



Dublin Bay Sailing Club

2025 Supplementary Sailing Instructions

Red and Blue Fleets-Committee Boat Starts Thursday, and Saturday

These Sailing instructions should be read in conjunction with the General sailing instructions also issued to competitors

The following rules are changed in these Sailing instructions. RRS 27.1, 27.2, 32.2,35, and A5

B1. The Start

1.1 The starting line will be between the red and white staff or the main mast of the committee vessel displaying the club burgee, and a blue pennant or Red Pennant at the starboard end of the line and the port end starting mark or a Rib displaying an orange flag.

1.2 The Race Committee may, no later than three minutes before the starting signal of any class, move either end of the starting line. (This changes RRS 27.2).

B2. The Course

2.1 The course will be sailed around fixed marks as shown on the chart "DBSC Racing Marks. The approximate positions are given in the "Yacht Racing Marks & Bearings". If a fixed mark is missing or in the wrong position, it may be replaced by a temporary mark, laid in the correct position of the mark that it replaces. Such a replacement shall be announced on VHF by the Race Committee.

2.2 All Marks to be passed on the required side and in the order shown on Course card.

2.3 Marks in Red shall be passed to Port and Marks in Green shall be passed to Starboard.

2.4 In the case of 5-minute sequences no later than 3 minutes before the starting signal of each class the race committee shall designate the course to sailed, by displaying the letter and number reference from the appropriate Fleet Course Card. In the case of 3-minute sequences the course shall be displayed no later than 2 minutes before the starting signal. (This changes RRS 27.1)

2.6 Platonic courses: These are courses which are not on the course cards but are designed by the RO before a race. No later than 3 minutes before the starting signal for each class the race committee may display a series of letters designating fixed marks or an orange symbol designating a laid mark. Boats shall

pass the marks in the order displayed. A number completing the series designates the number of laps to be sailed. If a temporary laid mark is used, the position or the direction of that mark will be announced on VHF by the Race Committee.

When a Red flag is displayed boats shall pass the designated marks to port, when a Green flag is displayed boats shall pass the designated marks to starboard.

2.7 The race committee may also communicate the course to be sailed by VHF, failure to do so or failure to receive such message will not be grounds for redress.

Thursday Racing Blue Fleet

2.8 Blue Fleets Shall use Course Card 1 "Blue Fleet Thursdays"

2.9 When Cruiser 4, 5a and 5b, are required to sail different courses the race committee will designate the course to be sailed by displaying a letter and 2 numbers. Cruisers 4 and 5a shall sail the course designated by the letter and the first number, Cruisers 5b shall sail the course designated by the letter and the second number.

Red Fleet

2.10 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 3 minutes before the starting signal.

2.11 **Thursday Red Fleets** Shall use Course Card "Red Fleet Thursdays" or a Platonic course using either laid marks and fixed marks or a mix of both

Saturday Racing

The Schedule of Racing indicates the dates scheduled for each fleet to start at the Hut or Committee Vessel. These Sailing Instructions only apply to Committee Vessel Starts. Sailing Instructions H Apply to Hut Starts.

Cruisers Zero and 1 will always Start and Finish at the Committee Vessel on Saturdays unless SI B3 applies or an amendment to the racing schedule is posted.

In the event that the fleet due to start from the committee boat is cancelled their fleet pennant shall be displayed as per RRS. Should CR0 & CR1 also be cancelled their individual class flags will be displayed as per RRS on the yardarms of the waterfront clubs.

2.12 All races started from a committee vessel will finish at the committee vessel or another race committee vessel.

2.13 When Cruiser 4, 5a and 5b, are required to sail different courses the race committee will designate the course to be sailed by displaying a letter and 2 numbers. Cruisers 4 and 5a shall sail the course designated by the letter and the first number, Cruisers 5b shall sail the course designated by the letter and the second number.

2.14 Fleets starting at a Committee Vessel will use Course Card "**Committee Vessel Starts Saturdays**".

B3 Exceptional Changes to Fleet Starts

This procedure is intended for use only when racing cannot be started from a committee vessel.

Effectively when the clubs are displaying DBSC over X special attention should be given to VHF CH68, the DBSC website and emails sent by DBSC on the day of racing.

3.1 In the event that afloat starts are not possible, DBSC races will be started from the DBSC hut. Flag ICF'X' may be flown below the DBSC burgee from the yard arms of the waterfront clubs & the Marina not later than 60 mins before racing commences. Classes for which races will be started will be denoted by their Class Flag. The Combined Hut Starts from the Red Blue and Green race times card will apply. Course Saturday Hut Starts will be used. VHF Communication from the Hut will be on Ch68.

B4 Shortening the Course

4.1 If a Race Committee vessel is positioned at a mark and displaying Flag F with sound signals, boats should, having passed that mark sail directly to the finish and cross the line from the direction of that last mark. If only certain classes in the fleet are being shortened in this way the class flag will be displayed with the F flag. (This is in addition to RRS 32.2).

4.2 Courses may be shortened by a Committee Vessel taking up position beside any mark of the course, displaying Flag S and class flags if appropriate. Two sound signals will be made on approach of the leading boats. If the entire fleet is to be shortened the appropriate fleet pennant will replace all class flags.

B5. The Finish

5.1 The finish line will be between the red and white staff or the main mast of the committee vessel displaying the club burgee and a finishing mark.

B6 Time Limits

Thursdays

6.1 a) The time limit for the first boat of a class to sail the course and finish is 2 hours.

b) Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the second boat of her class sails the course and finishes or before 21.05 (whichever is the earlier) shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. (Changes RRS 35 and A5)

c) Should only two boats start a race any boat failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat of her class sails the course and finishes or before 21.05 (whichever is the earlier) shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. (Changes RRS 35 and A5)

For the last two Thursday races in August and any subsequent races held in September SI 6.1a and 6.1 b shall be deleted and 6.2 shall be in effect.

6.2 The time limit for any boat of a class to sail the course and finish is 20.30Hrs. Any boats failing to finish by this time shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. (Changes RRS 35 and A5).

Saturdays

6.3 a) The time limit for the first boat of a class to sail the course and finish is 17.00Hrs

b) Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the second boat of her class sails the course and finishes or before 17.30 (whichever is the earlier) shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. (Changes RRS 35 and A5)

c) Should only two boats start a race any boat failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat of her class sails the course and finishes or before 17.30 (whichever is the earlier) shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. (Changes RRS 35 and A5)

d) Should more than one race be scheduled the time limit for the first race shall be 90 Minutes in which case 6.3 a & b & c do not apply.