

**IDRA 14 Class**  
**National Championship 2022**  
**Wednesday Aug 17<sup>th</sup> – Saturday Aug 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**Sailing Instructions**



**1. Organising authority**

- 1.1 The Organising Authority (OA) is Foynes Yacht Club (FYC)

**2. Rules**

- 2.1 The current racing rules of World Sailing, the class rules of the IDRA 14 class association, the prescriptions of Irish sailing, The Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions shall apply. In the event of a conflict between the NoR and the SIs then the SIs shall prevail.

**3 Notices to competitors**

- 3.1 Notices to competitors shall be displayed on the official notice board located in the hallway of the FYC clubhouse.

**4 Changes to sailing instructions**

- 4.1 Changes to the SIs shall be posted on the official notice board at least two hours before the start of the first race on the date to which they apply.
- 4.2 Changes to the schedule of races shall be posted on the official notice board before 2100 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

**5 Signals made ashore**

- 5.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed on the flagstaff adjacent to the clubhouse.

- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore 1 minute is replaced with not less than 60 minutes in the race signal AP.

## **6 Schedule of events**

- 6.1 Registration shall be open in the FYC clubhouse from 1100 to 1300 hours on Thursday August 18<sup>th</sup>
- 6.2 A briefing for competitors will be held at 1300 hours on Thursday August 18<sup>th</sup>.
- 6.3 Two championship races are scheduled for Thursday August 18<sup>th</sup>, Friday August 19<sup>th</sup>, & Saturday August 20<sup>th</sup>. In the event of inclement weather or unfavourable forecasts, the Race Officer (at her sole discretion) may run a third championship race on any day. This will be indicated by the flying of International Code flag R from the Committee Boat. The warning signal for the first championship race of the event shall be at 1500 hours on Thursday August 18<sup>th</sup>.
- 6.4 On subsequent days of the event the first warning signal shall be as detailed in the Notice of Race.
- 6.5 The OA may organise a practice race on Wednesday August 17<sup>th</sup> at 18:45 and/or a crew race during the event. These races are not part of the event and shall not be scored for the event.

## **7 Race area**

- 7.1 All races will be sailed in the vicinity of FYC.

## **8 Marks**

- 8.1 Marks 1, 2, & 3 shall be orange cylindrical buoys.

## **9 Class flag**

- 9.1 The class flag shall be international code flag 'Q'

## **10 Start**

- 10.1 The start line shall be between the main mast of the committee boat to starboard and an outer distance mark to port. The outer distance mark shall be an orange cylindrical mark.
- 10.2 An inner distance mark may also be laid and boats approaching the line to start shall not pass between this mark and the committee boat.
- 10.3 The race officer may sound three short blasts to indicate that a start sequence is imminent.
- 10.4 Race starts shall be in accordance with rule 26.
- 10.5 The warning signal shall be the class flag.
- 10.6 All boats intending to race must cross the start line within ten minutes of the start signal. Boats failing to do so shall be scored DNS

## **11 The Course**

- 11.1 The course shall be as described in appendix A
- 11.2 All marks must be rounded to port in the correct order

## **12 Shortened Course**

- 12.1 A boat located near a mark of the course making repetitive sounds and flying International Code Flag F shall signify that after rounding the mark boats shall proceed directly to the finish line. They shall cross it from the direction of said mark. This changes and amends the RRS Race Signals.

## **13 The Finish**

- 13.1 The committee boat shall fly a blue flag to indicate the starboard end of the finish line and an outer distance mark shall be laid at the port end. The finish line will be between the main mast of the Committee Boat and outer distance mark.

*N.B. The Start Mark for the subsequent race may be laid as boats are finishing.*

- 13.2 Boats not finishing within 20 minutes after the first boat will be scored DNF. (This amends RRS 35 and A4.1).

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 a place. However, when two or more boats are overlapped when 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. This changes rules 60.1(b) and 62.1(a)

- 13.3 The procedure in 12.2 above may be repeated until all boats are deemed finished.

## **14. Scoring**

- 14.1 Boats shall be scored in accordance with the low point system of the racing rules of The Low points scoring system of Appendix A will apply (except as amended below.)

In the event of a tie between two or more boats Appendix A8 shall apply.

- Boats that fail to finish shall be awarded points equal to one more than the number of starters in that particular race.
- Disqualified boats shall score two points more than the number of starters in that particular race
- Non-starters shall score three points more than the number of entrants in the Championship.

(The above items amend RRS A4.2).

14.2 Six Championship races are Scheduled. A minimum of three races is necessary to constitute a Championship. If the required three races are not achieved the Championship is null and void.

14.3 When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **15. Protests**

15.1 Persons intending shall inform the Race Committee of such intention at the finish of the race.

15.2 Protest forms shall be available at the race office located in the bar at FYC. Completed forms shall be returned to the race office.

15.3 The protest time limit shall be 90 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day. A crew race if sailed shall be included for the purpose of determining the time limit.

15.4 The protest time limit shall be displayed on the official notice board each day.

15.5 A protest schedule shall be displayed on the official notice board not more than 15 minutes after the protest time limit.

15.6 It is the sole responsibility of each competitor to determine if they are involved in a hearing.

15.7 Protest hearings may be held in persons or via an online platform.

## **16. Safety regulations**

16.1 Rule 40.1 shall apply. Competitors shall be required to wear adequate personal buoyancy at all times. Wetsuits and dry suits etc are not deemed to be sufficient buoyancy.

16.2 Boats shall keep clear of commercial and other traffic at all times.

16.3 A boat which retires shall inform the committee boat or safety boat as soon as possible.

## **17. Honorary membership**

17.1 All competitors, supporters and race officials shall be deemed to be honorary members of FYC for the duration of the event.

## APPENDIX A

### Olympic Course

Code flag "O" will be displayed on Flagship.

Course: Start- 1 - 2 - 3  
1 - 3,  
1 - 2 - 3  
Then to Finish.



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### Windward/Leeward Course.

Code flag "W" and will be displayed on Flagship.

Course: Start- 1 - 2 - 3,  
1 - 2 - 3,  
1 - 2 - 3,  
Then to Finish.



In the event of a wind shift the Race Committee may move the marks (without signalling) to keep the integrity of the course - this amends RRS 33.

THE IDRA 14 CLASS ASSOCIATION WISHES TO THANK THE COMMODORE, COMMITTEE AND RACE MANAGEMENT TEAM OF FYC FOR FACILITATING THIS EVENT