



INTERNATIONAL MIRROR CLASS ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND

WESTERN CHAMPIONSHIP SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7th and 8th JULY 2007

Lough Ree Yacht Club

1 RULES:

1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

1.2 The prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association to rules 46, 68, 87, Appendix F and ISAF Regulation 20 will apply.

1.3 The rules of the International Mirror Class Association (IMCA) will apply, and the following rules of the International Mirror Class Association of Ireland (IMCAI) will also apply:

1.3.1 All competitors must be members of the IMCAI, or if not resident on the island of Ireland, must be members of their national Mirror class association.

1.3.2 All boats must carry the required safety equipment specified by the IMCAI. Safety checks may be performed by the IMCAI and/or race committee.

1.3.3 All boats shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance. The minimum indemnity limit shall be €1.5 million (or other currency equivalent) per incident.

Addendum A (Course Diagrams) form part of these sailing instructions.

1.4 Adequate personal buoyancy will be worn by competitors at all times when afloat. This amends rule 40.

1.5 Each boat shall carry the registered number of that boat in compliance with rule 77. Any competitor wishing to sail with a sail number different from the boats registered number shall apply, in writing and in advance, to the race committee for permission to use such different number. Permission, once a regatta has commenced, will only be granted in exceptional circumstances (and may be requested/given verbally where a change of sail is required by reason of gear failure or damage).

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS:

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board near the race office.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09.00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule (or start time) of races will be posted by 20.00 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Club flag pole

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

5 SAFETY

5.1 Failure to observe the safety check system in use by the host club may result in disqualification, without a hearing, by the race committee from that days racing (this amends rule 63.1). Boats must launch from the Club at the announced time.

5.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

5.3 The race committee may limit the number of boats racing by specifying which fleet or fleets (gold, silver or bronze as designated under SI 7 below) may race at any given time. Whether made ashore or afloat, this will be signalled by displaying Code Flag N over numerals 2 and/or 3, accompanied by 3 sound signals, for a period of 5 minutes to signify that racing is abandoned for the silver fleet (indicated by numeral 2) and/or the bronze fleet (numeral 3). If made afloat, all boats for whom racing has been abandoned will proceed ashore. The warning signal for the fleet

not being abandoned shall be made as soon as possible afterwards. The fleet abandonment signals will also be flown ashore while the affected race is underway. The fleet abandonment signals will be lowered ashore, with one sound signal, on completion of the race. Further fleet abandonment signals for subsequent races will be signalled as above. If a fleet(s) then ashore is (are) to be permitted to sail subsequent races, the warning signal for the next race to be sailed will be made not less than 60 minutes after the lowering of the fleet abandonment signals ashore. Boats in the fleet(s) for which racing is abandoned shall be scored DNC for such abandoned race(s).

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES:

6.1 Day One 3 Races;
Day Two 2 Races

One extra race per day may be sailed as required by the race committee.

6.2 The scheduled time for the warning signal for the first race is 11.55 and 9.55 on the final day of the regatta.

6.3 When there has been a long postponement and when more than one race will be held on the same day, the warning signal for the first race and each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that a race will begin soon, repeated sound signals may be made approximately 1 minute before the warning signal.

6.4 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 15.00.

7. FLEETS & PRIZES

All competitors shall be designated by fleet (Gold, Silver or Bronze) depending on their results in previous IMCAI Regional and National events. Boats finishing in the top 5 positions in the Bronze and Silver fleet at an IMCAI event will graduate to the Silver and Gold Fleets in the next and all subsequent IMCAI regional or national events. New entrants to the Mirror Class (those who have not previously qualified for a designated fleet) shall enter the Bronze Fleet. Competitors from the Mirror Associations of other countries shall, unless expressly agreed in writing by the IMCAI, enter the Gold Fleet.

Competitors shall enter in one of three fleets Gold, Silver or Bronze as in 7.1 above.

Prizes for Regional Championship Regattas will be awarded as follow:

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| • Overall (not just the Gold Fleet) | Places 1 – 6 |
| • Silver Fleet | Places 1 – 3 |
| • Bronze Fleet | Places 1 – 5 |

8. CLASS FLAG:

The Class Flag will be Numeral Pennant '6'.

9. RACE AREA:

The race area will be north of the Yellow Islands

10. COURSES:

10.1 The diagrams in Addendum B show the courses, including 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.

10.2 The course chosen shall, unless otherwise specified in Addendum B, be used for all races on a given day and shall be signalled by flying the appropriate course flag (O, W or T) from the Committee Boat when on station in the race area and prior to the start sequence for the first race of each day.

10.3 When there is a gate, as in course W, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.

11. MARKS:

Marks will be large inflatable orange buoys, Start and finish marks will be yellow buoys.

12. THE START:

12.1 The starting line will be between the main mast of the committee boat and the outer distance mark or boat.

12.2 An Inner Limit Buoy may be laid approximately on the starting line and, if so, a boat shall not pass between this buoy and the Committee Boat after the Warning Signal. For the purposes of rules 18.1, 28, and 30.1, the Inner Limit Buoy and the Committee Vessel shall be treated as a single mark.

12.3 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.

13. THE FINISH:

The finishing line will, unless the race has been shortened, be between the main mast of the committee boat and the outer distance mark.

14. TIME LIMIT:

14.1 The time limit for each race will be **the earlier of** two hours from the starting signal and 30 minutes from the finishing time of the first boat to have sailed the course. Boats finishing outside the applicable time limit will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35 and A4.

14.2 If no boat has passed the first mark of the course (Mark1) within 45 minutes of the starting signal the race will be abandoned.

15. PROTESTS:

15.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

15.2 The protest time limit is 75 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day (or 75 minutes after the last race has been abandoned or time limit under 14.1 expired). The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee, protest committee and jury about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2. The protest time limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

15.3 Notices will be posted within 45 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of the time and location of hearings.

15.4 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered

- (a) Within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
- (b) No later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes rule 66.

16. SCORING

16.1 2 races are required to be completed to constitute Championships

16.2 Discards

(a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When 4 or 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT:

17.1 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed without the prior written approval of the race committee and prior to racing using such substitute equipment.

17.2 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without the prior written approval of the race committee and prior to using such replacement crew. Substitute helms are not permitted.

17.3 Permission may be given verbally by the race committee on the water.

18. EQUIPMENT & MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

19. Support Boats

Boats designated by the race committee to lay marks, perform race management and rescue duties, to carry umpires/juries, to carry race committee personnel and authorised media representatives are deemed to be Official Boats. All other craft not competing in the event, including (but not limited to) those of team leaders, coaches, parents and supporters are deemed to be Support Boats. Support boats must keep clear of the race area and act in accordance with the instructions of the race committee. Failure to do so may result in the boat(s) being supported being disqualified.

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.