committee boat shall fly a blue flag from its mainmast to indicate the starboard end of the finish line and an outer distance mark shall be laid at the port end. The outer distance mark shall be an orange buoy with a white staff. Please note that a new starting mark may also be in place and should be ignored.

12.2 Once the first boat has finished the race committee may offer a finishing place to the last boat in the fleet. If accepted the boat must sail directly to the start/finish area and take no further part in that race.

12.3 The procedure in 12.2 above may be repeated until all boats are deemed finished.

12.4 A boat may decline to finish in accordance with 12.2 and 12.3

13) Scoring

13.1 Boats shall be scored in accordance with the low point system of the racing rules of sailing except that the winning boat shall be scored 0.75 points.

13.2 Boats not recorded as having finished a race shall be scored in accordance with rule A4.2

14) Protests

14.1 Protest forms shall be available at the race office located in the bar at TBSC. Completed forms shall be returned to the race office.

14.2 The protest time limit shall be 90 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day. A crew race if sailed shall be included for the purpose of determining the time limit.

14.3 The protest time limit shall be displayed on the official notice board each day.

14.4 A protest schedule shall be displayed on the official notice board not more than 15 minutes after the protest time limit.

14.5 It is the sole responsibility of each competitor to determine if they are involved in a hearing.

14.6 Protest hearings may be held in persons or via an online platform.

15 Support vessels

15.1 All support person vessels shall register with the race office prior to going on the water.

15.2 Support person vessels shall fly the appropriate flag as supplied by the OA.

15.3 Support person vessels shall remain at least 100 metres from all boats and marks whilst racing is in progress and may not encroach on the race area.

15.4 Support person boats must carry a working VHF radio tuned to channel 8 at all times.

15.5 Support person boats must obey the instructions of the race officer and/or safety boats at all times.

15.6 In an emergency all support person boats may be required to assist the safety boats.

16 Safety regulations

16.1 Rule 40.1 shall apply. Competitors shall be required to wear adequate personal buoyancy at all times. Wetsuits and dry suits etc are not deemed to be sufficient buoyancy.

16.2 Boats shall keep clear of commercial and other traffic at all times.

16.3 A boat which retires shall inform the committee boat as soon as possible.

17 Communications and instruments

17.1 All race communications shall be on VHF Ch 8.

17.2 All boats may carry a VHF radio which may be left on at all times.

17.3 No boat shall receive private communications by any means which might improve their performance.

17.4 Boats may carry a magnetic or electronic compass/timer of the Tacktick type or similar.

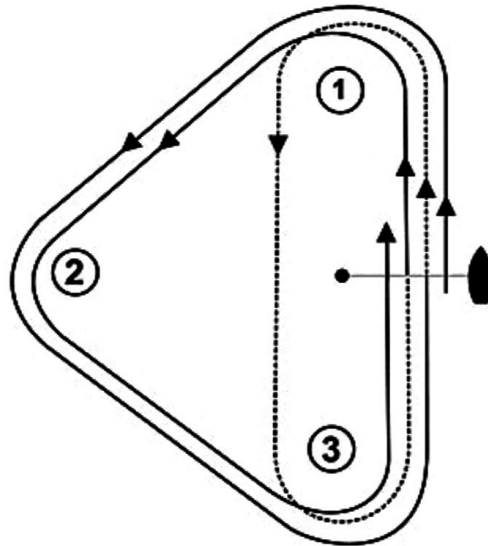
17.5 Boats may not carry instruments which are programmable.

18 Honorary membership

18.1 All competitors, supporters and race officials shall be deemed to be honorary members of TBSC for the duration of the event.

Appendix 1 course diagram

APPENDIX A – OLYMPIC COURSE DIAGRAM (not to scale)



All marks shall be left to port.

Course Mark Rounding Order

Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish