KINSALE YACHT CLUB

Kinsale Open Keelboat Regatta 2024

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

1.1 The organising authority for the Kinsale Open Keel Boat Regatta 2024 is Kinsale Yacht Club.

1.2 The Regatta will be sailed from Kinsale Yacht Club on Sat 11th & Sun 12th May 2024.

1.3 Race Headquarters will be located within Kinsale Yacht Club, Kinsale, Co. Cork.

1.4 The Official Regatta Notice Board will be online at Open Keelboat Regatta 11 - 12 May - Kinsale Yacht Club (kyc.ie)

1.5 All competitors will become honorary members of Kinsale Yacht Club for the duration of the event.

2. RULES

2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021 - 2024, the prescriptions of Irish Sailing and relevant class rules where applicable.

3. REGISTRATION

3.1 Registration is online at Open Keelboat Regatta 11 - 12 May - Kinsale Yacht Club (kyc.ie), payment of the entry fee will be between 09.30 and 10.00hrs on Saturday 11th May 2024.

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board as described in section 1.4 above.

4.2 The Race Committee may draw attention to signals given on the Committee Boat and communicate other information on VHF at any time. The Race Committee will transmit on VHF Channel 69. Failure to transmit or receive such communications shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

5. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1 Any change to the sailing instructions or race schedule will be posted before 0900hrs on the day it will take effect.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the KYC flag mast located in the dinghy park and may be posted on the official notice board.

6.2 When the AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

7. CLASSES FLAGS

7.1 The following class flags will be used:

Class	Class Flag
Dragon	Pennant 'D'
Squib	NATO Numeral 9

8. SCHEDULE OF RACES

8.1 The regatta will comprise a total of 6 races for all fleets, with three races scheduled to be sailed each day.

8.2 The decision to run more than 3 races per day lies at the discretion of the Race Officer.

8.3 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 15.00 hrs.

9. CREW LIMITS

9.1 Crews shall comply with the maximum Crew Weight and number Limit, as set out in the respective Class Rules. The scales used are deemed to be accurate and no redress will be granted in respect of this issue. This changes rule 62.1(a)

10. RACING AREAS

10.1 Races will be sailed in the waters to the south of Kinsale, and the start line may be up to 2 nautical miles south of the Bulman Buoy.

11. THE COURSES

11.1 Laid Windward Leeward Courses

11.1.1 The course will be a laid Windward / Leeward type. See Appendix A.

11.1.2 **Course 1** Indicated by flying numeral pennant 1 on committee boat

The order of mark rounding shall be:

(a) Dragon: Start – 2 – 3 – 2 – Proceed to finish

(b) Squib: Start – 1 – 3 – 1 – Proceed to finish

11.1.3 **Course 2** Indicated by flying numeral pennant 2 on committee boat. Inside Harbour Course. See Appendix A

The order of mark rounding shall be:

(a) Dragon: Start - 1 – 2, repeated the number of times indicated on the blackboard located on the committee boat, last round is 1 – Proceed to finish.

(b) Squib: Start - 1 - 2 (repeated for the number of times indicated on the blackboard located on the committee boat) then proceed to finish.

11.1.4 The Race Officer may give an approximate compass bearing of the first leg. This may be displayed on a blackboard on the port side of the committee vessel. The Race Officer may also announce these details over the VHF.

11.1.5 The Race Officer may at his discretion shorten the courses at any stage.

11.1.6 The starting and finishing ODMs will be Dan buoys with flags.

12. MARK

12.1 Orange inflatable triangle marks and/or KYC laid racing marks will be used for the weather marks , and the leeward mark for both fleets, marks as per diagram Appendix A.

12.2 An alternative mark may substitute the weather marks or the Leeward mark if deemed appropriate by the race officer.

13. THE START

13.1 The starting line for both classes will be between a red and white pole on the Committee Vessel and a Dan buoy ODM on the **port side of committee boat** (see Appendix A).

13.2 The Class(s) whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area during the starting sequence for other class(s).

13.3 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored 'Did Not Start'. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

13.4 The FG shall be at 1155 HRS both days.
The second start will be as soon as practicable after the first race and so on.
The time of the FG on Sunday may be brought forward to 1055hrs by way of an amendment.

13.5 The Race Officer may change this sequence at their discretion. Any changes will be announced on VHF channel 69.

14. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

14.1 A change of course after the start will be signaled in accordance with RRS 33.

14.2 A vessel flying flag 'F' at any turning mark means that boats shall round that mark and proceed directly to the finishing line. This is in addition to RRS 32.

15. THE FINISH

15.1 The finishing line for both classes will be between a red and white pole on the committee vessel and a Dan buoy on the port side of the committee boat (see Appendix A).

15.2 Boats that have finished their race shall keep clear of the finishing area.

16. TIME LIMITS

16.1 If no boat has passed their Weather Mark within 30 minutes of their start, then the race shall be abandoned.

16.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in that class has completed the course and finished will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35 and A4.

17. PENALTIES

17.1 The one turn penalty for touching a mark, (RRS 31), shall apply.

17.2 The Scoring Penalty under RRS 44.3 (c) shall apply. The penalty shall be plus 2 places.

17.3 A boat that takes a scoring penalty will display a yellow flag at the first available opportunity after the incident. RRS 44.3 (a)

18. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

18.1 Protest forms are online at Sailing Documents - Kinsale Yacht Club (kyc.ie) and protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

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

18.3 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. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at the KYC club house, beginning at the time posted.

18.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

18.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:

(a) Within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day.

(b) No later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.

18.6 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. Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

19. PROTEST ARBITRATION (changing RRS 44.3, 63, 64 and 66)

19.1 When a protest alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or RRS 31 (Touching a Mark), a boat may at the same time request arbitration or, the Protest Committee may offer it.

19.2 If the parties and a member of the Protest Committee agree that arbitration is suitable, an arbitrator will call a hearing. The arbitrator may be a member of the Protest Committee. The hearing will be conducted in accordance with Part 5 of the RRS except that RRS 64.1 will not apply. Instead, if the arbitrator decides that a boat that is a party to the hearing broke a rule for which the exoneration Penalty is available, the party will be invited to accept that Penalty. If it is accepted, the protesting boat will be allowed to withdraw its protest. This changes RRS 63.1

19.3 If there is not agreement to use arbitration, a protest is not withdrawn, or the Exoneration Penalty is not applicable to the facts, there will be a normal protest hearing at which the arbitrator may be a member of the Protest Committee. RRS 66 shall not apply to an arbitration decision.

19.4 A boat may accept the Exoneration Penalty at any time before the start of a protest hearing, or she may retire.

19.5 The Exoneration Penalty is a 30% scoring penalty calculated in accordance with RRS 44.3(c) and based on the number of entrants in the race (except that the minimum penalty is two places and no boat shall be scored worse than if she had been scored DNF).

19.6 The Exoneration Penalty does not reverse an OCS score or a disqualification under RRS 30.3, and, it is not available where a boat has caused injury or serious damage, or gained a significant advantage by her breach.

20. SCORING

20.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.

20.2 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

(a) For all classes, when fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) For all classes, when 5 to 6 races have been completed; a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

21. SAFETY REGULATIONS

21.1 All competitors shall wear adequate personal floatation devices at all times, as per the laws of Ireland and Class Rules, when afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing and/or equipment. Dry suits and wetsuits are not adequate personal floatation devices.

21.2 A boat that retires from a race or protests shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

22. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

22.1 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 days racing.

23. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

23.1 Except in an emergency, competitors shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all competing boats.

23.2 This restriction shall also apply to mobile telephones.

23.3 Racecourse VHF Channel will be VHF CH 69, a private VHF channel may also be used.

24. PRIZES

24.1 Overall prizes will be awarded to 1st,2nd & 3rd in each fleet. 3rd prize may not be awarded in fleets where fewer than 6 boats compete.

24.2 The overall prize-giving for the series will take place in the KYC club house on Sunday 12th May 2024

25. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

25.1 The safety of a yacht and crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the person in charge who must do their best to ensure that the yacht is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew who have undergone appropriate training and are physically fit to face bad weather. They must be satisfied as to the soundness of hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. They must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that the crew knows where it is kept and how it is to be used.

25.2 Decision to race -The responsibility for a yacht's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is theirs alone – RRS Fundamental Rule 4.

25.3 The organizing 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.

26. INSURANCE

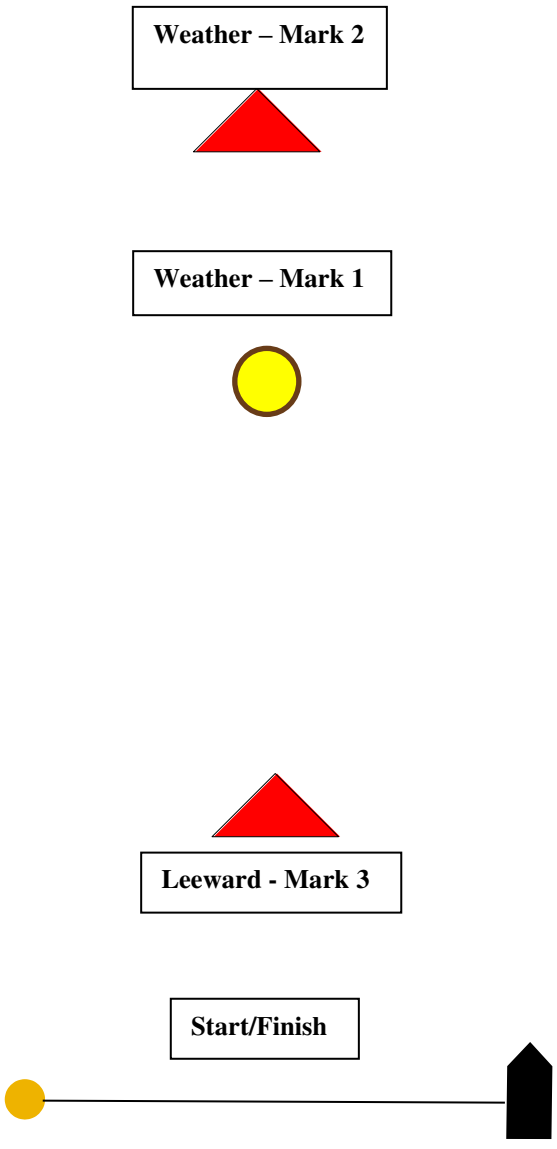
26.1 It is the duty of each boat owner to have their boat adequately insured against any risk, including civil responsibility to third parties and to ensure that such insurance remains valid for the entirety of the Kinsale Open Keel Boat Regatta 2018.

APPENDIX A – WINDWARD LEEWARD COURSES

COURSE 1 Outside the Harbour

Dragons - Start - 2 - 3 - 2 - Proceed to finish.
Squibs - Start - 1 - 3 - 1 - Proceed to finish.

All Marks shall be rounded to **PORT**



COURSE 2 Inside the Harbour

Dragons – Start (1 – 2) repeated for the number of times indicated on the blackboard located on the committee boat, last round is (1 - proceed to finish)

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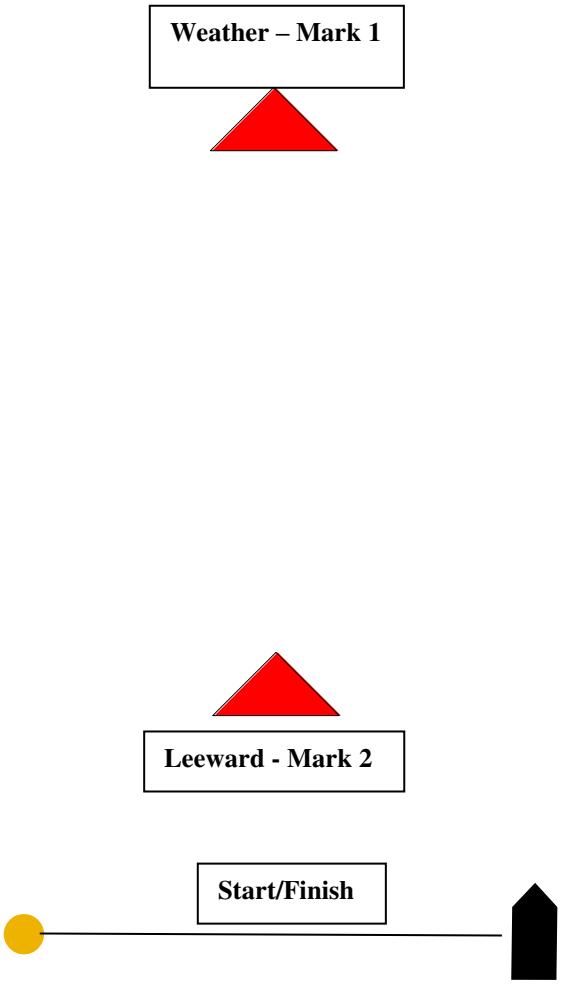
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