

# BRAY SAILING CLUB

## Open Regatta

Incorporating the

### Murdoch Trophy for International Enterprise Class

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August and Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2017

All Laser Rigs, Picos, Enterprises, FF15 and PY Dinghies

BRAY SAILING CLUB, The Harbour, Bray

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The organising authority is Bray Sailing Club (BSC), The Harbour, Bray, Co. Wicklow.

### 1 RULES

- 1.1- The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* including the Definitions, Race Signals, Introduction, preambles and relevant appendices, as well as ISAF Regulations concerning eligibility, advertising and anti-doping;
- 1.2- The class rules;
- 1.3- The prescriptions of the ISA;
- 1.4- The notice of race
- 1.5- The sailing instructions.

### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located on the terrace of BSC clubhouse

### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2100 on the day before it will take effect.

### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole above the entrance to Bray Sailing Club.

- 4.2** When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 4.3** When flag R (with 2 sound signals) is displayed ashore, boats will not go afloat. The first warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after this signal is removed (with 1 sound signal). This changes Race Signals.
- 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**
- 5.1** Up to 6 races are scheduled. The warning signal for the first race will be at 13.45 on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August and 14.15 on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2017..
- 5.2** The warning signal for the each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the Race Committee may make repeated sound signals.
- 6 CLASS FLAGS**
- Class flags will be defined in a Notice to Competitors.
- 7 RACING AREAS**
- The racing area will be to the east of Bray Harbour.
- 8 THE COURSES**
- 8.1** The diagrams in Addendum A 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.
- 8.2** No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 8.3** The number of laps to be sailed shall be displayed on the race committee boat not later than 4 minutes before each class start.
- 8.4** Except when finishing, a boat shall not sail through the finishing line when the blue flag is displayed.
- 9 MARKS**
- 9.1** The colour and size or shape of all race marks including finishing buoys will be defined in a Notice to Competitors.
- 9.2** A race committee boat signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in instruction 11.2.
- 10 THE START**
- 10.1** Races will be started by using rule 26. The starting signal for each class will be the warning signal for the next class.

- 10.2** The starting line will be between the main mast of a committee boat and the starting mark as defined in SI 9.1.
- 10.3** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 10.4** A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.

## **11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 11.1** To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 11.2** Boats shall pass between the race committee boat signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28.1.

## **12 THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between the main mast of a committee boat displaying a blue flag and the finishing mark as defined in SI 9.1.

## **13 SHORTENING COURSE**

- 13.1** The course may be shortened at any rounding mark. Rule 32 will apply. When code flag 'S' is flown with a class flag(s) the shorten course applies to that class(es) only.
- 13.2** An alternative procedure may be used. When code flag 'V' is displayed at a mark competitors shall round the mark leaving it on its required side then sail directly to the finishing line. SI 11.2 will apply. When code flag 'V' is flown with a class flag(s) the shorten course applies to that class(es) only.

## **14 TIME LIMITS**

- 14.1** Time limits for all classes will be **45** minutes after the starting signal.
- 14.2** Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat in their class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35 and A4.

## **15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 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 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee and protest committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.
- 15.3** 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. Hearings will be held as soon as possible in the jury room, located in the BSC Clubhouse.

**15.4** Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

**15.5** Breaches of instructions 4.3, 8.4, 10.3, 17, 18, 19.2, 22 and 25 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

**15.6** 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.

**15.7** Protests and requests for redress may be heard by arbitration. The Arbitration procedure set out in Addendum B will apply

## **16 SCORING**

**16.1** 4 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

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

**16.3** When 4 or more races have been completed a boat may discard her worst score.

## **17 SAIL NUMBERS**

**17.1** All boats shall compete using the sail numbers declared at registration for the series. Changes of sail numbers will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

**17.2** Should two or more boats use the same sail number they will each (or all) receive the score of the last boat using this sail number to finish.

## **18 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

**18.1** Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times on the water, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices. This changes rule 40.

**18.2** Check-out and check-in: A sign out/sign in sheet will be available. All boats will sign out before sailing and sign in immediately upon returning to shore

**18.3** A boat shall not be eligible to race unless she is in compliance with the safety regulations laid down by her class.

**18.4** All dinghies, including Flying Fifteens, must carry a suitable towing line at least 5 metres long. The towing line shall not be any part of the normal standing or running rigging.

**18.5** Boats shall keep clear of safety boats.

**18.6** The priority of safety boats is the safety of competitors and Bray Sailing Club cannot accept any responsibility for damage to boats or equipment. In order to fulfil their duties, Safety crew or the Race Committee may instruct a boat to be taken in tow or abandoned.

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

## **19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

**19.1** Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

**19.2** Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

## **21 SUPPORT BOATS**

Team leaders, coaches, other support personnel and spectators shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

## **22 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## **23 PRIZES**

Prizes will be given as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in a class of fewer than 6 boats and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> for a class of 6 or more boats or at the full discretion of the organisers.

## **24 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing 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.

## **25 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with adequate valid third-party liability insurance.

## **26 BRAY SC MEMBERSHIP**

All competitors, members of the Race Committee 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.

# ADDENDUM A

## Courses

Copy of TSS software registered to Gordon DAVIES



**All rounding marks to be left to port.**

**One lap shall consist of the sequence:**

**Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish**

**Two or more laps shall consist of the sequence:**

**Start ( 1 – 2 – 3 ) X number of laps – Finish**

**The number of laps shall be displayed on the committee boat not later than 4 minutes before the start for each class.**

## **ADDENDUM B**

### **ARBITRATION**

*Arbitration is a simplified procedure to resolve protests and requests for redress. The whole procedure should not take more than 15 minutes. However it will only be used for incidents involving no more than two boats and if witnesses are not required.*

#### **B Arbitration.**

B.1 When a protest or request for redress is lodged, a boat may at the same time request Arbitration, or the protest committee or race committee may offer it.

B.2 If the parties and a member of the protest or race committee agree that Arbitration is suitable, an arbitrator (who may be that member of the protest committee) will call a hearing conforming to Section B of Part 5 of the Racing Rules of Sailing, except that rule 64.1(a) will not apply.

B.3 When the arbitrator decides that a boat that is a party to the arbitration hearing has broken a rule for which a penalty may be taken at the time of the incident (rule 44.1), the boat will receive a Scoring Penalty as defined in rule 44.3(c), except that the minimum penalty shall be 2 places, and the protest will be deemed to have been withdrawn. The Scoring Penalty shall not be. This changes rule 63.1.

B.4 When the arbitrator decides that a boat that is a party to the arbitration hearing has broken a rule to which rule 44.1 does not apply, or if the boat caused injury or serious damage, or gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach, that boat will be requested to retire. If the boat does not retire the arbitrator will call a normal protest hearing (SI B.4 will apply).

B.4 When there is not an agreement to use Arbitration, or when during or after an Arbitration hearing, the arbitrator decides that the facts do not allow Arbitration there will be a normal protest hearing, at which the arbitrator may be a member of the protest committee. Rule 66 will not apply to the arbitration decision.

B.5 When redress is offered and accepted at the Arbitration hearing, the protest committee or race committee may seek to have this reviewed by asking for a full hearing. When redress is offered and not accepted, or not offered at all, the boat may have her request heard before a protest committee.

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### Briefing notes

**These briefing notes are advisory only and do not constitute a notice to competitors.**

#### **Sailing Instructions**

Please read the Sailing Instructions carefully. In particular, please ensure that you have understood the courses, the start and finishing lines and the procedures for shortening course. Please do not hesitate to ask questions at the briefing. The Race Committee will apply the Sailing Instructions and the Rules as written. Please keep an attentive lookout for the signal flags that may be flown by the Committee Boat and other race committee boats at the start and at mark roundings. A new start will be signalled as soon as possible after a class has finished. The order of starts may vary between races, Please observe the class flags attentively.

Please remember that when a signal flag is flown over one or more class flags then the signal only applies to that, or those, classes. In particular the Race Officer may decide to shorten the course for only one or two classes.

The rules that govern this event are:

1. the Racing Rules of Sailing, including the Definitions, Race Signals, Introduction, preambles and relevant appendices, as well as ISAF Regulations concerning eligibility, advertising and anti-doping;
2. the class rules;
3. the prescriptions of the ISA;
4. the notice of race;
5. the sailing instructions.

**As competitors you are expected to follow and enforce the rules. A fundamental principle of sportsmanship is that when competitors break a rule they will promptly take a penalty, which may be to retire. Protests are part of the game and will be dealt with as rapidly and as amicably as possible. Arbitration will be available in appropriate cases.**

#### **Notice Board**

The Official Notice Board is a window of the Clubhouse on the balcony. Please watch the Notice Board attentively as important information regarding your regatta will be posted there. Protest hearings will be announced by Notice within 30 minutes of Protest Time Limit. The Protest Committee will not come looking for parties to any hearing.

#### **Valuables**

Competitors are asked not to leave valuables in the changing rooms. Valuables can be left in the Race Office for safekeeping.

#### **Safety**

For safety reasons please sign-in and sign-out on the sheets provided. If you do not sign out then the safety crew will not know you are on the water and will not go looking for you if you get in difficulty. The safety crew cannot stand down until all competitors are accounted for. You should sign in IMMEDIATELY upon returning to shore. Competitors have been protested and penalised for not signing out.



Wetsuits and drysuits are not adequate buoyancy, a buoyancy aid or lifejacket must be worn.

Safety crew always appreciate a helping hand when launching or recovering boats.

**Prize giving**

Prize-giving will take place in the Clubhouse as soon as possible after sailing on the last day of the event.

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