Wednesday 21st - Saturday 24th June 2023

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
IRC, ECHO and WS Divisions

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

SECTION 1: GENERAL

1.0 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- The Organising Authority of the Sovereign's Cup is Kinsale Yacht Club. The regatta will be sailed from Kinsale Yacht Club from Wednesday 21st to Saturday 24th June 2023.
- Regatta headquarters will be located on the ground floor of Kinsale Yacht Club. The regatta's official notice board (ONB) will be online on the Event website https://www.kyc.ie/sovereigns-cup/ and will be the primary ONB for the event and as backup physically situated on the window outside the Race Office on the ground floor of the club house. In the event of the online ONB being unavailable the backup will become the primary ONB.
- All competitors will be honorary members of Kinsale Yacht Club for the duration of the event.

1.1 RULES AND ELIGIBILITY

- The regatta is governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing, prescriptions of Irish Sailing, the IRC Rating Rule 2023, the IS ECHO Rules, and the IS Progressive ECHO performance handicap system, non-spinnaker class rules (available at registration), class association rules where applicable, the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions and any changes thereto. In the event of a conflict, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This amends RRS 63.7.
- IRC crew limits shall not apply
- Boats shall not race with their anchor projecting over the bow.
- Competitors may be required to display a sponsor's decal on their bow, no further aft than 1.5 meters from the stem of their boat, or fly a pennant off their backstay, no lower than 1.5 meters above deck level.
- The Organising Authority under the auspices of Irish Sailing is the designated ECHO rating authority for this event.

1.2 REGISTRATION

Competitors shall register between:

- 1200hrs and 2000hrs on Tuesday 20th June
- 0830hrs and 1000hrs on Wednesday 21st June.

- Competitors in the IRC divisions shall have valid IRC certificates. Irish boats shall have valid ECHO certificates.
- The validity date for IRC certificates shall be on or before 20th June 2023. The Organising Authority may, in exceptional circumstances, accept a later validity date. No changes to IRC Certificates will be accepted after the commencement of the 1st Race.
- The official briefing will take place in the Dinghy Park of Kinsale Yacht Club at 1800 on Tuesday 20th June 2023.

1.3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Webpage Notice section and may also be posted on the notice board located in the window of the Race Office and by WhatsApp message to the Simply Blue Sovs WhatsApp group.

1.4 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- Any change to the sailing instructions or race schedule will be posted before 1000 hrs on 21st June and before 0930 hrs on the remaining days of the regatta.

1.5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- Signals made ashore will be displayed off the main club flag mast, with notices posted on the official notice board.
- When the AP flag is displayed ashore,"1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in the race signal AP.

1.6 DIVISIONS

- Entrants will be divided into divisions which will not be finalised until after the closing date for entries. The composition of the divisions will be determined at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority paying due regard for the need for a reasonable number of boats in each division along with the requirement to have as close a spread of TCC's as possible in each division.

Divisions	Division Flag
Divisions 1 & 2 & 3	International Code Numeral 1 & 2 & 3
Coastal Division	International Code Numeral 5
Non-Spinnaker Divisions 1 & 2 (Both IRC & Echo)	White Sail pennant and relevant International Code Numeral 1 or 2

- The breakdown of divisions will be published on the official notice board on the web site at https://www.kyc.ie/sovereigns-cup/ on or before Tuesday 20th June. In the interests of fair sailing, the Organising Authority reserves the right to allocate any boat to any division.
- Boats shall clearly display their designated Division flags from their stern at all times whilst racing.
- Boats shall show their correct sail number. RRS 77 will not apply. Permission to race under another sail number must be sought in writing from the Race Committee before commencement of the race concerned.
- For the purposes of the allocation of individual race areas, divisions will be divided into the following fleets for the duration of the regatta:

Divisions	Fleet Designation
Divisions 1 & 2	Red Fleet
Coastal	Blue Fleet
All Non-Spinnaker Divisions	White Fleet
Division 3	Green Fleet

- The order of starts for the divisions within each fleet will be as follows:

Fleet	Starting Order
Red Fleet	1st Start: Division 1 2nd Start: Division 2
Blue Fleet	1st Start: Coastal
White Fleet	1st Start: Non-Spinnaker 1 2nd Start: Non-Spinnaker 2
Green Fleet	1st Start: Division 3

- The Race Officer may change the order of and/ or combine starts at his discretion.
- The starting sequence for successive Division/Fleet starts will commence as soon as possible after the preceding start.

1.7 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Date of Racing	Fleet	Approx. Race Start Area	Course	VHF	First Gun
Wednesday 21st June	Blue Fleet	Just south of Bulman Buoy	Coastal x 1	**69**	**1125**
	Red Fleet	1.5 nmiles SE of Bulman Buoy	RTC's x 2*	**72**	**1155**
	Green Fleet	Just south of Bulman Buoy	W/L and/or RTC's x 2	**69**	**1155**
	White Fleet	In Kinsale Harbour between Charles Fort & Bulman Buoy	RTC's x 1	**68**	**1155**
Thursday 22nd June	Blue Fleet	Just south of Bulman Buoy	Coastal x 1	**69**	**1125**
	Red Fleet	1.5 nmiles SE of Bulman Buoy	W/L x 2*	**72**	**1155**
	Green Fleet	Just south of Bulman Buoy	W/L and/or RTC's x 2	**69**	**1155**
	White Fleet	In Kinsale Harbour between Charles Fort & Bulman Buoy	RTC's x 1	**68**	**1155**
Friday 23rd June	Blue Fleet	Just south of Bulman Buoy	Coastal x 1	**69**	**1125**
	Red Fleet	1.5 nmiles SE of Bulman Buoy	RTC's x 2*	**72**	**1155**
	Green Fleet	Just south of Bulman Buoy	WIL and/or RTC's x 2	**69**	**1155**
	White Fleet	In Kinsale Harbour between Charles Fort & Bulman Buoy	RTC's x 1	**68**	**1155**
Saturday 24th June	Blue Fleet	Just south of Bulman Buoy	Coastal x 1	**69**	**1125**
	Red Fleet	1.5 nmiles SE of Bulman Buoy	W/L x 2*	**72**	**1155**
	Green Fleet	Just south of Bulman Buoy	W/L and/or RTC's x 2	**69**	**1155**
	White Fleet	In Kinsale Harbour between Charles Fort & Bulman Buoy	RTC's x 1	**68**	**1155**

** Indicates the RO may change from RTC courses to W/L or from W/L to RTC courses for the Red Fleet, this will be announced from the Committee Boat on VHF Channel 72"*

Notes: **W/L** = Windward Leeward Course. **RTC**= Round the Cans Course

- The decision to sail more than the scheduled number of races per day lies at the discretion of the Race Officer. If International Code Flag "E" is displayed at the finish of the last scheduled race of the day, this indicates there will be an extra race sailed that day.
- On the last day of the regatta, no warning signal will be made after 1500.

1.8 PENALTIES

- RRS 44 will not apply. **A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 of the RRS or RRS 31 (Touching a Mark) while racing may take a scoring penalty of 1-point** for that race unless she gained a significant advantage in the race or caused serious damage to another boat whilst racing, in which case she shall retire. When in the same incident a boat has broken a rule of Part 2 and touched a mark, she need take only one penalty.
- **A boat taking a scoring penalty of 1-point under this section shall:**
  - DISPLAY a code flag Q (yellow flag) from the first reasonable opportunity after the incident continuously until 5 minutes after finishing.
  - Draw ATTENTION to the flag as she is finishing.

- REPORT her acknowledgement online and identify the nature of the infringement (boat infringed against and/or mark touched etc) to the Protest Committee by the expiry of the protest time limit. The report shall be on a specific form available online on the Event website at The Simply Blue Group Sovereign's Cup - Kinsale Yacht Club (kyc.ie)

- When a boat is taking more than one 1-point scoring penalty in an individual race the sum of the penalties being taken will apply as one scoring penalty (for example a boat taking two 1-point scoring penalties in an individual race shall have one 2-point scoring penalty applied).
- When one boat in a protest has not already accepted a penalty in accordance with the section above and **acknowledges prior to hearing** an infringement of a rule of Part 2 of the RRS or RRS 31, **she shall receive a scoring penalty of 2-points or 3 points.** This penalty shall be 2 points for boats in all divisions with the exception of the Coastal and Division 1 divisions where this scoring penalty shall be 3 points.
- The race score for a boat that takes a scoring penalty shall be the score she would have received without the penalty made worse by the number of points stated in the scoring penalty. The scores of other boats shall not be changed; therefore 2 boats may receive the same score. However, the penalty shall not cause the boats score to be worse than the score for 'Did not finish'.
- A boat that accepts a scoring penalty may protest with respect to the same incident, but her penalty will not be affected.
- A boat that takes a scoring penalty shall not be penalised further with respect to the same incident unless she failed to retire when required to do so.
- The level of penalties (other than time penalties specifically defined in these sailing instructions) for infringements of the rules shall be at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may be disqualification, a time or scoring penalty or no penalty. This changes RRS 64.2.

1.9 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- Protest forms will be available on-line at https://www.kyc.ie/sovereigns-cup/ .. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be submitted within the appropriate time limit.
- For each Division, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat in their Division has finished the last race of the day.
- 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. Parties will be informed by text and/or WhatsApp/email and must supply mobile number, back up number and email address with the protest. Competitors' attention is drawn to RRS 61.1 (a) and the obligations of the protesting boat. Parties with special requirements should notify the Race Office at registration or before racing so they can be accommodated if possible.
- Hearings will be held in a protest room, located in the club house and the representative of each party have the right to be present. With the agreement of all parties, protests may be heard before the scheduled hearing.
- Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted online to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 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.
- Arbitration may be offered by the Protest Committee under Appendix T

1.10 SCORING

- The Low Points System of Appendix A4 of the RRS shall apply.
- Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- For divisions 1, 2 and 3, when five or more races have been completed, a boats series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- For the Coastal and Non-Spinnaker 1 & 2 divisions when four races have been completed, a boats series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

1.11 TIME LIMITS

- The time limit for the Windward Leeward and Round the Cans Spinnaker courses for the Red & Green Fleets, shall be 30 minutes after the second boat of its division finishes; otherwise, boats shall be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rule 35 and A4 and A5.
- The time limit for the White Sail divisions shall be sixty (60) minutes after the first boat finishes in their division.
- Coastal courses for the Blue Fleet will have a time limit of 5.5hrs each day.

1.12 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- The regatta is a World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 4 event (see www.sailing.org for further details) excluding paragraphs 4.07, 4.17, 4.18 and 4.26.
- Non-compliance with these Offshore Special Regulations shall not be grounds for inter-boat protests.
- Skippers are advised to take note of all local navigational hazards, in particular the Bulman Rock and the unmarked Farmers Rock, both located in the vicinity of the entrance to Kinsale Harbour.
- Competitors are strongly advised to ensure they have a large-scale Admiralty Chart covering the race area between Power Head to the East and Seven Heads to the West. Skippers should familiarise themselves with all navigational hazards in the race area.
- All boats equipped with AIS should keep it turned on at all times.

1.13 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- A boat or its equipment may be inspected by a regatta inspection team at any time for compliance with the sailing instructions. Failure to comply will result in disqualification from the day's racing. This changes A5.

1.14 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- [DP] Except in an emergency, competitors shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all competing boats.
- Racecourse VHF channels are as follows:

COURSE	VHF CHANNEL
Non-Spinnaker	68
Coastal & Division 3 W/L/RTC's	69
Division 1 & 2 W/L/RTC's	72

- All Committee Boats may display the relevant VHF channel on which it is transmitting race management information. Should a VHF channel become inoperable, the relevant Committee Boat will display International Code Flag 'R', accompanied by five short sound signals, and will then display an alternative VHF channel which will be used by that Committee Boat only for race management information.

1.15 PRIZES

- The overall prize-giving will take place at approx. 1830hrs on Saturday 24th June.

Overall Trophies

- The **Sovereign's Cup** will be awarded to the boat that, in the opinion of the Regatta Committee, has given the best performance in one design or IRC of all competitors at the event.
- The **Portcullis Trophy** will be awarded to the boat that, in the opinion of the Regatta Committee, has given the best performance under ECHO of all competitors at the event.
- The **Meridian Armillary Trophy** will be awarded to the 1st boat in IRC Coastal Division.
- The **Non-Spinnaker Trophy** will be awarded to the boat that, in the opinion of the Regatta Committee, has given the best performance in the non-Spinnaker divisions.
- The **Michelle Dunne Prix D'Elegance** shall be awarded to the boat and her crew that, in the opinion of the Regatta Committee, is considered to be the most elegant boat.
- The **Jack Roy Perpetual Trophy** shall be awarded, in the opinion of the Regatta Committee, to the best performing Lady Helm.
- Additional special prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the regatta committee.

1.17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- Kinsale Yacht Club, its members, employees and agents thereof, volunteers, race officials, and all the sponsors are providing this series of races only on the understanding that they bear no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury or inconvenience to the yachts or persons however arising, directly or indirectly by any accident or wrongful negligent act, default or omission of any member or any other person during the Sovereign's Cup 2023 and any other related activity. Owners shall acknowledge their responsibilities on the official entry form and draw the attention of their crew to this disclaimer before the start of any race.
- Decision to race: the responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone. RRS Fundamental Rule 4.
- The Organising Authority and regatta sponsors do not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

1.18 INSURANCE

- It is the duty of each boat owner to have his boat adequately insured against any risk, including civil responsibility to third parties and to ensure that such insurance remains valid for the entirety of the Sovereign's Cup 2023.

1.19 DATA PROTECTION

- Kinsale Yacht Club has determined it has a legitimate interest to process your personal data for the purposes of the promotion, management and reporting of the Sovereigns Cup. Kinsale Yacht Clubs privacy policy provides further details of how your personal data is processed, see https://www.kyc.ie/contentfiles/actual%20privacy%20policy%201.2.pdf Should you require any additional information on how Kinsale Yacht Club processes your personal data, opt out or wish to lodge a complaint relating to how the club processes your personal data, please contact info@kyc.ie

SECTION 2: WINDWARD/LEEWARD COURSE – RED FLEET

Race Officer	Richard Leonard
Committee Boat	"Earendil" A 42ft West Sail
VHF Channel	72

2.1 STARTING AREA

- The starting area will be approximately 1.5 nm southeast of the Bulman Buoy.
- The exact position may be communicated by the Race Officer on the relevant VHF channel when on station.

2.2 STARTING LINE

- The starting line will be between the red and white pole on the Committee Boat at the starboard end and an Outer Distance Mark (ODM) dhan buoy or the flag on a RIB at the port end of the line. An Inner Distance Mark (IDM) may be laid. Boats shall not pass between the inner distance mark and the committee boat when starting.

2.3 STARTING SIGNALS

- Starts shall be in accordance with RRS 26. Successive starts will take place as soon as possible after the preceding starts.
- The race committee will attempt to broadcast Individual Recall (OCS) sail numbers no earlier than one minute after the starting signal, on the course VHF Channel. Failure to make a broadcast or the order in which numbers are broadcast will not be grounds for redress. This changes Rule 62.1(a) (redress)

2.4 COURSE CONFIGURATION

- **Windward/Leeward: See Diagram overleaf.**
  Boats should round marks in the following order with all rounding marks to **PORT** except when sailing through the gate.

    - **2 Rounds:** Start 1 - 2 – 3S or 3P - 1 - 2 – 3S or 3P - Proceed to finish.
    - **3 Rounds:** Start 1- 2 – 3S or 3P - 1 - 2 – 3S or 3P - 1 - 2 – 3S or 3P - Proceed to finish.

- Note, mark 2 may not be laid. If not laid, omit from course description.
- The number of rounds to be raced will be displayed on a Board on the Committee Boat before the Preparatory Signal.
- If for any reason, there is only a single Leeward Mark it will be taken as 3p and rounded to Port
- The Committee Boat may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

2.5 IDENTIFICATION OF MARKS

- Course turning marks may be large yellow inflatable marks. The spreader mark may be a pink or red buoy.

2.6 CHANGE OF COURSE

- When a change of course is required the Race Officer will relocate the mark(s). Minor adjustment to the configuration of the course will not be signalled. This changes RRS 33.
- A significant change of course will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in the new position.
- After rounding the changed mark, any further mark to be rounded on the course may be relocated without further signalling.

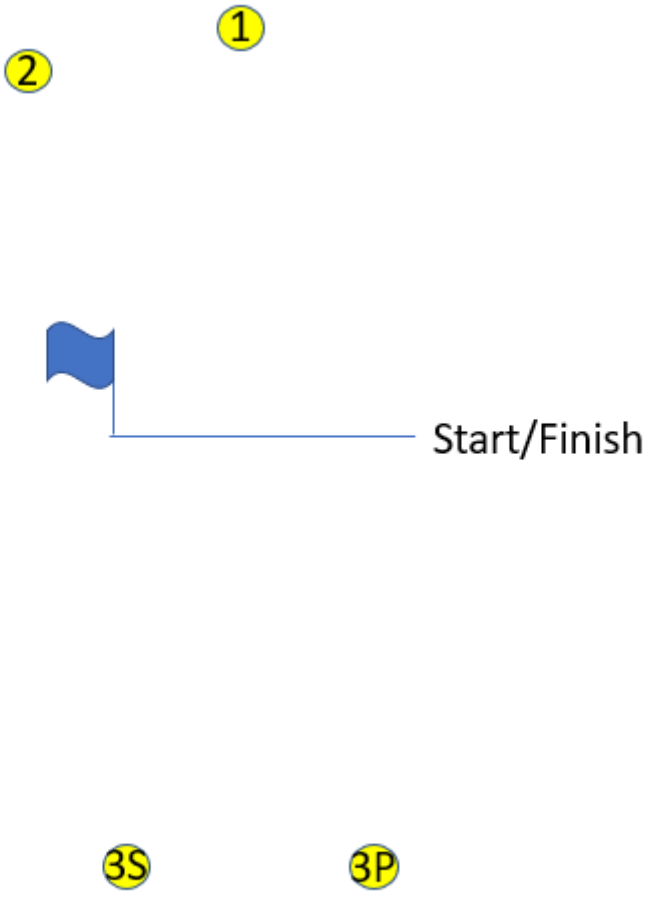
2.7 SHORTEN COURSE (At the position of the starting/finishing line)

- If the race is to be shortened at the position of the starting/finishing line, a signal boat will position itself at the preceding mark and display Flag F with repetitive sound signals.
- Having rounded the preceding mark, boats shall proceed directly to the finishing line and cross the finishing line from the course side. This is in addition to RRS 32.2.
- At the new finishing line, the Race Committee will not signal a shortened course. This amends RRS 32.2.

2.8 FINISHING LINE

- The finishing line will be between the red and white pole on the finishing vessel displaying a blue flag and a finishing mark which may be a dhan buoy or a turning mark.
- Unless finishing, boats may not pass through the starting/finishing line when a blue flag is flying on the Committee Boat.

2.9 COURSE DIAGRAM



Note the buoy colours indicated are for illustration purposes only.

SECTION 3: ROUND THE CANS COURSE – RED FLEET

Race Officer	Richard Leonard
Committee Boat	"Earendil" A 42ft West Sail
VHF Channel	72

3.1 STARTING AREA

- The starting area will be approximately 1.5 nm southeast of the Bulman Buoy.
- The exact position may be communicated by the Race Officer on VHF channel 72 when on station.

3.2 STARTING LINE

- The starting line will be between the red and white pole on the Committee Boat at the starboard end and an Outer Distance Mark (ODM) dhan buoy or the flag on a RIB at the port end of the line. An Inner Distance Mark (IDM) may be laid. Boats shall not pass between the inner distance mark and the committee boat when starting.

3.3 STARTING SIGNALS

- Starts shall be in accordance with RRS 26. Successive starts will take place as soon as possible after the preceding start is away.
- The race committee will attempt to broadcast Individual Recall (OCS) sail numbers no earlier than one minute after the starting signal, on VHF Channel 72. Failure to make a broadcast or the order in which numbers are broadcast will not be grounds for redress. This changes Rule 62.1(a) (redress)

3.4 COURSES

- The course to be sailed will be notified on VHF channel 72 and will give the order in which the marks are to be rounded and on which hand.
- The course to be sailed may be displayed on a Board on the Committee Boat.

3.5 MARKS

- The Kinsale Yacht Club permanently laid racing marks and local navigation marks as far East as Power Head and as far West as Seven Heads will be used as racing marks on the Round The Cans courses.
- The references and approximate positions of the KYC permanently laid racing marks are available at registration or from the Race Office.
- A large yellow inflatable buoy may be laid each day in order to allow for a windward first leg. If this mark is laid, it will be shown on a board on the Committee boat as "W". The Race Officer may indicate a range and bearing to this mark over VHF prior to the warning signal. The lack of a VHF call will not be grounds for redress. This amends RRS 62.1(a).

3.6 CHANGE OF COURSE

- The committee boat, or a signal boat, displaying International Code flags C over F and a board giving the new mark designation and making repetitive sound signals may be on station near to any rounding mark. The mark designated will be the next mark on the course and shall be the finish. This mark may not have been part of the original course. Boats shall round the mark at which the change of course is displayed and then proceed directly to the mark indicated and finish between it and the nearby Committee Boat. This amends RRS 33.
- A change of course may be announced on the VHF channel.
- At the new finishing line, the Race Committee will not signal a shortened course. This changes RRS 32.2.

3.7 FINISHING LINE

- The finishing line for the round the cans course, unless shortened, shall be between a red and white pole on the finishing vessel displaying a blue flag and a finishing outer distance mark which may be a dhan buoy or a laid mark.. The approximate position of the Finish Line will be notified on VHF Channel 72.

SECTION 4: COASTAL COURSE – BLUE FLEET

Race Officer	Peter Crowley
Committee Boat	"Spare Time" White Beneteau Swift 44 Motorboat
VHF Channel	69

4.1 **STARTING AREA**

- Coastal courses will start in an area south of the Bulman Buoy. The exact position may be communicated by the Race Officer on VHF channel 69 when on station.

4.2 **STARTING LINE**

- The starting line will be between the red and white pole on the Committee Boat at the starboard end and an Outer Distance Mark (ODM) dhan buoy or the flag on a RIB at the port end of the line. An Inner Distance Mark (IDM) may be laid. Boats shall not pass between the inner distance mark and the committee boat when starting.

4.3 **STARTING SIGNALS**

- Starts shall be in accordance with RRS 26.
- The race committee will attempt to broadcast Individual Recall (OCS) sail numbers no earlier than one minute after the starting signal, on VHF Channel 69. Failure to make a broadcast or the order in which numbers are broadcast will not be grounds for redress. This changes Rule 62.1(a) (redress)

4.4 **COURSES**

- The course to be sailed will be notified on channel 69 and will give the order in which the marks are to be rounded and on which hand.
- The course to be sailed may be displayed on a Board on the Committee Boat.

4.5 **MARKS**

- The Kinsale Yacht Club permanently laid racing marks and local navigation marks as far East as Power Head and as far West as Seven Heads will be used as racing marks on the coastal courses.
- The references and approximate positions of the permanently laid racing marks are available at registration or from the Race Office.
- A round RED buoy, or other such buoy, may be laid each day in order to allow for a windward first leg. If this mark is laid, it will be shown on a board on the Committee boat as "W". The Race Officer may indicate a range and bearing to this mark over VHF prior to the warning signal. The lack of a VHF call will not be grounds for redress. This amends RRS 62.1(a).

4.6 **CHANGE OF COURSE**

- A committee boat, or signal boat, displaying International Code flags C over F and a board giving the new mark designation and making repetitive sound signals may be on station near to any rounding mark. The mark designated will be the next mark on the course and shall be the finish. This mark may not have been part of the original course. Boats shall round the mark at which the change of course is displayed and then proceed directly to the mark indicated and finish between it and the nearby Committee Boat. This amends RRS 33.
- A change of course may be announced on the VHF channel.
- At the new finishing line, the Race Committee will not signal a shortened course. This changes RRS 32.2.

4.7 **FINISHING LINE**

- The finishing line will be, unless shortened, between a red and white pole on the finishing vessel displaying a blue flag and the Harbour Mark.

SECTION 5: W/L & RTC's Courses– GREEN FLEET

Race Officer	Peter Crowley
Committee Boat	"Spare Time" White Beneteau Swift 44 Motorboat
VHF Channel	69

5.1 STARTING AREA

Division 3 courses will start in an area south of the Bulman Buoy. The exact position may be communicated by the Race Officer on VHF channel 69 when on station.

5.2 STARTING LINE

The starting line will be between the red and white pole on the Committee Boat at the starboard end and an Outer Distance Mark (ODM) dhan buoy or the flag on a RIB at the port end of the line. An Inner Distance Mark (IDM) may be laid. Boats shall not pass between the inner distance mark and the committee boat when starting.

5.3 STARTING SIGNALS

Starts shall be in accordance with RRS 26.
The race committee will attempt to broadcast Individual Recall (OCS) sail numbers no earlier than one minute after the starting signal, on VHF Channel 69. Failure to make a broadcast or the order in which numbers are broadcast will not be grounds for redress. This changes Rule 62.1(a) (redress).

5.4 COURSES

The course to be sailed will be notified on VHF channel 69 and will give the order in which the marks are to be rounded and on which hand.
The course to be sailed may be displayed on a Board on the Committee Boat.

5.5 MARKS

The Kinsale Yacht Club permanently laid racing marks and local navigation marks as far East as Power Head and as far West as Seven Heads will be used as racing marks on the Round The Cans courses.
The references and approximate positions of the KYC permanently laid racing marks are available at registration or from the Race Office.
A round RED or other inflatable buoy may be laid each day as a windward or leeward mark. If this mark is laid, it will be shown on a board on the Committee boat as "W" or "L". The Race Officer may indicate a range and bearing to this mark over VHF prior to the warning signal. The lack of a VHF call will not be grounds for redress. This amends RRS 62.1(a).

5.6 CHANGE OF COURSE

A committee boat, or signal boat, displaying International Code flags C over F and a board giving the new mark designation and making repetitive sound signals may be on station near to any rounding mark. The mark designated will be the next mark on the course and shall be the finish. This mark may not have been part of the original course. Boats shall round the mark at which the change of course is displayed and then proceed directly to the mark indicated and finish between it and the nearby Committee Boat. This amends RRS 33.
A change of course may be announced on the VHF channel.
At the new finishing line, the Race Committee will not signal a shortened course. This changes RRS 32.2.

5.7 FINISHING LINE

The finishing line will be, unless shortened, between a red and white pole on the finishing vessel displaying a blue flag and an orange dhan buoy or between the finishing vessel displaying a blue flag and Harbour Mark, as indicated.

SECTION 6: NON- SPINNAKER DIVISIONS – White Fleet

Race Officer	Donal Hayes
Committee Boat	KYC "Fiona" White Motorboat
VHF Channel	68

6.1 STARTING AREA

- Non-spinnaker races will start in Kinsale Harbour between Charles Fort & Bulman Buoy.
- The Race Officer may advise competitors of his location on VHF channel 68.

6.2 STARTING LINE

- The starting line may be between the red and white pole on the Committee Boat and the Lighthouse on Charles Fort or be between the red and white pole on the Committee Boat and an Outer Distance Mark (ODM), dhan buoy or the flag on a RIB at the port end of the line. An Inner Distance Mark (IDM) may be laid. Boats shall not pass between the inner distance mark and the committee boat when starting.

6.3 STARTING SIGNALS

- Starts shall be in accordance with RRS 26. Successive starts will take place as soon as possible after the preceding start is away.
- The race committee will attempt to broadcast Individual Recall (OCS) sail numbers no earlier than one minute after the starting signal, on VHF Channel 68. Failure to make a broadcast or the order in which numbers are broadcast will not be grounds for redress. This changes Rule 62.1(a) (redress)

6.4 COURSES

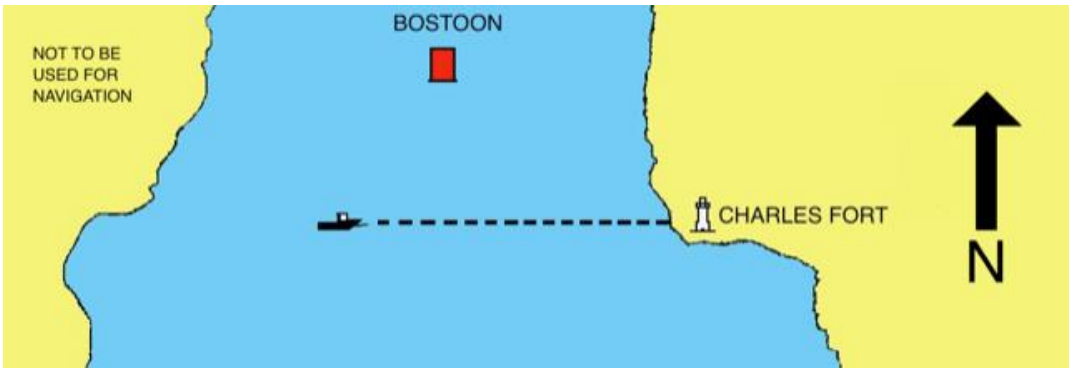
- The course to be sailed will be notified on VHF channel 68 and will give the order in which the marks are to be rounded and on which hand.
- The course to be sailed may be displayed on a Board on the Committee Boat.

6.5 MARKS

- The Kinsale Yacht Club permanently laid racing marks and local navigation marks as far East as Power Head and as far West as Seven Heads will be used as racing marks on the round the cans courses.
- The references and approximate positions of the permanently laid racing marks are available at registration or from the Race Office.

6.6 CHANGE OF COURSE

- A committee boat, or signal boat, displaying International Code flags C over "F and a board giving the new mark designation and making repetitive sound signals may be on station near to any rounding mark. The mark designated will be the next mark on the course and shall be the finish. This mark may not have been part of the original course. Boats shall round the mark at which the change of course is displayed and then proceed directly to the mark indicated and finish between it and the nearby Committee Boat. This amends RRS 33.
- A change of course may be announced on the VHF channel.
- At the new finishing line, the Race Committee will not signal a shortened course. This changes RRS 32.2.

6.7 <u>FINISHING LINE</u>

- Unless otherwise stated by the Race Officer, the finish line for Non-Spinnaker Divisions shall be as follows:
    - The race shall finish on the Charles Fort line, unless the race is shortened. The finishing line shall be between the red and white pole on the Committee Boat flying a blue flag and the lighthouse on Charles Fort.