

**KEELBOAT REGATTA**  
**Bray Sailing Club**  
**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2018**  
**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1 Rules**

The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in:

- the Racing Rules of Sailing
- the prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association
- the notice of race
- these sailing instructions.

**2 Notices to competitors and other communications**

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the notice board in Bray Sailing Club's Clubhouse.

2.2 The Race Officer may draw attention to signals given on the Committee Boat by radio on Channel 11 at any time. In the event of difficulties with Channel 11, Channel 72 will be used in lieu. Failure to transmit or to receive such communication will not be grounds for protest or for redress.

**3 Changes to Sailing Instructions**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted in the Clubhouse not later than one hour before the warning signal (first gun) of the first race of the day, and advised to Cruisers by VHF Radio on Channel 11 not later than 30 minutes before their warning signal.

**4 Signals made ashore**

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Bray Sailing Club flagpole.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in the race signal AP.

**5 Schedule of Races**

5.1 Racing is scheduled as follows:

- Up to three races are scheduled on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August
  - The warning signal for the first race for Cruisers 1 is 10:00 hours.
  - The warning signal for Cruisers 2 and 3 is 10.15 hours
- The race schedule is subject to change.

5.2 When two or more races are scheduled, the warning signal for any succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that another race or sequence of races will begin soon, the postponement flag may be displayed for at least one minute before a warning signal is displayed.

**6 Class Flags**

The class flags will be:

Cruiser 1

Flag K



K

R

Cruisers 2 and 3

Flag R

Additional classes may be added at the discretion of the committee if deemed appropriate. Additional class flags, if required, will be advised on the club notice board prior to racing.

**7 The Courses**

The courses will be defined in a Notice to Competitors, and advised to all classes by VHF Radio on Channel 11.

**8 Marks**

8.1 The marks to be used will be the fixed Cruiser marks used for club racing.

8.2 Fixed navigation marks may also be used.

8.3 Large Inflatable orange buoys may also be used.

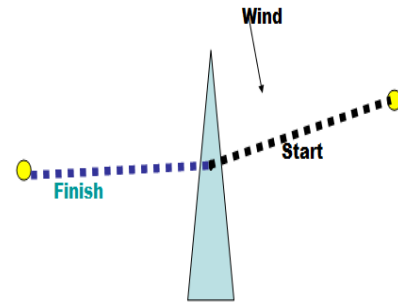
8.4 The starting and finishing marks will be a yellow or orange spherical buoy.

8.5 Where a change of course is being signalled, boats shall pass between the race

committee boat signalling the change of course and the nearby mark, leaving the mark on the required side. This changes rule 28.1.

## 9 The Start

- 9.1 RRS 26 will apply.
- 9.2 Cruisers 1 will start under Flag K. Cruisers 2 and 3 will have a separate start together under Flag R.
- 9.2.1 The start signal for one class may be the (5) five minute signal for the next class.
- 9.3 The starting line will be between the main mast of a committee boat on the port side of the start line and the starting mark as defined in SI 8.4 on the starboard side of the start line.
- 9.4 Any boat or object (with the exception of the anchor line) moored to the Committee boat is to be considered as part of the Committee boat. This modifies the definition of a mark as given in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 9.5 A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start". This changes rule A4.1.



## 10 The Finish

- 10.1 The finishing line will be between the main mast of a committee boat on the starboard side of the finish line displaying a blue flag and the finishing mark on the port side of the finish line as defined in SI 8.4.
- 10.2 If the committee boat is displaying a blue flag, only boats that are finishing the race may cross the finishing line.
- 10.3 The course may be shortened for any reason, at the discretion of the race committee.
- 10.4 When Flags S and C are displayed with repeated sound signals at a mark, after rounding / passing that mark on the required side, boats shall sail directly to the finish line. This changes RRS 32.

## 11 Time Limits

The time limit for the first boat in Cruisers 1 in each race is 90 minutes, or as defined on the written course. The time limit for the first boat in Cruisers 2 and 3 is 60 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the **second** boat of their class that sails the course and finishes will be scored "Did Not Finish". This changes rules 35 and A4.1.

## 12 Protests

- 12.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 12.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 12.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. The notices will inform all parties of the approximate time of the hearing. Hearings will be held in the jury office or committee room as appropriate.
- 12.4 Penalties for breaches of instructions 15, 16 and 17 may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 12.5 A request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.
- 12.6 Competitors intending to protest or request redress concerning the ECHO handicaps attributed to any competing boat must inform the Race Committee before the start of the first race.

### **13 Scoring**

The races shall be scored as provided in Appendix A of the RRS (2017-2020) using the Low Points System.

13.1 There will be no discarded races.

13.2 ECHO Progressive Handicapping to ISA standards for Open Events will apply to each race. All boats will start with adjusted handicaps based on available data. Attention is drawn to the ECHO material change rule. Declaration of material changes to boat or crew MUST be made to the handicap committee at time of registration. The handicap committee reserves the right to adjust a boat's handicap if a material change of crew or boat is deemed to have occurred.

13.3 Adjustment or lack of adjustment of handicap will not be grounds for protest.

13.4 If a boat finishes significantly outside her expected time (e.g. due to gear failure etc.) the handicap committee reserves the right to not adjust the boat's handicap based on the performance in the affected race.

14 If there is a series score tie between 2 or more boats, RRS Appendix A8 shall apply.

### **15 Safety Regulations**

15.1 Competitors shall keep clear of safety boats. The priority of safety boats is the safety of competitors and Bray Sailing Club cannot accept any responsibility for damage to boats or equipment.

15.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Officer as soon as possible.

### **16 Identification on sails**

All boats shall compete using the sail number declared at registration. Should two or more boats use the same sail number they must declare this at registration and provide a means of separate identification or they will each (or all) receive the score of the last boat to finish using that sail number.

### **17 Radio Communication**

A boat shall not receive radio or telephonic communication not available to other boats in that race.

### **18 Prizes**

Prizes will be awarded to the first three boats in each class. If less than 5 boats compete, prizes will only be awarded to first and second place. Other prizes may also be awarded.

### **19 Registration**

All boats must register and receive confirmation that their entry has been accepted before competing.

Entry Forms will be accepted in the Race Office at Bray Sailing Club 0830 hours & 0945hours on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

### **20 Disclaimer of liability**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk, - see RRS 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.

### **21 Insurance**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €3,000,000 per event or equivalent.

### **22 BRAY SC Membership**

All competitors, the Race Officials and safety boat crew are deemed to be members of Bray Sailing Club for the duration of the Championship. As such they are expected to observe the rules of the Club.