Simply Blue Group
Sovereign's Cup

incorporating the

1720 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

21st to 24th June 2023

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority (OA) is Kinsale Yacht Club. The regatta will be sailed from Kinsale Yacht Club from Wednesday 21st to Saturday 24th June 2023.

2. RULES

Racing will be governed by the 'Rules' as defined in:

- The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
- Irish Sailing Prescriptions
- 1720 Class Rules. As per "1720 Sportsboat Class Rules", approved 1st January 2022. As listed on 1720sportsboat.org. Class Rule C.2.4 Sail Limitations due to Wind Speed will apply.

2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

2.2 Bowsprits, the following rules shall apply:

Bowsprits shall not be extended on an upwind leg. An upwind leg is a leg on which spinnakers cannot be set. The upwind leg starts 5 boat lengths after rounding the mark at the beginning of the leg and finishes at Mark 1 when the stern of the boat crosses the extension of an imaginary line drawn through Mark 2s and Mark 1, after rounding Mark 1. For the purposes of this SI the leg between Mark 1 and Mark 1a is NOT an upwind leg. (This means that bowsprits can be extended but boats cannot claim an overlap with a bowsprit if they could not fly a spinnaker on that leg.) For the purposes of RRS 18 when it is possible to set a spinnaker the normal position of the bowsprit is extended. When it is not possible to set a spinnaker the normal position of the bowsprit is retracted.

2.3 The penalty for infringing this SI shall be a one turn penalty, or a minimum or five points if on the water penalty is not taken.

2.4 All boats will be required to display bow numbers as provided by 1720 Class.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board which is online at the following link: The Simply Blue Group Sovereign's Cup - Kinsale Yacht Club (kyc.ie)

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCIONS OR SCHEDULE

Any alterations to the SIs will be posted not later than two hours prior to the scheduled start of the first race on the day it will take effect except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 21:00 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main club flag mast.

5.1 After a postponement has been signalled the Warning Signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after the signal is lowered (changes Race Signals).

6. SCHEDULE

Eleven races are scheduled.

Tues 20th June		17:00 – 20:00 Registration & Crew Weighing
Wed 21st June	3 Races	09:00 – 10:00 Registration & Crew Weighing 1st Warning Signal 11.55 hrs followed by two races
Thurs 22nd June	3 Races	1st Warning Signal 10:55 hrs followed by two races
Fri 23rd June	3 Races	1st Warning Signal 10:55 hrs followed by two races
Sat 24th June	2 Races	1st Warning Signal 10:55 hrs followed by one race

6.1 To signal that another race will be sailed the Race Committee will display Flag 'E' at the finish of the last scheduled race of the day. This SI amends RRS 'Race Signals'.

6.2 No Warning Signal will be made after 15:00 hrs Saturday 24th June, except for postponements, general recalls and abandonment of a race for which the first warning signal was made before 15:00 hrs.

7. CLASS FLAGS

The 1720 class flag will be used for this event.

8. RACING AREA

Racing will be in waters between the Sovereign Islands to the east and the Old Head of Kinsale to the west.

9. THE COURSE

The diagram in attachment 1 shows the course, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9.1 In the event that there is only one leeward mark set instead of leeward gate 2(p)/2(s) the mark shall be rounded to port.

10. MARKS

Marks 1a, 2s & 2p will be orange tetrahedrons.

11. THE START

The starting line shall be between a red and white pole on the Committee vessel, Moody Blue (A 54ft Moody) at the starboard end and a dan buoy as the ODM.

11.1 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS App4 and App5

12. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

To change the next leg of a course the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as possible. When in a subsequent

change a new mark will be replaced by an original mark. Minor changes will be made by moving the original marks and will not be signaled. This changes RRS 33.

12.1 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the Race Committee vessel signaling the change to the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the Race Committee vessel to starboard. This changes RRS 28.

13. SHORTENING COURSE

If at mark 2 or at the gate a Race Committee vessel displays Flag "F" and makes repeated sound signals, boats shall leave the mark on the required side and then sail directly to the Finish. SI 12.2 shall apply.

14. THE FINISH

The Finishing Line shall be between a red and white pole on a Committee vessel and a buoy on the starboard side of the Committee vessel.

15. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 90 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes of the first boat to sail the course and finish will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

16. COMMUNICATION

Competitors are advised to carry a VHF and listen for any communication on **Channel 71.**

17. PENALTY SYSTEM

The penalty for breaking a Rule of Part 2 of the RRS shall be a One-Turn Penalty except for infringements of rule 18.3. Infringements of rule 18.3 shall remain a Two-Turn Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1.

17.1 For infringements of the Class Rules the Protest Committee may impose penalties other than disqualification.

17.2 There may be on the water Jury. They may signal a breach of the bowsprit rule, or another rule, to a competitor. Presence or absence of any Jury is not grounds for redress or breach of rules. The racing remains self-policing.

18. PROTESTS

Protests, Requests for Redress or Scoring Queries shall be lodged online at:
The Simply Blue Group Sovereign's Cup - Kinsale Yacht Club (kyc.ie)

18.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the finishing time of the last boat in the last race of the day. RRS Appendix T 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).

18.2 Notices will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or names as witnesses. Notices of protests by the Race Committee, Technical Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b)

18.3 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 RRS 62.2.

19. SCORING

Eleven races are scheduled; three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

19.1 When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.

19.2 When six or more races have been completed, one discard shall be applied.

20. CREW & WEIGHT LIMITS

The weighing scales provided by the OA shall be used for all competitors. The scales used are deemed to be accurate and, in amendment of RRS 62.1, no redress will be granted in respect of this.

20.1 Weight limits shall apply: 1720 Class – 450kg

21. EQUIPMENT & MEASUREMENT CHECKS

Boats may be inspected at any time during the event. On the water, a boat may be instructed by a member of the Race Committee or Technical Committee to proceed to a designated area for inspection.

22. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

23. PRIZES

The Prize Giving Ceremony will take place after sailing on Saturday 24th June.
Prizes will be awarded to at least the boats placed 1st to 5th overall.
Perpetual prizes remain the property of the 1720 Class.

24. TIDES

Tidal times are as follows:

Wed 21st June	Thurs 22nd June	Fri 23rd June	Sat 24th June
HW 08.19	HW 08.57	HW 09.36	HW 10.19
LW 14.41	LW 15.18	LW 15.57	LW 16.40

25. RISK STATEMENT

Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states:
"The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone"

25.1 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

(a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event.

(b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat, and their other property whether afloat or ashore.

(c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions and omissions.

(d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.

(e) provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the OA does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
(f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
(g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

26. INSURANCE

It is the duty of each boat owner to have their boat adequately insured against the risk, including civil responsibility to third parties and to ensure that it remains valid for the entirety of the regatta.

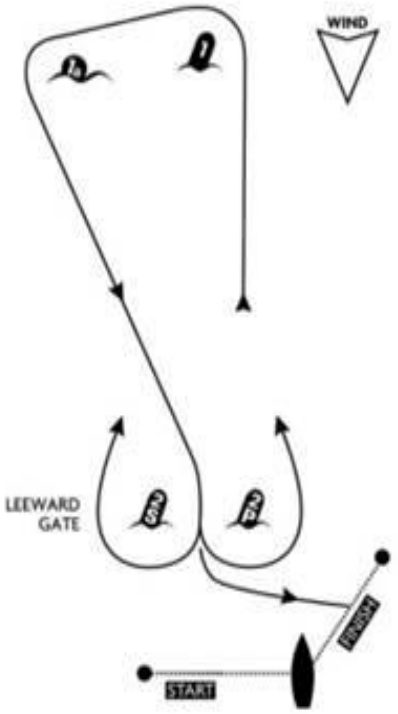
27. COMPETITOR INFORMATION

Competitors shall be deemed Honorary Members of Kinsale Yacht Club for the duration of the Event.

27.1 Media waiver: Competitors give their consent to Kinsale Yacht Club, its sponsors, and the OA to use their name, comments, photographs and likeness to promote the 1720 European Championships and any subsequent events.

Attachment 1 – Course Diagram

OD6 COURSE DIAGRAM



Two Rounds:
1 PT, 1a PT, 2S/2P Gate,
1 PT, 1a PT, 2P PT,
Finish

Three Rounds:
1 PT, 1a PT, 2S/2P Gate,
1 PT, 1a PT, 2S/2P Gate,
1 PT, 1a PT, 2P PT,
Finish