

Irish Fireball Association
Ulster Championships 2010
East Down Yacht Club
Saturday 19th – Sunday 20th June 2010

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, the RYA Prescriptions, the Irish Fireball Association Rules, the Notice of Race, these Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereto.
- 1.2 Boats may be checked for compliance with the class rules at the discretion of the Race Committee or the Wayfarer Association.
- 1.3 Racing Rules: Race Signals, and Rules 1.2, 27.1, 32.2, 40, 61.3, and 63.2 will be changed as described below.

2. Notices to Competitors

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Notice Board located in the East Down Yacht Club clubhouse.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board at least 2 hours before the scheduled start of the first race of the day.
- 3.2 Changes to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1 Race Management Signals made ashore will be displayed on a mast situated at the front of the clubhouse.
- 4.2 When Race Signal AP is displayed ashore the warning signal will be not less than 30 minutes after it has been lowered. This changes Race Signal AP when displayed ashore.
- 4.3 When IC Flag "R" is flown ashore no boat shall go afloat. The warning signal for the next race will be made not less than 30 minutes after ICF "R" is lowered.

5. Schedule of Races

- 5.1 Six races are programmed.
- 5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on 19th June is 12:00
- 5.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on 20th June is 11:00
- 5.4 The warning signal for all subsequent races will be made as soon as practicable after the completion of the preceding race.
- 5.5 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 14:00.

6. Class Flag

- 6.1 The class flag will be Code Flag F

7. Racing Area

- 7.1 Racing will take place in the vicinity of East Down Yacht Club.

8. The Courses

- 8.1 The diagrams at the end of the SI's shows the course and the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9. Marks

- 9.1 Marks, other than starting and finishing marks, will be yellow spherical.
- 9.2 The starting mark will be yellow tubular. The finishing mark will be yellow tubular.

10. The Start

- 10.1 The starting line will be between the staff displaying red and white stripes on the committee boat at the starboard end and the starting mark as described in SI 9.2.
- 10.2 Boats, marks or other items attached to the committee boat are deemed to be part of the committee boat and are not temporary attachments.
- 10.3 In the case of a General Recall, the offending class will start AFTER the next fleet, if applicable.

11. Shortening Course

- 11.1 The finish will be between a staff displaying red and white stripes and the adjacent mark. (This changes 32.2)

12. The Finish

12.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying red and white stripes on the finish boat and the finishing mark as described in SI 9.2.

13. Time Limit

13.1 There shall be a time limit on each race of 1 hour for the first boat. Any boat not finishing within 20 minutes after the first boat shall be scored DNF. After the first boat has finished, the Race Officer may offer a finishing position to the boat that is in last place. The position offered will be the number of boats ahead of it (both finished and still racing) +1. A boat is not obliged to accept such an offer unless it is the last boat still racing. The Race Officer is not obliged to make such an offer. A boat accepting the place offered shall immediately cease racing. The Race Officer may repeat the offer to the next boat. This may be conveyed support boat personnel. This amends the definition of 'Finish' and changes RRS 35.

13.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within 45 mins, the race will be abandoned.

14. Retirements

14.1 A boat that retires from a race should make every effort to inform the Race Officer via the Committee, Mark or Safety boats. On returning to shore the Beachmaster must be informed.

15. Protests

15.1 Protests shall be written on forms available at the Race Office and delivered there within the Protest Time Limit which will end one hour after the time the last boat finishes the last race of the day. This changes Rule 61.3.

15.2 Protest notices will be posted on the official notice board within 30 minutes of the expiry of the Protest Time Limit to inform the interested parties where and when the hearings will take place. This changes Rule 63.2.

15.3 Such notices shall be notification of the time and place of a hearing required under RRS 63.2.

15.4 For the purpose of rule 64.3(b) the 'authority responsible' is the measurer appointed by the organizing authority.

15.5 Penalties for breaches of instructions 14, 18 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:

- within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
- no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes rule 66.

15.7 Protester should notify the Committee boat of their intention to protest *before* going ashore.

16. Scoring

16.1 The Low Point Scoring System shall apply.

16.2 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

16.3 When fewer than 4 races are sailed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

16.4 When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17. Personal Buoyancy

17.1 Adequate personal buoyancy to a minimum of 50 Newtons shall be worn at all times when afloat. This changes Race Signals "Y" and Rules 1.2, 27.1 and 40.

17.2 Neither a wet suit nor a dry suit alone shall constitute adequate personal buoyancy.

18. Tallies

18.1 A tally system will be in operation. All boats shall tally on before going afloat to race, and tally off within 1 hour of the last boat to finish the last race of the day.

18.2 Boats failing to tally correctly will be subject to protest by the race committee except that on the first instance a boat may exonerate herself by donating £5 to the RNLI.

19. Disclaimer

19.1 Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4 "Decision to Race". East Down Yacht Club, the race committee, their servants and agents 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.

20. Insurance

20.1 Each boat shall have third-party insurance cover of at least £1,000,000 or equivalent in Euro.

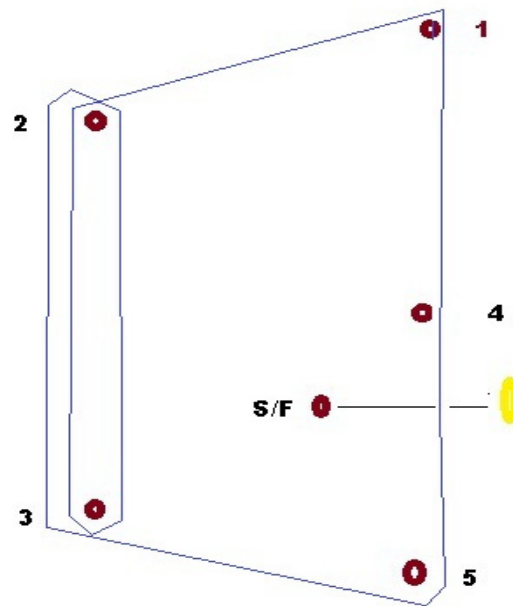
21. Prizes

21.1 Prizes will be awarded as detailed in the Notice of Race.

22. East Down Yacht Club membership

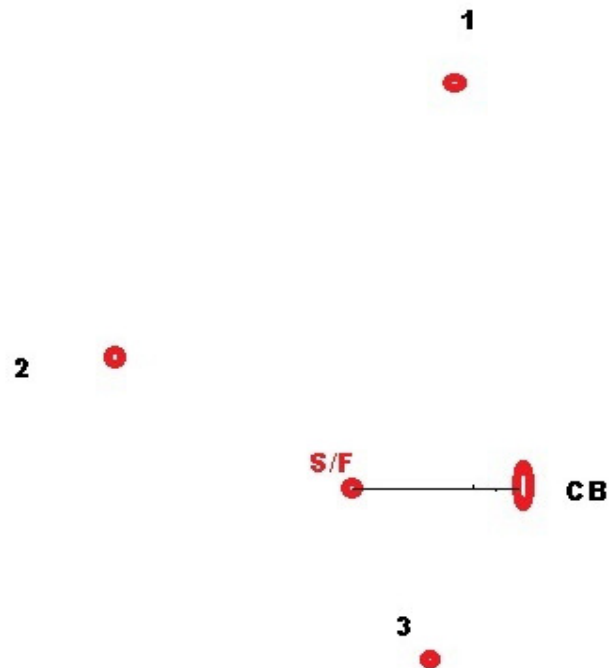
22.1 All competitors, members of the Race Committee and the safety boat crew are deemed to be members of East Down Yacht Club for the duration of the Championship. As such, they are expected to observe the rules of the Club.

Course 1: Trapezoidal; Code Flag T



Fireball Course: 1-2-3-2-3-5-F

Course 2: Olympic; Code flag O



Course: 1-2-3*-1-3*-1-2-3-F

*Boats must go through the start/finish line on windward leg.