KINSALE YACHT CLUB

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
Spring Series 2024
(Incorporating the SCORA League 2024)
Spinnaker, White Sail & 1720 Classes

1. **The Organising Authority is Kinsale Yacht Club**
2. **Rules**

Cruiser Class Racing will be governed by World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing ("RRS"), the prescriptions of Irish Sailing, the IRC Rating Rule 2024, the IS Progressive ECHO Performance Handicap System, the Notice of Race, these Sailing Instructions (SI's) and any amendments thereto, and the Rules of ECHO and IRC. The Organising Authority is the designated ECHO rating authority.

3. **Eligibility**

3.1 To be eligible to enter Kinsale Yacht Club Spring Series, the owner and/or helm must be a member of a Yacht Club and the ISA. This amends RRS Appendix 2. All competitors shall be temporary members of Kinsale Yacht Club for the duration of the series.

3.2 Cruiser Class Racing is open to Cruisers, Racer/Cruisers and Cruiser/Racers only.

3.3 One Design racing is open to Cork 1720 One Design only.

3.4 All yachts shall complete the online Entry Form and Declaration prior to competing in their first race. The Entry Form is available at Axiom Private Clients Spring Series 2024 Entry Form - Kinsale Yacht Club (kyc.ie)

3.5 To be eligible for ECHO and IRC results, boats must have valid current certificates which are available for inspection by the OA if requested. Changes to IRC handicaps following the first race a yacht competes in will not be permitted.

3.6 Any changes to these SI's will be posted on the notice board (Online at www.kyc.ie) at least two hours before racing on the day they are to take effect.

4. **Safety**

4.1 All owners must ensure that their boat and crew comply with World Sailing recommendations for cruiser racing. All club races are World Sailing OSR Category 4 monohull regulations (with the exceptions of paragraphs 3.14.6c, 3.27, 3.28.1, 3.29.06, 4.07, 4.10, 4.11, 4.13, 4.17, 4.22, 4.18, 4.26, 5.01).

4.2 Life jackets shall be worn on boats in accordance with Irish law.

4.3 Each boat shall have a minimum of two crew. Skipper plus one other person complies with this rule. Each boat shall have an efficient system and adequate equipment for recovery of crew overboard.

4.4 The Club reserves the right to inspect any boat, at any time, to ensure that they comply with the minimum safety requirement.

4.5 Safety is a matter for each owner/skipper. Safety compliance shall not give rise to inter-boat protests.

5. **Sail Numbers.**

Yachts must use their correct sail numbers. Permission to sail under any other number must be obtained from the Race Officer prior to the warning signal, and the Race Office must also be advised.

6. **Class Divisions**

Entrants will be divided into divisions which will not be finalised until prior to the first race in the series. 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.

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7. **Schedule of Races**

7.1 Schedule of Races Spinnaker Fleet

Race day 1 Monday	1st April 2024	FG	13:25 HRS
Race day 2 Sunday	7th April 2024	FG	13:25 HRS
Race day 3 Sunday	14th April 2024	FG	13:25 HRS
Race day 4 Sunday	21st April 2024	FG	1325 HRS
Race day 5 Saturday	26th April 2024	FG	13.25 HRS

7.2 Schedule of Races 1720 One Design Fleet

Race day 1 Monday	1st April 2024	FG	13:40 HRS
Race day 2 Sunday	7th April 2024	FG	13:40 HRS
Race day 3 Sunday	14th April 2024	FG	13:40 HRS
Race day 4 Sunday	21st April 2024	FG	13:40 HRS
Race day 5 Saturday	26th April 2024	FG	13:40 HRS

7.3 Schedule of Races White Sails Fleet

Race day 1 Monday	1st April 2024	FG	13:55 HRS
Race day 2 Sunday	7th April 2024	FG	13:55 HRS
Race day 3 Sunday	14th April 2024	FG	13:55 HRS
Race day 4 Sunday	21st April 2024	FG	13:55 HRS
Race day 5 Saturday	26th April 2024	FG	13:55 HRS

7.4 One race per day is scheduled but up to eight races may be sailed over the five race days in all classes at the discretion of the Race Officer.

7.5 The Race Committee reserves the right to start races earlier than the times above but will give two days' notice of their intention to do so.

8. **Start Order and Class Flags**

8.1 Each class may be given a separate start sequence or may be started with another Class(es) at the discretion of the Race Officer.

8.2 A yacht shall not start later than 5 minutes after her starting signal.

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8.3 To indicate that they are racing, cruisers shall fly the appropriate Class Flag from their backstay.

- Spinnaker 1, Numeral Pennant No. 1
- Spinnaker 2, Numeral Pennant No. 2
- Spinnaker 3, Numeral Pennant No. 3
- White Sail Division shall fly the identifying racing pennant (white pennant with blue letter W thereon), together with the correct identifying class numeral pennant 1 or 2 as appropriate.
- 1720 Division, Class Flag
- All-in Starts - Code Flag "C" shall be used.

8.4 Races will be started by using RRS 26.
Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded. Gun/hooter may be substituted by an alternative sound signal.

9. **Courses**

9.1 For all classes all courses will be round the cans, with the exception that the Race Officer may run a coastal race on one or more days for the Spinnaker fleet.

9.2 Depending on the wind direction the Race Officer reserves the right to lay a Windward Mark which will be an inflatable orange buoy. The approximate bearing and distance to the mark will be displayed on the Committee Boat and may also be broadcast on VHF Channel 69.

10. **Starting Line**

10.1 Starts for all Classes will be outside the harbour, or at any other location at the discretion of the Race Officer.

10.2 Committee Boat Start: this is formed by a red and white pole or by the Main Mast on the Committee Boat and an adjacent mark ("ODM"). An Inner Distance Mark ("IDM") may be laid between the ODM and Committee Boat, in which case yachts shall start between the IDM and the ODM (i.e., yachts shall not pass between the IDM and the Committee Boat).

10.3 The Committee Boat will be broadcasting on VHF Channel 69.

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11. **Finishing Line**

The finish line shall be one of:

11.1 Between the red and white pole on the finishing vessel displaying a blue or S flag and a finishing mark which may be a Dan buoy or a turning mark (note that the Finishing Line may be on the opposite side of the finishing vessel than the start line), or;

11.2 Charles Fort. (See appendix 2 Charles Fort Start / Finish Line), or;

11.3 The Balcony Line (see appendix 3 - Balcony Finish Line) or

11.4 Any other location in accordance with number 12, Shortened Course.

12. **Shortened Course**

12.1 The course may be shortened at any stage of a race at the discretion of the Race Officer. The Committee Boat or other finishing vessel shall move to a position at which it is intended to finish the race, and when in position it shall hoist the Code Flag "S", and issue two sound signals. The finishing line shall be between the main mast or a staff displaying flag S on the finishing vessel and an adjacent mark.

12.2 The Race Officer may announce a shortened course on VHF Ch. 69. Failure to give, or hear, this announcement shall not form grounds for protest or redress.

12.3 In the event of the Race Committee deciding to shorten a race but have a Fleet (or Fleets) finish at the Finishing Line indicated, a boat stationed at the last mark to be rounded shall display Flag F and make repeated sound signals as the boats round it. After rounding, the boats shall then proceed directly to the Finishing Line and finish. If Flag F is displayed on its own, then all Fleets racing shall have their course shortened. Where the display of Flag F is accompanied by one or more Fleet Flags then all Fleets whose flag(s) are displayed shall have their course shortened and shall then proceed directly to the Finishing Line.

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13. **Time Limit**

13.1 The time limit for the first boat in each class shall be 2.5 hours from the start of their race except for a Coastal Race, the length and duration of which will be determined by the Race Officer. If the first boat finishes within 2.5 hours, remaining boats shall have one further hour, from the finishing time of the first boat, to finish. For the Coastal Race the remaining boats shall have one further hour to finish after the time limit determined by the Race Officer (This amends RRS 35.14).

13.2 Should the Race Officer signal that 2 races will be sailed then the time limit will be 1.5 hours. If the first boat finishes within 1.5 hours, remaining boats shall have a further 30 minutes, from the finishing time of the first boat, to finish.

14. **Retiring**

A yacht, which retires from a race, shall inform the Committee Boat as soon as possible.

15. **Alternative Penalties**

15.1 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 place penalty of 1 place 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.

15.2 A boat taking a place penalty of 1 place under this section shall:

15.2.1 DISPLAY a code flag Q (yellow flag) from the first reasonable opportunity after the incident continuously until 5 minutes after finishing.

15.2.2 Draw ATTENTION to the flag as she is finishing.

15.2.3 REPORT her acknowledgement in person 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 on Axiom Private Clients Spring Series 2024 - Kinsale Yacht Club (kyc.ie)

15.3 When one boat in a protest has not already accepted a penalty in accordance with the section above, and acknowledges prior to hearing,

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an infringement of a rule of Part 2 of the RRS or RRS 31, she shall receive a penalty of 2 places.

15.4 A boat that accepts a place penalty may protest with respect to the same incident, but her penalty will not be affected.

15.5 A boat that takes a penalty shall not be penalised further with respect to the same incident unless she failed to retire when required to do so.

15.6 The level of penalties (other than place 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 place penalty or no penalty. This changes RRS 64.1.

16. Protests and Requests for Redress

16.1 Protest forms are available online at Axiom Private Clients Spring Series 2024 - Kinsale Yacht Club (kyc.ie) Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered online within the appropriate time limit.

16.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

16.3 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 named as witnesses. Parties may be informed by text and/or email.

16.4 Hearings will be held in a protest room, located at the KYC club house, beginning as soon as possible.

16.5 It is the responsibility of the PROTESTOR to inform the PROTESTEE of the lodging of the protest, the likely time and place of the hearing and to supply him with a copy thereof. It is the responsibility of all parties thereafter to attend at the time and place of any hearing with all necessary witnesses. This amends RRS 63.2.

16.6 In addition to the requirements under RRS 61, boats must draw the attention of the Committee Vessel to an intention to protest as soon as possible after the finish and before leaving the finishing area.

16.7 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

17. Scoring

17.1 The scoring system shall be the Low Point System in accordance with RRS Appendix A.

17.2 **Discard.** If 4 or more races are held each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

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18. **Commercial Traffic**
Competitors shall yield right of way to commercial traffic within the limits of Kinsale Harbour in accordance with the Bye Laws of Kinsale Harbour. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.

19. **Advertising**
Competitors shall comply with the ISAF Advertising Code Category C.

20. **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 Event.

21. **Media Waiver**
Competitors give their consent to Kinsale Yacht Club, its sponsors, and the Organising Authority, to use their name, comments, photograph and likeness in order to promote the event.

22. **White Sail Fleets**
The use of gennakers, bloopers and spinnakers or other purpose-built downwind sails is prohibited.

Failure to comply with any of the above rules may result in disqualification.

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Appendices.

Appendix 1 - Course Card.
Appendix 2 - Charles Fort Start / Finish Line.
Appendix 3 - Balcony Finish Line.
Appendix 4 - Entry Form

The course card applicable to the 2024 Spring Series as well as the Charles Fort Start/Finish Line, and the Balcony Finish Line are available on the Kinsale Yacht Club website (www.kyc.ie) under the Sailing/Sailing Documents folder as per the following:

Appendix 1 – Course Card.

http://www.kyc.ie/sailing-documents/ Course Card

Appendix 2 – Charles Fort Start/Finish Line.

https://www.kyc.ie/sailing-documents/ CHARLES FORT LINE

Appendix 3 – Kinsale Yacht Club Balcony Finish Line.

http://www.kyc.ie/sailing documents / BALCONY LINE

Appendix 4 – Entry Form

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