

International Mirror Class Association Ireland Irish Western Championship

August 12th & 13th 2017

Sligo Yacht Club

Rosses Point,
Sligo,
Ireland.



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association will apply.
- 1.3 The rules of the International Mirror Class Association (IMCA) will apply, and the following rules of the International Mirror Class Association of Ireland (IMCAI) will also apply:
 - 1.3.1. All competitors must be members of the IMCAI, or if not resident on the island of Ireland, must be members of their national Mirror class association.
 - 1.3.2. All boats must carry the required safety equipment specified by the IMCAI. Safety checks may be performed by the IMCAI and/or race committee.
 - 1.3.3. All boats shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance. The minimum indemnity limit shall be €1.5 million (or other currency equivalent) per incident.
- 1.4 The rules of Sligo Yacht Club.
- 1.5 The Notice of Race.
- 1.6 The Sailing Instructions and any changes thereto.
- 1.7 In the event of a conflict the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
- 1.8 Competitors shall wear life jackets or other adequate personal buoyancy at all times when afloat. This changes rule 40.
- 1.9 Each boat shall carry the registered number of that boat in compliance with rule 77. Any competitor wishing to sail with a sail number different from the boats registered number shall apply, in writing and in advance, to the race committee for permission to use such different number. Permission, once a regatta has commenced, will only be granted in exceptional circumstances (and may be requested/given verbally where a change of sail is required by reason of gear failure or damage).

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located outside the race office on the upper level of Sligo Yacht Club.

3. CHANGE TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

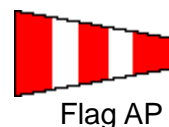
Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09:00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect. Flag L displayed on the club flagpole denotes that a competitor notice has been posted.



Flag L

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the club flagpole.
4.2 When flag AP is displayed with two sound signals "Racing is postponed & launching is prohibited until it is lowered", '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.



5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Dates of Races.

Date	Races	Time of first warning signal of the day.	Tide Times			
			High Water		Low Water	
			Time	Height	Time	Height
12th	1, 2, 3 & 4	10:55	09:40	3.8m	15:30	0.7m
13th	5, 6, 7 & 8	10:25	10:30	3.7m	16:15	0.8m

- 5.2 To alert boats that a race will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
5.3 The warning signal for a subsequent race or races on each day will be as soon as practical after the completion of the previous race.
5.4 One extra race maybe sailed each day provided the schedule dose not become more the one race ahead of schedule.
5.5 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 14:30hrs.

6. CLASS FLAG

The Class Flag will be flag F



7. RACING AREA

The racing area shall be Sligo Bay.

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1 The diagrams in Appendix A describes the courses which will be used.
8.2 Flag flown on the committee boat will identify the course to be sailed.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 Marks W, GS, GP, J & L will be large Yellow inflatable Marks.
9.2 Mark WO will be a pink spherical buoy.
9.3 Pin will be an pink cylindrical mark.
9.4 A Inner Limit Buoy (pink spherical buoy) may be placed to the stern or off the leeward side of the committee boat. No boat shall pass between this mark and the committee boat.

10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS.

11. THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started by using rule 26.
11.2 The starting line will be between the main mast of the committee boat and the starting marks (Pin) as described in section 9.
11.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.1 & A5.
11.4 Sail numbers of boats disqualified under rule 30.3 maybe displayed or maybe individually "hailed to" at the first windward mark. Boats whose numbers are displayed shall sail clear of the fleet and retire immediately.



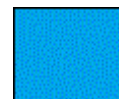
12. CHANGES OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.



13. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between the main mast of the committee boat and the finishing marks (mark described in section 9). (Finishing boat shall fly a blue flag).



14. PENALTY SYSTEM

Penalties as per RRS 44

15. TIME LIMITS & TARGET TIMES

- 15.1 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat maybe scored as per their position at their last mark or Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.
- 15.2 The target time for each race is 90 mins. This target is a guide and will not be grounds for a protest or redress.
- 15.3 If no boat has passed the first mark of the course (Mark1) within 30 minutes of the starting signal the race will be abandoned.

16. PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protest forms are available at the race office on the upper level of Sligo Yacht Club.
- 16.2 The Protests Time Limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or 90 minutes after the last race has been abandoned.
- 16.3 Protests and requests for redress or reopening a hearing shall be delivered to the race office within the time limit.
- 16.4 Notices will be posted no later than 45 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Location of the hearing will be in the protest room (ask in race office for directions).



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17. SCORING

- 17.1 The number of races required to constitute a championship will be two races.
- 17.2 The Low Point System will apply
- 17.3 When four or more races (have been completed a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 Boats are required to tag out before leaving the slipway & tag in upon returning to the slipway. Boats failing to tag in or out may be scored DNC for the days racing.
- 18.2 Sailors shall comply with the instructions of the slip master.
- 18.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 18.4 The Organising Authority may stop a boat launching or require it to return ashore, if it considers the boat, its equipment or crew are not adequate for the likely conditions or for any other reason. The decision is final and shall not be grounds for redress.
- 18.5 Competitors in difficulty shall obey any instruction given by a rescue boat crew.

19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Principle Race Officer.
- 19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the Principle Race Officer. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 19.3 Permission may be given verbally by the race committee on the water.

20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee measurer

to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

21. EVENT ADVERTISING

21.1 Boats shall display event advertising supplied by the organizing authority if requested.

21.2 Boats shall not display any advertising which conflicts with the organizing authorities advertising.

22. OFFICIAL BOATS

23. SUPPORT BOATS

Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. Failure to do so may result in the boat(s) being supported being disqualified.

24. TRASH DISPOSAL

No trash is to be disposed of overboard, all trash is to be brought ashore and disposed of appropriately.

25. HAUL-OUT RESTICITIONS

Not Applicable

26. DIVING EQUIPMENT & PLASTIC POOLS

Not Applicable

27. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

28. PRIZES

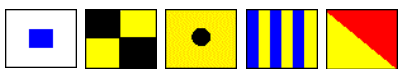
Prizes will be awarded at the discursion of the organizing authority.

29. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta 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 regatta.

30. INSURANCE

As per S.I. 1.3.3



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Latitude 54°18'22.18"N

Longitude 008°34'21.06"W



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