Junior Christmas Regatta

Kinsale Yacht Club

7th December 2025

Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

1.1. Sailing will be governed by the current World Sailing, Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Prescriptions of the Irish Sailing, Class Rules, and these Sailing Instructions.

2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1. Entry is open to all KYC Members subject to class age rules and as defined in the Notice of Race.

3. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

3.1. Notices for competitors shall be posted in the Race Office Window

4. CHANGE TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1. Any changes to these sailing instructions will be issued by the Race Committee online at www.kyc.ieand shall apply to races subsequent to the time of their issue.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1. Races shall be sailed on 7th December 2025
5.2. The starting time for the first race will be 12,00hrs on Sunday.
5.3. It is intended to sail up to 4 races.

6. MARKS and RACE AREA

6.1. The Race Officer shall determine the race area.
6.2. Marks shall be Kinsale club marks.

7. THE COURSE

7.1 The courses are shown on page 4. The diagram is representative of the approximate angles between the legs and shows the order in which the marks are to be passed.
7.2 All marks should be rounded to port.
7.3. An F flag may be displayed at any mark, and it tells competitors to sail directly to the finish line, e.g. if it is displayed at mark 1, boats shall round mark 1 and then sail directly to the finish, coming through the line from the windward direction.

8. STARTS

8.1. Races will be started using a 3-minute sequence as follows, this changes RRS26.

SIGNAL	FLAG & SOUND	MINUTES BEFORE START
Warning	Class Flag	3
Preparatory	P, U or Black Flag	2
One-minute	Preparatory Flag Removed	1
Start	Class Flag removed	0

8.2 The Class flags will be “O” Flag Optimist, ”T” Flag Topper and Numeral “1”Mixed Dinghy
8.3. The starting order of the fleets will be decided on the day and will be communicated to the fleets at the RO briefing along with a display of class flags
8.4. A boat shall not start later than 4 (four) minutes after her starting signal. Failing to do so shall result in the boat scoring DNS.
8.5. The starting line shall be between a red/white pole on the Committee Boat and an outer distance mark.

9. FINISH

9.1. The finishing line shall be a line between a red and white pole on the Committee Boat and a finishing mark, the start line may be used as the finish line.

9.2. In addition to rule 32, the race committee may also award a finishing score to a boat that is still racing by displaying to her from a committee vessel (which may be in motion) flag W with one sound signal. A boat so notified is no longer required to sail the course, shall stop racing, and shall return to the starting area, or return ashore if there is no more racing. A finishing score under this sailing instruction will be the score she would have received had she sailed the course and finished within any time limit, without gaining or losing any place. However, when two or more boats that are overlapped are notified, they will be scored as if they were tied. The decision by the race committee to use this procedure or not to use it shall not be grounds for requesting redress. These changes rules 60.1(b) and 62.1(a).

10. PENALTIES

10.1. RRS Appendix P will apply.

11. TIME LIMITS

11.1. The target time for each race is 20 minutes. Failure to meet this time will not be grounds for redress
11.2 If no boat has rounded Mark 1 after 20 minutes the race shall be abandoned.
11.3 The time limit for each race is 60 minutes for the leading boat to complete the course.
11.4. Any boat not finishing within 15 minutes of the lead boat shall be scored DNF unless 9.2 is in operation.

12. SCORING

12.1. The Low Points scoring system of RRS Appendix A applies,
12.2. On completing the 3rd race, 1 discard shall apply.
12.3. One race shall constitute a series.
12.4. Mixed dinghies will be scored together under the PY handicap system.

13. SAFETY

13.1. No boat shall launch until the Beachmaster gives permission.
13.2. Adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn when afloat.
13.3. Any boat that retires shall report to and take instructions from a rescue/ Committee boat.
13.4. Rescue boats have the right of way over all competitors.
13.5. If a situation of SERIOUS SAFETY CONCERN develops at any time while boats are afloat, the Race Officer may indicate a "FULL SAFETY ALERT", by (1) Radio Call (2) By Hoisting Code Flag "N" on the Committee Boat, accompanied by continuous sound signals. All boats attached to the event: Rescue, Mark Laying, Coach, Support, Spectator, and any other boats shall immediately assist in safety/rescue operations.

14. PROTESTS

14.1. Protest forms shall be completed online at Sailing Documents - Kinsale Yacht Club and delivered within 1 hour after the last boat's finish.
14.2. Sailors shall notify the Finishing Boat of their intention to protest on the completion of the race.
14.3. **Arbitration**

As an alternative to a full protest hearing an Arbitration system shall be used, this changes RRS 60.1. Such Arbitration shall replace the protest hearing required under Rule 63. In this system the Arbitration decision is final.

The Arbitrator shall decide if the protest is valid and whether to refer the protest to a full hearing. All parties shall have the opportunity of stating their case. The Arbitrator shall have total discretion as to whether any witness be called. At any time during the hearing, he/she may terminate the Arbitration and refer the incident to a full hearing by the Protest Committee. Otherwise, at the conclusion of the Arbitration he/she will reach a decision.

Any party found by the Arbitrator to have infringed a rule shall not be disqualified but shall incur a 20% scoring penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3©. No penalty shall result in a score that would exceed that of a disqualification.

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15. SUPPORT BOATS

15.1. Support or spectator boats shall not be in the race area during the period after the Committee Boat raises a preparatory flag for the starting sequence and ending after the finish of the last boat.

15.2. Support or spectator boats shall not assist competitors during normal racing conditions

16. INSURANCE

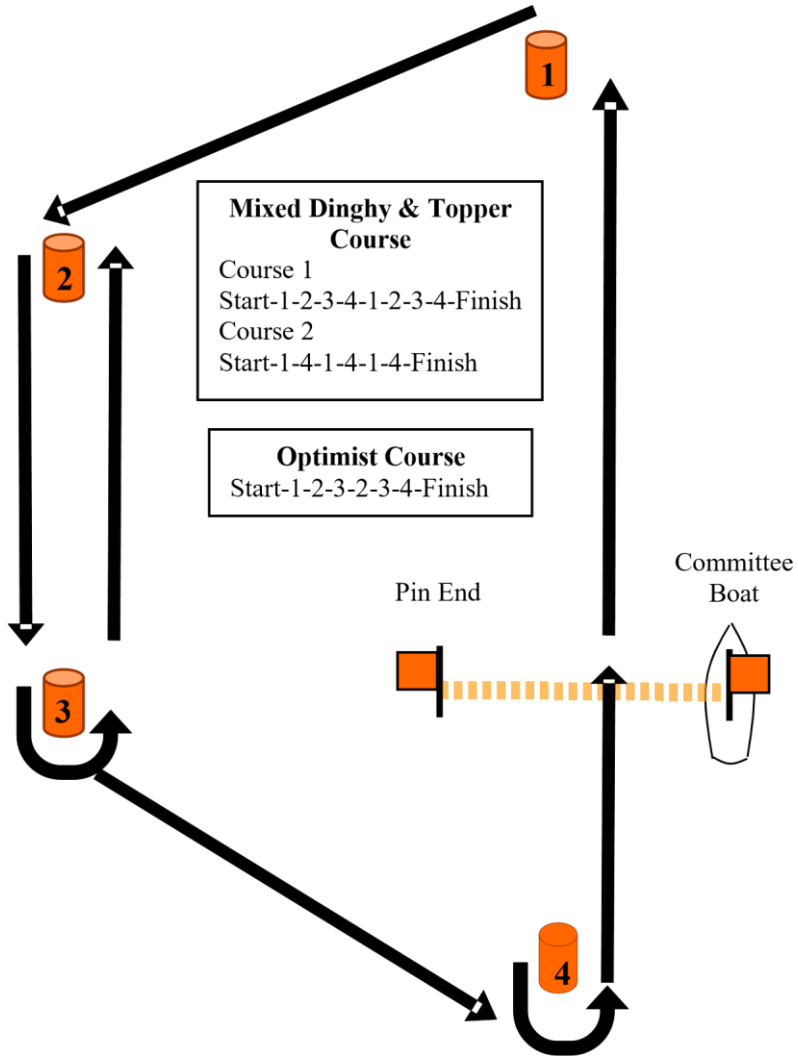
16.1. Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.

16.2. Competitors are reminded that no individual or body involved in the organization of this event accepts any liability for injury or damage. Each competitor's boat must be covered by an adequate policy of Third-Party Indemnity Insurance. Entries are accepted on the basis that in no circumstances will any liability for injury to person(s) or property attach to the Officers, Trustees, Committee, or members of Kinsale Yacht Club.

17. PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

By entering the Event competitors and where relevant their parents/guardians accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the racing and/or using the Championship facilities and they consent to the taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication and republication of such images in any media, in conjunction with the competitor's name or not, without compensation and without the competitor's approval of such images or any use thereof.

Custom Rigging
Yacht and Architectural Rigging

Course Diagram

For Mixed Dinghies & Toppers the course to be sailed will be displayed on a blackboard