



Kinsale Christmas Regatta

Kinsale Yacht Club
December 8th and 9th 2018



Sailing Instructions – Optimist, Topper and Mixed Dinghies

1. RULES

1.1. The races will be governed by the current International Sailing Federation Racing Rules of sailing (RRS), the Prescriptions of the Irish Sailing, Class Rules, and these Sailing Instructions.

2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1. Entry is open to all competitors' subject to class age rules and as defined in the Notice of Race.

2.2. Competitors are reminded that no individual or body involved in the organization of this event accepts any liability for injury or damage. Each competitor's boat must be covered by a policy of Third-Party Indemnity Insurance of not less than €1,500 000. Entries are accepted on the basis that in no circumstances will any liability for injury to person(s) or property attach to the Officers, Trustees, Committee, or members of Kinsale Yacht Club.

3. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

3.1. Notices for competitors shall be posted in the Dinghy Center Office Window

4. CHANGE TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1. Any changes to these sailing instructions will be issued by the Race Committee in writing and shall apply to races subsequent to the time of their issue.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1. Races shall be sailed on December 8th and 9th 2018

5.2. The starting time for the first race will be 12.00pm on Saturday and 11.00am on Sunday.

5.3. It is intended to sail up to 8 races over the two days

5.4. The PRO may sail a maximum of four races on any one day.

6. MARKS and RACE AREA

6.1. The Race Officer shall determine the race area.

6.2. Marks shall be Kinsale club marks.

7. THE COURSE

7.1 The courses are shown on page 3. The diagram is representative of the approximate angles between the legs and shows the order in which the marks are to be passed.

7.2 All marks should be rounded to port.

7.3. Should the Race Officer decide to shorten the Mixed Dinghy course, flag 'F' will be displayed at mark 4, and be accompanied by a sound signal, should this happen, competitors should go to the finish after rounding mark 4.

8. STARTS

8.1. Races will be started using Rule 26.

SIGNAL	FLAG & SOUND	MINUTES BEFORE START
Warning	Class Flag	5
Preparatory	P, U or Black Flag	4
One-minute	Preparatory Flag Removed	1
Start	Class Flag removed	0

8.2. The Optimist Class will have the first start for each race.

8.3. The Topper class, will start as soon as possible after the Optimist start.

8.4. The Mixed Dinghies (including Lasers), will start together, as soon as possible after the Topper start.

8.5. The Mixed Dinghies class flag will be the Laser class flag.

8.6. A boat shall not start later than 4 (four) minutes after her starting signal. Failing to do so shall result in the boat scoring DNS.

8.7. The starting line shall be between a red/white pole on the Committee Boat and the outer distance mark.

9. FINISH

- 9.1. The finishing line shall be a line between a red and white pole on the Committee Boat displaying a blue flag and a finishing mark, the start line maybe used as the finish line.
- 9.2. In addition to rule 32, the race committee may also award a finishing score to a boat is still racing by displaying to her from a committee vessel (which may be in motion) flag W with one sound signal. A boat so notified is no longer required to sail the course, shall stop racing, and shall return to the starting area, or return ashore if there is no more racing. A finishing score under this sailing instruction will be the score she would have received had she sailed the course and finished within any time limit, without gaining or losing any place. However, when two or more boats that are overlapped are notified, they will be scored as if they were tied. The decision by the race committee to use this procedure or not to use it shall not be grounds for requesting redress. This changes rules 60.1(b) and 62.1(a).

10. PENALTIES

- 10.1. RRS Appendix P will apply.

11. TIME LIMITS

- 11.1. Target time for a race is 30 minutes but time limits shall be 20 minutes to complete the first leg and 60 minutes for the leading boat to complete the course. Not reaching the target time cannot be ground for redress.
- 11.2. Any boat not finishing within 15 minutes of the lead boat shall be scored DNF unless 9.2 is in operation.

12. SCORING

- 12.1. The Low Points scoring system of RRS Appendix A applies,
- 12.2. On completing the 4th race, 1 discard shall apply.
- 12.3. One race shall constitute a series.
- 12.4. On completion of the first days racing, the Optimist fleet shall be split into Gold and Silver Fleets based on the latest rankings available at 6pm on that day, regardless of protests or requests for redress not yet decided.
- 12.5. The final-series fleets (Gold and Silver) will have, as nearly as possible, equal size but so that the Silver fleet is not larger than the Gold fleet.
- 12.6. Mixed dinghies (Laser, 420) will be scored together under the PY handicap system.
- 12.7. Fleets stood down by the organizing committee will score average points for races they are not able to sail, excluding allowable discards.

13. SAFETY

- 13.1. No boat shall launch until the Beachmaster gives permission.
- 13.2. Adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn when afloat.
- 13.3. Any boat that retires shall report to and take instructions from a rescue boat.
- 13.4. Rescue boats have the right of way over all competitors.
- 13.5. If a situation of SERIOUS SAFETY CONCERN develops at any time while boats are afloat, the Race Officer may indicate a "FULL SAFETY ALERT", by (1) Radio Call (2) By Hoisting Code Flag "N" on the Committee Boat, accompanied by continuous sound signals. All boats attached to the event: Rescue, Mark Laying, Coach, Support, Spectator, and any other boats shall immediately assist in safety/rescue operations.
- 13.6. Race management may decide to only sail gold fleet senior and/or gold fleet junior sailors (per current IODAI national rankings) in adverse weather conditions. Such a decision may not be appealed.

14. PROTESTS

- 14.1. Protests shall be written on forms available at the race office and delivered within 1 hour after the last boat's finish.
- 14.2. Sailors shall notify the Finishing Boat of their intention to protest on completion of the race.

14.3. Arbitration

As an alternative to a full protest hearing an Arbitration system shall be used. Such Arbitration shall replace the protest hearing required under Rule 63. In this system the Arbitration decision is final. The Arbitrator shall decide if the protest is valid and whether to refer the protest to a full hearing. All parties shall have the opportunity of stating their case. The Arbitrator shall have total discretion as to whether any witness be called. At any time during the hearing he may terminate the Arbitration and refer the incident to a full hearing by the Protest Committee. Otherwise, at the conclusion of the Arbitration he will reach a decision. Any party found by the Arbitrator to have infringed a rule shall not be disqualified but shall incur a 20% scoring penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). No penalty shall result in a score that would exceed that of a disqualification.

15. SUPPORT BOATS

- 15.1. Support or spectator boats shall not be in the race area during the period after the Committee Boat raises a preparatory flag for the starting sequence and ending after the finish of the last boat.
- 15.2. Support or spectator boats shall not assist competitors during normal racing conditions.

16. INSURANCE

- 16.1. Competitors participate in the event 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 event.
- 16.2. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €1,500,000 per event or the equivalent.

Course Diagram