KINSALE YACHT CLUB

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
Frank Godsell March League 2025
"All In" SPINNAKER &
"All In" WHITE SAIL

1. The Organising Authority is Kinsale Yacht Club.

2. **Rules**
Cruiser Class Racing will be governed by World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing 2025 - 2028 ("RRS"), the prescriptions of Irish Sailing ("IS"), the IRC Rule & Definitions 2025, the IS Progressive ECHO Performance Handicap System, these sailing instructions ("SI's") and any amendments thereto. The Organising Authority is the designated ECHO rating authority.

3. **Eligibility**
   3.1 To be eligible to enter Kinsale Yacht Club ("KYC" or the "Club") March League races, the owner and/or helm must be a member of a Yacht Club and IS. This amends RRS Appendix 2.
   3.2 Cruiser Class Racing is open to all Cruisers, Racer/Cruisers and Cruiser/Racers only.
   3.4 All yachts shall complete the Registration/Declaration form online at prior to competing in their first race.
   3.5 To be eligible for IRC results all boats must hold a valid IRC certificate. No changes to IRC handicaps are permitted after the first race that a yacht takes part in.
   3.6 Any changes to these SI's will be posted on the Official 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, 4.18, 4.22, 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 requirements.

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

5. **Racing Pennants**

To indicate that they are racing, boats shall fly their appropriate pennant, classes 1, 2, and 3 for Spinnaker "All In" or the White Sails pennant for White Sails "All In", from their back stay.

6. **Schedule of Races**

Race 1 Sunday 2nd March 2025	FG 1355 HRS
Race 2 Sunday 9th March 2025	FG 1355 HRS
Race 3 Sunday 16th March 2025	FG 1355 HRS
Race 4 Sunday 23rd March 2025	FG 1355 HRS

7. **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.

8. **Courses**

Courses will be chosen by the Race Officer and displayed on a blackboard on the Committee boat. The course may also be announced on VHF Channel 69 and/or on the Kinsale Cruisers WhatsApp Group.

9. **Starting Line**

Starts will generally be at the Charles Fort Line, the outer harbour or outside the harbour, or at any other location at the discretion of the Race Officer.

Please refer to the KYC Website (https://www.kyc.ie/sailing-documents/) for details on the Charles Fort start line.

Other 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).

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10. **Finishing Line**

The finish line shall be at the Charles Fort Line, at the Balcony Line or at any other location in accordance with paragraph 13, Shortened Course. Please refer to the KYC Website (https://www.kyc.ie/sailing-documents/) for details of the Charles Fort and Balcony finish lines.

11. **Start Order**

11.1 Both the Spinnaker and White Sails Classes may be started together (an All-In Start) using Code Flag C.

11.2 At the discretion of the Race Officer the Spinnaker and White Sails classes may be started separately. Where they are started separately the warning signal flag for the Spinnaker Class shall be Code Flag 'C' and the warning signal flag for the White Sails class shall be the White Sails pennant.

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

12. **Shortened Course**

12.1 The course may be shortened at any stage of a race at the discretion of the Race Officer as per RRS32.2.

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.

13. **Time Limit**

13.1 The time limit for the first boat in each class shall be 2 hours from the start of their race.

13.2 If the first boat finishes within 2 hours, remaining boats shall have one further hour, from the finishing time of the first boat, to finish. (This amends RRS 35).

14. **Retiring**

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

15. **Alternative Penalties**

15.1 RRS 44.1 and 44.2 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 one point which shall be added to her scored points 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 shall do so as per RRS 44.3.

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, an infringement of a rule of Part 2 of the RRS or RRS 31, she shall receive a penalty of two points to be added to her scored points.

15.4 A boat that accepts a 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 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 (https://www.kyc.ie/sailing-documents/).

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 in 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 with the following modifications:

a. DNF, OCS and RET = 1 point plus number of starters for the race.

b. DNC and DNS = 3 points plus number of starters for the race.

c. DSQ = 6 points plus number of starters for the race.

17.2 No discard shall apply to this series.

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 Division**
In the White Sail division 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.