

International Mirror Class Association Ireland Irish National Championship

August 7th - 10th 2014

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 2013 – 2016.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association will apply.
- 1.3 International Mirror Class Association of Ireland class rules will apply.
- 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 lifejackets or other adequate personal buoyancy at all times when afloat. This changes rule 40.
- 1.9 Each boat shall carry a paddle, a bailer (with a minimum capacity of 1 litre) and a towrope of at least 5m length connected to the boat but not connected to any other line.

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

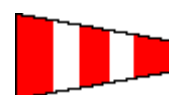
Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09:00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 21:00 on the day before it will take effect. Flag L displayed on the club flagpole denotes that a competitor notice has been posted.



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.



Flag AP

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Dates of Races.

Date	Races	Start Time of first race of the day.	Tide Times		High Water	
			Low Water Time	Height	Time	Height
7 th	1 & 2	13:00	10:30	1.0m	16:45	3.7m
8 th	3,4 & 5	11:00	11:20	0.7m	17:30	4.0m
9 th	6, 7 & 8	11:00	12:00	0.4m	18:20	4.3m
10 th	9 & 10	11:00	12:45	0.3m	19:50	4.5m

- 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 15:30hrs.

6. CLASS FLAG

The Class Flag will be flag F



Flag M

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 indentify 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 bouy.
- 9.3 Pin will be an orange cylindrical mark.
- 9.4 A pink spherical bouy 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 discribed 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 immeditately.



12. CHANGES OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

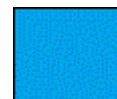
- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.



Flag C

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 15 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 60 mins. This target is a guide and will not be grounds for a protest or redress.

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.

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 30 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).



Flag B

17. SCORING

17.1 The number of races required to constitute a championship will be four races.

17.2 The Low Point System will apply

17.3 When four to seven races (inclusive) have been completed a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17.4 When eight or more races have been completed a boats score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

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 slipmaster.

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.

20. 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.

21. OFFICIAL BOATS

22. 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.

23. TRASH DISPOSAL

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

24. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Not Applicable

25. DIVING EQUIPMENT & PLASTIC POOLS

Not Applicable

26. 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.

27. PRIZES

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

28. 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.

29. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €3,000,000:00 per incident or the equivalent.

