



**IRISH RUFFIAN 23 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024**  
**Dun Laoghaire Motor Yacht Club (DMYC)**  
**12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

The Irish Ruffian Association and Committee wish to thank the Commodore of Dun Laoghaire Motor Yacht Club, Race Officer, Race office personnel, on the water personnel and staff of Dun Laoghaire Motor Yacht Club.  
The Organising Authority (OA) is the Dun Laoghaire Motor Yacht Club (DMYC).

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 Part 1 of the Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply.
- 1.3 The prescriptions of Irish Sailing will apply.
- 1.4. The rules of the Ruffian 23 Class Association will apply.

**2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the Lobby of the Dun Laoghaire Motor Yacht Club and on the event WhatsApp Group – (Helms).

**3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1400 on 12<sup>th</sup> July and before 0900 on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> July, 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 yard arm of the Dun Laoghaire Motor Yacht Club. Such signals will be displayed under the Class Flag.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 4.3 When flag L is displayed ashore, it will be removed after the start of the first race to which the notice to competitors applies.

**5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

5.1 Seven races are scheduled as follows:

Date	Time of first Warning Signal	Number of Races Scheduled	Tides Dun Laoghaire
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	1555	2	LW 10:27 1.2 m. HW 16:59 3.5 m.
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	1055	3	HW 05:11 3.8 m. LW 11:15 1.4 m.
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	1055	As many races as are required to complete the series, to a maximum of 3 races.	HW 06:03 3.6 m. LW 12:06 1.5 m.

5.2 The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable.

5.3 On 14<sup>th</sup> July, no warning signal will be made after 15:30 except after a General Recall.

5.4 To achieve a minimum of 4 races, it may be necessary to hold an extra race on Saturday, or Sunday. See Clause 3, Changes to Sailing Instructions

## **6 CLASS FLAG**

Class flag will be IC flag Q.

## **7 RACING AREA**

Racing will take place in Dublin Bay.

## **8 THE COURSE**

8.1 Courses will be of the Windward-Leeward and Triangular types. The course to be sailed for each race will be signaled no later than the Warning Signal, as follows:

8.1.a) Flag O - Windward-Leeward course

8.1.b) Flag T - Triangular course

8.2 The diagrams in Addendum A & 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.

8.3 No later than the warning signal, the race committee vessel may display the approximate compass bearing and distance to the first mark.

## **9 MARKS**

9.1 Windward-Leeward Course: marks 1 & 3A & 3B may be orange inflatable buoys. Mark 2 may be a small spherical buoy. Start/Finish mark may be candy-striped.

9.2 Triangular Course: marks 1, 2 & 3 may be orange inflatable buoys. Start/Finish mark may be candy-striped.

9.3 Inner Distance Mark, if laid, may be a small spherical buoy.

## **10 THE START**

10.1 Races will be started using rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.

10.2 The starting line will be a line between a red-and-white striped pole on a race committee vessel displaying a DMYC burgee and an orange flag, and the starting mark.

10.3 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules 35 and A5.1.

10.4 When an inner distance mark is laid, approximately on the starting line, it is a starting mark that shall be left on the same side as the nearby committee boat. A boat that passes between the committee boat and the inner distance mark shall sail across an extension of the starting line to the pre-start side before starting. A boat that fails to do so will be scored Did Not Start by the race committee without a hearing, this changes rule A5.1.

10.5 When the Race Committee determines that a boat has not complied with rule 29.1 or 30 or with sailing instruction 10.4, the Race Committee may broadcast the boat's sail number on the designated VHF channel, as soon as practicable after the starting signal. Failure to transmit or receive a broadcast, the sequence of the broadcast or errors in the broadcast, shall not be grounds for a request for redress by a boat. This changes rule 62.1(a).

10.6 When rule 30.4 (Black Flag Rule) applies, and following a general recall, the Race Committee may, in addition to the requirements of Rule 30.4, broadcast sail numbers on the designated VHF channel as soon as practicable. Failure to transmit or receive a broadcast, or errors in the broadcast, shall not be grounds for a request for redress by a boat. This changes rule 62.1(a).

## **11 CHANGE OF COURSE**

11.1 Minor adjustments of mark positions will not be signaled by the Race Committee.

11.2 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

11.3 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signaling 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.

11.4 When flag F is displayed at any mark or gate, accompanied by continuous sound signals, boats, after rounding the mark or passing through the gate, shall sail to the finish line to finish. SI 11.3 will apply. This changes Race Signals.

11.5 A gate may be replaced by a single mark to be left to port.

11.6 Should Mark 2 (Windward offset mark) not be laid, boats shall sail from Mark 1 to 3a or 3b or to Finish as appropriate.

## **12 THE FINISH**

12.1 The finishing line will be between a red-and-white striped pole on a race committee vessel displaying a blue flag and the finishing mark.

12.2 When the blue flag is displayed no boat shall pass through the finishing line, in either direction, except to finish. Any boat in breach of this SI shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rule A5.1.

## **13 PENALTIES**

13.1 Rule 44.1 will apply.

## **14 TIME LIMIT**

14.1 The time limit for the first boat that starts, sails the course and finishes will be 75 minutes.

14.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat that starts, sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35 and A5.1.

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

15.1 Hearing request forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

15.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

15.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

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 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:

(a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;

(b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.

15.6 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

15.7 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply. If a party is not present at an arbitration meeting, any party that was present may take a Post-Race Penalty at any time until the Protest committee has completed taking evidence. This changes RRS T1 (a).

## **16 SCORING**

16.1 The Low Points scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.

16.2 Four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

16.3 When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boats championship score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **17 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

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

17.2 Competing boats shall keep clear of commercial shipping at all times.

## **18 REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT**

18.1 Substitution of boats, hulls or sails will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.

18.2 No boat shall use the sail number of another boat that is competing in the event.

## **19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

19.1 Boats may be checked at any time at the discretion of the Race Committee.

19.2 Each boat, with her sails and equipment, shall be available for inspection as stated in the Notice of Race.

## **20 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the prior written permission of the race committee. Any boat permitted by the race committee to be removed from the water to inspect damage and/or effect repairs shall not be scrubbed or cleaned below the waterline other than is necessary to effect repairs and must be re-launched as soon as possible.

## **21 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

## **22 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

22.1 Except in an emergency, 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.

22.2 The race committee may make broadcasts of course location and Race Signals on VHF Channel 68 (or such channel as displayed on the race committee vessel). Failure to transmit or receive such broadcasts, or errors in the broadcast, shall not be grounds for a request for redress by a boat. This changes rule 62.1 (a).

## **23 PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Gold Fleet and 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Silver Fleet. The Gold Fleet / Silver fleets will be determined by dividing the fleet in half, by reference to the final overall results (if there is an odd number of entries, the middle-placed boat will be assigned to the Gold Fleet). The Carmen trophy will be awarded to the best traveller outside of the first 3 boats in the Gold fleet. Special prizes may also be awarded.

## **24 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, 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 event. DMYC, including its officers, employees and agents, the race management team, the support boats and anyone helping to run the event shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury however caused to the owner/competitor or crew as a result of their taking part in the event.

## **25 INSURANCE**

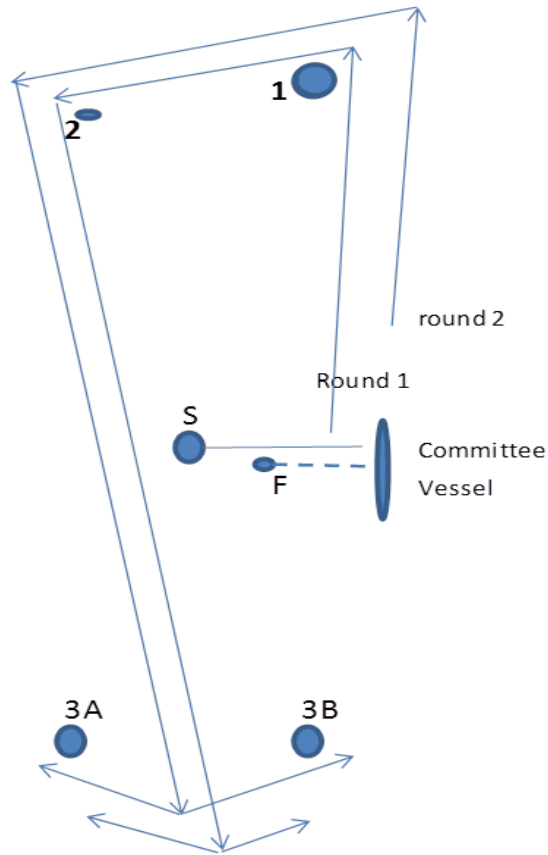
Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

## ADDENDUM A

### Course Diagram: Windward-Leeward Course (not to scale)

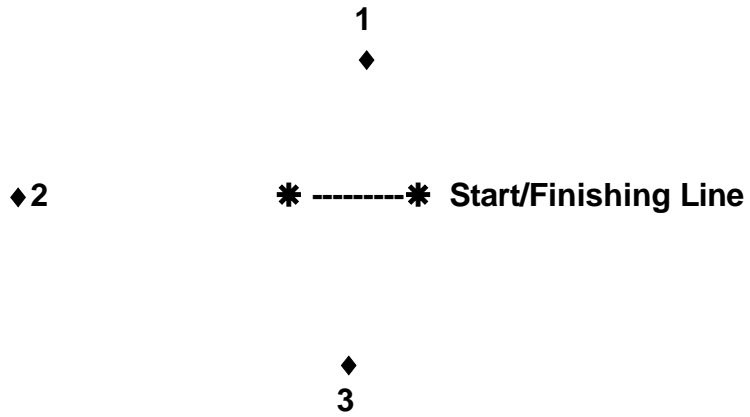
Marks shall be rounded as follows: From the Start to 1 - 2 - 3A or 3B - 1 - 2 - 3A or 3B, thence to Finish (unless shortened).

Marks 1 & 2 shall be rounded to port. Boats shall round either mark 3A to starboard or mark 3B to port.



## ADDENDUM B

Course Diagram: Triangular Course (not to scale)



**Note:** All marks shall be rounded to port.

The course will be: From the Start to 1-2-3-1-3 thence to the Finish (unless shortened)

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