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FROM THE Commodore

On behalf of my fellow Flag Officers and committee, I would like to welcome you to the AIB DBSC 2026 season. Now, in my second year as Commodore, I will continue to do my best in ensuring that DBSC continues to provide first class racing to you, its members.

Rosemary Roy, after working as our Honorary Secretary for over four years stepped down at our AGM last December. Our thanks to Rosemary for all her expertise and hard work. Brian Mulkeen took over the role and has been doing a great job. We welcome Ian Cutcliffe, Conor O'Leary and Jill Gibson onto this year's committee. The DBSC committee work tirelessly to oversee communications, compile sailing instructions and course cards, maintain, deploy and retrieve the marks, maintain ribs and committee boats, liaise with class captains, manage patrol crews, publish results, and many other activities that go on behind the scenes in order to deliver competitive, fun and safe racing. We are thankful to have an experienced team of race officers who helped us finalise our 2026 Sailing Instructions and Racing Programme. We also thank Tim Goodbody who has redesigned and reviewed some of the Blue Fleet Course Cards.

We would like to thank Fintan

Cairns, Brian Mathews (Race Officer) and the committee boat crew for staging the 2025 AIB DBSC Turkey Shoot and the 2026 AIB DBSC Spring Chicken. Successful series as always with some excellent sailing and the majority of races completed. So thanks to the crew!

Michael Tyrrell, DBSC Protest Secretary, is stepping down towards the end of the 2026 season. We, wholeheartedly, thank Michael for all his support and work with DBSC over many years and we wish him well.

Pat Shannon, former DBSC Commodore, was awarded the DBSC Viking Award 'for Outstanding Contribution' at our AIB 2025 DBSC Prizegiving. Pat consistently supports and contributes to DBSC. We are extremely grateful to all the members and volunteers who help and support us.

We thank our title sponsor AIB, and our other supporters, Gunpowder Gin, Facet Jewellers, Killen Marine, Viking Marine, Dun Laoghaire Marine, and Leinster Boats for their continued and much appreciated involvement with DBSC and are delighted to have them on board.

At the start of the season we will be taking delivery of our newest RIB, a

Humber 6.5m, to complement our existing fleet. We will be selling our oldest RIB in order to make way for this new vessel. This helps ensure efficient race management and safe sailing.

The AIB DBSC Royal Alfred Yacht Club Super League Series will be a highlight of the season, building on the success of 2025, though the format will change a little. The four waterfront club regattas and the HYC Lambay Race will be incorporated into the Super League Series. There will be two coastal races, one in August and one in September. Prizegiving will take place after racing on the last Saturday, 26th September in the Royal St. George Yacht Club.

We are grateful to AIB for part funding jackets for our race management volunteers. It represents a small token of our appreciation to the team that make racing happen, so watch out for our professionally attired race management personnel!

Finally we wish all of you, our members, a most enjoyable 2026 sailing season and look forward to seeing you on the water.

Jacqueline McStay

Officers & Committee 2026



Around the table from the left: Brian Mulkeen, Conor O'Leary, Jill Gibson, Brian Mathews, Jacqueline McStay, Sabrina Mahony, Ian Cutcliffe, Jonathan Skerritt, Keith Poole, Declan Traynor, Ian Bowring.

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Officers & Committee 2026 continued

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Former Commodores

1890 Richard Fry
 1899 Viscount Crichton
 1919 Dr.W.M.A. Wright
 1941 J.B.Stephens
 1944 Prof. J.T. Wigham
 1952 S.M. Smallbridge
 1960 George D. Craig
 1967 F. Derek Martin
 1971 John H. Walker

1975 G. Harold Bleakley
 1979 Harry Boyd
 1981 Michael O'Rahilly
 1985 C. Denis Kelly
 1988 Roger O'Meara
 1991 Richard Hooper
 1993 Dr. D. McSorley
 1996 Margaret Woods
 1999 Fintan Cairns

2002 J.M Dolan
 2005 T. Costello
 2009 Anthony Fox
 2012 Patrick Shannon
 2015 Christopher Moore
 2018 Jonathan Nicholson
 2022 Ann Kirwan
 2024 Edward Totterdell

Honorary Members

Commodore Royal Irish Yacht Club
 Commodore National Yacht Club
 Commodore Royal St. George Yacht Club
 Commodore Dun Laoghaire Motor Yacht Club
 Chairman of Dun Laoghaire Combined Clubs

President of Irish Sailing
 Chief Executive Dublin Port - Barry O'Connell
 HM Dublin Port - Captain Michael McKenna
 Harbour Master Dun Laoghaire
 All current DBSC volunteers

Premier Awards

Dr Alf Delany Memorial Cup	Best dinghy for the season	Melges Ireland	John Sheehy
Waterhouse Shield	Best yacht in handicapped series	Valentina	John Treanor
George Arthur Newsom Cup	Best yacht in one design racing	Glenluce	Ailbe Millerick
Brendan Ebrill Memorial Cup	Best yacht frequently participated	Wynward	Wyn McCormack
The Viking Award	Notable DBSC contribution		Pat Shannon
Special Presentation			
Paddy McSwiney Memorial Cup		Papytoo	Frank Guilfoyle, Eavan Maher

Please note full awards for 2025 are shown in DBSC classes starting on page 36



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Welcome to the 2026 Yearbook

AIB is delighted to once again support Dublin Bay Sailing Club.

Deeply rooted in the community, AIB is committed to making a positive contribution to society and to the communities where we live and work.

We greatly admire the commitment, skill and hard work invested by the members of Dublin Bay Sailing Club and extend a sincere thank you to all who generously give up their time in support of the club.

AIB extends our warmest regards to the Commodore, the Committee, the race management team, race officers, patrol crew organisers, and all DBSC members and supporters who continue to play such an important and impactful role in the club's success.

We wish everyone the very best of luck for the season ahead and look forward to an exciting and enjoyable programme of events, races, and regattas.

Colin Hunt
Chief Executive Officer
AIB Group





AIB DBSC Race Programme 2026

This is the intended schedule. Any changes will be notified to competitors via e-mail and DBSC website

Dinghies		Water Wags	Keelboats - All fleets			
Tuesdays	Saturdays	Wednesdays	Tuesdays	Thursdays	Saturdays	
Series A	Series A	Series A	Hut Starts	Series A	Series A	Hut Starts
28 April	25 April	29 April	28 April	23 April	25 April	Blue
05 May	02 May	06 May	05 May	30 April	02 May	Blue
12 May	09 May	13 May	12 May	07 May	09 May	Blue
19 May	16 May	20 May	19 May	14 May	16 May	Blue
26 May		27 May	26 May	21 May	23 May	Blue
02 June	30 May	Series B	02 June	28 May	30 May	Red
Series B		03 June	09 June	04 June	6 June - DMYC Regatta	
09 June		10 June	16 June	11 June	13 June - NYC & WATH Regatta	
16 June	20 June	17 June	23 June	18 June	20 June	Red
23 June		24 June	30 June	Series B	27 June - RIYC Regatta	
30 June		01 July	07 July	25 June	4 July - RSGYC Regatta	
07 July		08 July	14 July	02 July	11 July	Red
14 July		15 July	21 July	09 July	18 July	Red
Series C		22 July	28 July	16 July	Series B	
21 July		29 July	04 August	23 July	25 July	Red
28 July	Series B	Series C	11 August	30 July	01 August	Blue
04 August	08 August	05 August	18 August	06 August	08 August	Blue
11 August	15 August	12 August	25 August	13 August	15 August	Blue
18 August	22 August	19 August		20 August	22 August	Blue
25 August		26 August		27 August	29 August	None
		02 September			05 September	Red
		09 September			12 September	None
	19 September	16 September			19 September	Red
	26 September	23 September			26 September	Red

Keelboat Fleets Thursdays:

Thurs Blue	Cruisers 0, Cruisers 1, B31.7, Cruisers 2, Cruisers 3, Cruisers 4 & 5	Thurs Red	SB20, Sportsboat & Dragon, Flying Fifteen, Ruffian, B211, Shipman, Glen & Mermaid
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Keelboat Fleets Saturdays:

On normal Saturdays, Cruisers 0 & Cruisers 1 will start from a committee boat, Dublin Bay 21 will start from the hut.
On **29 August & 12 September**, the hut will not be in use, and **all classes will start from a committee boat.**

Sat Blue	B31.7, Cruisers 2, Cruisers 4 & 5	Sat Red	Cruisers 3, Shipman, Ruffian, Glen & Mermaid
Sat Green	SB20, Sportsboat & Dragon, Flying Fifteen, B211 - starting from a separate committee boat		

AIB Royal Alfred Superleague Cup

3 Series, one discard per series - see Sailing Instructions A14

Series 1	Saturdays 2 May and 9 May, plus Lambay Race 30 May
Series 2	Regattas of the four waterfront yacht clubs
Series 3	Coastal races 29 August and 12 September, plus Saturday 19 September

There will be a Cruise Ship in the bay almost daily from April until September



Notice of Race - Dinghies

25 April 2026 to 26 September 2026

The Organising Authority is Dublin Bay Sailing Club (DBSC).

The Notice of Race for keelboats and Water Wags is a separate document.

1 Rules

1.1 Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-28, including the prescriptions of Irish Sailing, the class rules of the relevant classes, this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

1.2 The Sailing Instructions will be available at www.dbsc.ie no later than 9 April 2026. Any amendments or other notices will be posted on the same site.

1.3 Any changes to the Racing Rules of Sailing, as permitted by RRS 86.1(b), will be highlighted in the relevant section of the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions.

1.4 Prohibited Areas and other restrictions on the movement of boats before, during and after racing will be defined in the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions will define penalties for breaches of these rules.

2 Classes and Handicaps

2.1 Racing will be provided for monohull dinghies in the classes listed below. Classes may be changed if necessary, depending on the number of entries in each class.

2.2 One-design racing will be provided for Fireball, IDRA 14, ILCA 6, ILCA 7 and Melges 15 dinghies.

2.3 Dinghies not listed above will race together in the PY class and will be scored using Portsmouth Yardstick (PY).

2.4 If there are fewer than three entries in a one-design dinghy class, it may be merged with the PY class.

3 Conditions of Entry

3.1 Boats shall have third party and civil liability insurance, including cover for DBSC racing, with a minimum cover €3 million per incident.

3.2 Entries shall be accepted only from an individual person, not from a group or partnership.

3.3 A Person in Charge, as defined by RRS 46, shall be on board at all times when racing. The Irish Sailing prescription to RRS 46 will apply. For those ordinarily resident in Ireland, this means that the Person in Charge shall be an Irish Sailing Personal Member, or a member of an affiliated Category 1 Club (or an equivalent club in Northern Ireland).

3.4 All dinghies shall comply with their class safety rules.

3.5 RRS Rule 40.1 Personal Flotation Devices shall apply.

3.6 DBSC recommends that boats entering DBSC races should also enrol in their local class association.

4 Schedule

4.1 Tuesday: Races will be scheduled on Tuesday evenings from 28 April to 25 August. There will be at most two races each day, with the first warning signal at 19:00. Races will be divided into three series, by date.

4.2 Saturday: Races will be scheduled on selected Saturday afternoons. There will be at most three races each day, with the first

warning signal at 14:00. Races will be divided into two series: Series A (6 days): 25 April, 2 May, 9 May, 16 May, 30 May, 20 June. Series B (5 days): 8 August, 15 August, 22 August, 19 September, 26 September.

5 Location

5.1 Racing may take place in Dublin Bay, close to Dun Laoghaire harbour, or inside Dun Laoghaire Harbour (subject to permission from the Harbour Master).

6 Courses

6.1 Courses may be windward-leeward or triangular, using laid marks.

7 Entry and Fees

7.1 A boat's entry is complete only when a properly completed entry form and entry fee have been accepted by the Honorary Secretary (see RRS 75, Entering an Event).

7.2 The online entry form is available at www.dbsc.ie and includes details of the entry fee for each class. The entry fee includes membership of DBSC for the helm, and for one crew if applicable. For boats with crew, additional crew may be included in the entry as associate members, for an extra fee.

7.3 A boat with a helm who is under 25 on 1 April 2026 will receive a 25% discount on the entry fee.

7.4 Boats visiting the area to compete in local club events or championship races may enter for DBSC racing for a period of up to 14 days. The current entry fee is €50. A visitor entry form and declaration (available at www.dbsc.ie) must be completed, and the fee must be paid, before racing.

8 Scoring

8.1 RRS appendix A, Scoring, shall apply. RRS A5.3 shall apply except that a boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place 1 more than the number of boats that came to the starting area. This changes RRS A5.3.

8.2 For the PY class, a boat's finishing place shall be determined by her corrected time.

8.3 A race shall be scored if it is not abandoned and if two or more boats come to the starting area and at least one of them sails the course and finishes within the time limit, even if she retires after finishing or is disqualified. This changes RRS 90.3(a).

8.4 A class may choose to "star" racing on one or more Saturdays, meaning that any races that day will not count for points in the series for that class. The Honorary Secretary must be informed before the start of the series.

8.5 If less than 4 races are scored in a series, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores. When 4 or more races have been completed in a series, a boat's series score shall be the total of her

race scores excluding her worst scores, with the number of scores excluded increasing with the number of races completed. Details will be in the Sailing Instructions.

9 Prizes

9.1 Prizes will be awarded to the boat with the lowest score in each class in each series.

9.2 DBSC may award Class Perpetual Trophies. Each class shall deliver a complete list of the Perpetual Trophies, together with the conditions on which they will be awarded, to the Honorary Secretary no less than 7 days before the start of the season. DBSC reserves the right to refuse to score a Perpetual Trophy Series, in which case DBSC will provide the class with race results for the races in question. The class can then decide which boat should be awarded the trophy.

10 Risk Statement

10.1 RRS 3 states that the responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.

10.2 Sailing is, by its nature, an unpredictable sport, and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By participating in any of these races, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the race.
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the race and they are fit to participate.
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance as

it is practical to provide in the circumstances, particularly in extreme weather conditions.

g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to the race or to the racing area.

11 Data Protection

11.1 Any personal information provided to DBSC will be used to facilitate participation in the series (plural). Competitors and support persons are bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the series (see section 1), and the legal basis for processing their personal information is contract. For any person not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing their personal information is legitimate interest.

11.2 Personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the DBSC privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with Irish Sailing, a competitor's national authority and/or World Sailing.

11.3 Details of each boat entered, including the name and club membership of the person entering the boat, may be published. The results of the races and series and details of any hearing or appeal may be published.

12 Use of Images

12.1 DBSC may arrange for images or videos to be taken of racing and associated events, both on the water and on shore. By participating in DBSC sailing, competitors give 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. The images may only be used for the promotion of DBSC's activities, DBSC's sponsors, and the relevant class associations.





Notice of Race - Keelboats

23 April 2026 to 26 September 2026

The Organising Authority is Dublin Bay Sailing Club (DBSC).

The Notice of Race for Dinghies other than Water Wags is a separate document.

1 Rules

1.1 Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-28, including the prescriptions of Irish Sailing, the class rules of the relevant classes, this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

1.2 The Sailing Instructions will be available at www.dbsc.ie no later than 9 April 2026. Any amendments or other notices will be posted on the same site.

1.3 Any changes to the Racing Rules of Sailing, as permitted by RRS 86.1(b), will be highlighted in the relevant section of the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions.

1.4 Class rules may be changed to allow the use of GPS or similar, and VHF radio.

1.5 Prohibited Areas and other restrictions on the movement of boats before, during and after racing will be defined in the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions will define penalties for breaches of these rules.

2 Classes and Handicaps

2.1 Racing will be provided for monohull keelboats and dinghies in the classes listed below. Classes may be changed if necessary, depending on the number of entries in each class.

2.2 One-design racing will be provided for Beneteau 211 (including 21.7), Beneteau 31.7, Dragon, Dublin Bay 21, Flying Fifteen, Glen, Mermaid, Ruffian 23, SB20, Shipman 28, Sigma 33 and Water Wag.

2.3 Sportsboats not listed above will race together in the (Mixed) Sportsboats class and will be scored using VPRS.

2.4 Other boats not listed above will race using handicap systems. Boats using spinnakers will be divided into classes Cruisers 0, Cruisers 1, Cruisers 2 and Cruisers 3, based on their handicap. Boats not using spinnakers may race in Cruisers 4 or, with roller furling jib, in Cruisers 5. Cruisers 4 and 5 may be subdivided, based on handicap, to form Cruisers 4A, 4B, 5A and 5B.

2.5 Any divisions based on handicap may be adjusted at the discretion of the Committee, before the start of the season, to achieve a reasonable number of boats and a small spread of handicaps in each class.

2.6 Cruisers 0, 1, 2 and 3 will be scored using ECHO (progressive), IRC and ORC (if ORC rating is requested by a class before the start of the season). YTC or VPRS ratings may be substituted for IRC for one or more of these classes, if requested by the class before the start of the season.

2.7 Cruisers 4A and 5A will race together and be scored using VPRS. Cruisers 4B and 5B will race together and be scored using VPRS. YTC rating may be substituted for VPRS for one or both of those groups, if requested by a majority of the competitors in the relevant group who choose to race using a rating system, before the start of the season. In addition, Cruisers 5A and 5B will be scored using ECHO (progressive).

2.8 Sigma 33 will race as part of Cruisers 2 and be scored as Cruisers 2, and will also be scored as a one-design fleet.

2.9 Beneteau 211 and Beneteau 31.7 will be scored using ECHO (progressive) handicap in addition to one-design.

2.10 If there are fewer than three Mermaid entries, Mermaids and Glens may race together and be scored using PY handicap, in

addition to one-design racing for Glens.

3 Conditions of Entry

3.1 Boats shall have third party and civil liability insurance, including cover for racing, with a minimum cover €3 million per incident.

3.2 Entries shall be accepted only from an individual person, not from a group or partnership.

3.3 A Person in Charge, as defined by RRS 46, shall be on board at all times when racing. The Irish Sailing prescription to RRS 46 will apply. For those ordinarily resident in Ireland, this means that the Person in Charge shall be an Irish Sailing Personal Member, or a member of an affiliated Category 1 Club (or an equivalent club in Northern Ireland).

3.4 All keelboats shall be of monohull design and construction.

3.5 A boat racing under ECHO, IRC, ORC, VPRS or YTC shall not be scored unless a current ECHO, IRC, ORC, VPRS or YTC handicap has been issued for the boat. A copy of any relevant certificate may be requested by the Honorary Secretary.

3.6 A boat entering Cruisers 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 shall acknowledge that racing will be conducted on the basis that all boats meet CE Category C – capable of operating in coastal waters and large bays, with winds up to and including Beaufort Force 6 and significant wave height up to 2 m.

3.7 A boat in Cruisers 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 shall comply with World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations, Appendix B (Special Regulations for Inshore Racing), and in addition, shall carry the following items, in working order:

- A permanently installed manual bilge pump, with a handle made fast and freely available.
- A marine VHF radio, freely available. If this is a handheld unit, it must be safely secured and protected from accidental transmission.
- A first aid kit and first aid manual.
- Two orange smoke flares.
- An effective means to disconnect or cut the standing rigging quickly.

3.8 Boats in other classes shall comply with their class safety rules.

3.9 All boats shall carry a suitable personal flotation device (PFD) for each person on board. Rule 40.1 Personal Flotation Devices shall apply whenever the Race Committee displays flag Y as required by RRS 40.2. When flag Y is displayed from the West Pier Hut, RRS 40.2 (a) applies.

3.10 DBSC recommends that a PFD be worn by each person on board while racing.

3.11 DBSC recommends that boats entering DBSC races should also enrol in their local class association.

4 Schedule

4.1 Water Wags: Races will be scheduled on Wednesday evenings from 29 April to 23 September. There is usually one race each day, with the option of a second race at the discretion of the Race Officer. The first warning signal is scheduled at 18:40 on dates up to 1 September, and at 18:25 after that date.

4.2 Keelboats: Races will be scheduled as in the table below, subject to the exceptions in the following paragraphs.



Day	Dates	First Warning	Races per Day	Number of Series
Tuesday	28 April to 25 August	18:50	1	1 + WOW (see 4.4)
Thursday	23 April to 27 August	18:35	1	2
Saturday	25 April to 26 September	14:00	1	2

4.3 Regattas: There will be no DBSC racing on the Saturdays of the Dun Laoghaire waterfront club regattas: 6 June, 13 June, 27 June and 4 July.

4.4 Women on the Water (WOW): A boat in the SB20, Sportsboats, Flying Fifteen or Ruffian class, racing on Tuesday with at least 50% female crew, including a female helm, may enter the Women on the Water series. In that series, boats in the four classes will race together and be scored using ECHO. The races will also be scored in the normal Tuesday series for the relevant class. If a boat has entered the WOW series, but has insufficient female crew for a particular race, it shall inform the Race Committee and will be scored DNC in the WOW series for that race – this will not affect the normal Tuesday series.

4.5 Cruisers 0, 1, 2, 4, 5 and Beneteau 31.7: Coastal races may be scheduled on a small number of Saturdays. These may start earlier than the normal Saturday races. Details will be in the Notice of Race for the RAYC Super League Cup, which will be published at least two weeks before the start of the season. On Tuesdays, all these classes will race together under ECHO.

4.6 SB20, Mixed Sportsboats, Dragon, Flying Fifteen, Beneteau 21: These classes are in the Green Fleet on Saturdays, and may have two races each Saturday, with the first warning signal at 14:15.

4.7 Dublin Bay 21: There will be no racing on Thursdays.

4.8 Mermaid: There will be no racing on Tuesdays.

5 Location

5.1 Keelboat racing will take place in Dublin Bay, South of the Shipping channel. For Cruisers 0, 1, 2, 4, and 5 and Beneteau 31.7, the coastal races on Saturdays may extend over a larger area.

5.2 Water Wags will normally race in Dun Laoghaire Harbour, subject to permission from the Harbour Master. If racing outside the harbour, the race area will be close to the North of the harbour.

6 Courses

6.1 Most courses will use fixed marks. Details of the marks and courses will be provided in the Sailing Instructions and associated Course Cards.

6.2 One-design keelboats racing in the Green Fleet on Saturdays (see 4.6 above) will have windward-leeward courses using laid marks.

6.3 Water Wag courses may be windward-leeward or triangular, using laid marks.

7 Entry and Fees

7.1 A boat's entry is complete only when a properly completed entry form and entry fee have been accepted by the Honorary Secretary (see RRS 75, Entering an Event).

7.2 The online entry form is available at www.dbsc.ie and includes details of the entry fee for each class. The entry fee includes membership of DBSC for a specified number of crew, depending on the size of the boat. Additional crew may be included in the entry as associate members, for an extra fee.

7.3 A keelboat with a full crew aged 30 or under on 1 April 2026 will receive a 25% discount on the entry fee and will be eligible for age-related prizes.

7.4 Boats visiting the area to compete in local club events or championship races or making a temporary stop in a waterfront club or marina while on a passage, may enter for DBSC racing for a period of up to 14 days. The current entry fee is €50. A visitor entry

form and declaration (available at www.dbsc.ie) must be completed, and the fee must be paid, before racing.

8 Scoring

8.1 Keelboats: RRS appendix A, Scoring, shall apply. RRS A5.3 shall apply except that a boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place 1 more than the number of boats that came to the starting area. This changes RRS A5.3.

8.2 Water Wags: Boats may be assigned to one of three divisions by the class. Some series may include boats from more than one division. RRS appendix A, Scoring, shall apply. RRS A5.3 shall apply except that a boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place 2 more than the number of boats entered in the series. This changes RRS A5.3.

8.3 NoR 2 sets out the classes for which a boat's finishing place shall be determined by her corrected time.

8.4 A race shall be scored if it is not abandoned and if two or more boats come to the starting area and at least one of them sails the course and finishes within the time limit, even if she retires after finishing or is disqualified. This changes RRS 90.3(a).

8.5 If less than 4 races are completed in a series, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores. When 4 or more races have been completed in a series, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst scores, with the number of scores excluded increasing with the number of races completed. Details will be in the Sailing Instructions.

9 Prizes

9.1 Prizes will be awarded to the boat with the lowest score in each class in each series. Where a class is scored under more than one handicap system, or as one-design and under a handicap system, separate prizes may be awarded.

9.2 In the Cruisers 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 classes, a boat winning a prize under IRC or VPRS (or other rating system that might replace IRC or VPRS) shall not be eligible to win a prize under ECHO for the same series. In the Beneteau 211 and Beneteau 31.7 classes, a boat winning a one-design prize shall not be eligible to win a prize under ECHO for the same series. A class may choose to remove this restriction but must notify the Honorary Secretary before the start of the season.

9.3 DBSC may award Class Perpetual Trophies. Each class shall deliver a complete list of the Perpetual Trophies, together with the conditions on which they will be awarded, to the Honorary Secretary no less than 7 days before the start of the season. DBSC reserves the right to refuse to score a Perpetual Trophy Series, in which case DBSC will provide the class with race results for the races in question. The class can then decide which boat should be awarded the trophy.

10 Risk Statement

10.1 RRS 3 states that the responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.

10.2 Sailing is, by its nature, an unpredictable sport, and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By participating in any of these races, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the race.
- They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their



- boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
 - d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the race and they are fit to participate.
 - e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
 - f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance as it is practical to provide in the circumstances, particularly in extreme weather conditions.
 - g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to the race or to the racing area.

11 Data Protection

11.1 Any personal information provided to DBSC will be used to facilitate participation in the series (plural). Competitors and support persons are bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the series (see section 1), and the legal basis for processing their personal information is contract. For any person not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing their personal information is legitimate interest.

11.2 Personal information will be stored and used in accordance

with the DBSC privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with Irish Sailing, a competitor's national authority and/or World Sailing.

11.3 Details of each boat entered, including the name and club membership of the person entering the boat, may be published. The results of the races and series and details of any hearing or appeal may be published.

12 Use of Images

12.1 DBSC may arrange for images or videos to be taken of racing and associated events, both on the water and on shore. By participating in DBSC sailing, competitors give 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. The images may only be used for the promotion of DBSC's activities, DBSC's sponsors, and the relevant class associations.

AIB DBSC RACE TIMES 2026 - KEELBOATS



DBSC Keelboat Race Times 2026



Version 1
03/04/2026

Start times and fleets may be adjusted depending on the number of entries
Committee vessels named are those normally used - alternatives may be used if necessary

Tuesday - All Keelboats		
West Pier Hut - VHF Ch 68	Warning Signal Flag	Warning Signal Time
Cruisers 0, 1, 2, 4, 5, Beneteau 31.7	No. 1	18.50
Sportsboats, SB20, Flying 15, Ruffian	No. 2	18.55
Cruisers 3, Dragon, Beneteau 211	No. 3	19.00
Shipman, Glen, Dublin Bay 21	No. 4	19.05

Thursday - Blue Fleet		
Corinthian - VHF Ch 74	Class Flag	Warning Signal
Cruisers 0	No. 0	18.35
Cruisers 1	No. 1	18.40
Beneteau 31.7	No. 9	18.45
Cruisers 2	No. 2	18.50
Cruisers 3	No. 3	18.55
Cruisers 4 & 5	No. 4 & No. 5	19.00

Saturday - All except Green Fleet Corinthian (C) & West Pier Hut (H) Starts			
Hut - VHF Ch 68 Corinthian - VHF Ch 74	Class Flag	Warning Signal	Hut or Corinthian
Cruiser 0	0	14.00	C
Cruiser 1	No. 1	14.05	C
Beneteau 31.7	No. 9	14.10	H/C
Cruisers 2	No. 2	14.15	H/C
Cruisers 4 & 5	No. 4 & No. 5	14.20	H/C
Cruisers 3	No. 3	14.10	H/C
Ruffian 23	Q	14.15	H/C
Shipman	W	14.20	H/C
Glen & Mermaid	K	14.25	H/C
Dublin Bay 21	B	14.30	H

Saturday - Combined Hut Starts Used only in exceptional circumstances - see SIs		
Hut - VHF Ch 68	Class Flag	Warning Signal
Cruiser 0	No. 0	14.00
Cruiser 1	No. 1	14.05
Beneteau 31.7	No. 9	14.10
Cruisers 2	No. 2	14.15
Cruisers 4 & 5	No. 4 & No. 5	14.20
Cruisers 3	No. 3	14.25
Ruffian 23	Q	14.30
Shipman	W	14.35
Glen & Mermaid	K	14.40
Dublin Bay 21	B	14.45

Thursday - Red Fleet		
Freebird - VHF Ch 72	Class Flag	Warning Signal
SB20	No. 7	18.35
Sportsboats & Dragon	3rd Sub & D	18.38
Flying Fifteen	Naval 6	18.41
Ruffian 23	Q	18.44
Beneteau 211	No. 4	18.47
Shipman	W	18.50
Glen & Mermaid	K	18.53

Coastal Races Saturdays 29 August and 12 September		
Corinthian - VHF Ch 74	Class Flag	Warning Signal
Cruisers 0	No. 0	13.30
Cruisers 1	No. 1	13.35
Beneteau 31.7	No. 9	13.40
Cruisers 2	No. 2	13.45
Cruisers 4 & 5	No. 4 & No. 5	13.50

Saturday Racing (normal circumstances, except 29 Aug & 12 Sep)
Blue Fleet: Beneteau 31.7, Cruisers 2, 4 and 5

Red Fleet: Cruisers 3, Ruffian, Shipman, Glen and Mermaid
Cruisers 0 & 1 start at Corinthian. Dublin Bay 21 start at the hut. Depending on the week, either the Blue or Red fleet starts at the hut, and the other fleet starts at Corinthian.

See the schedule of weeks in the DBSC Racing Programme.

29 Aug & 12 Sep: all classes above start from Corinthian.

Saturday - Green Fleet		
Freebird - VHF Ch 72	Class Flag	Warning Signal
SB20	No. 7	14.15
Sportsboat & Dragon	3rd Sub & D	14.18
Flying Fifteen	Naval 6	14.21
Beneteau 211	No. 4	14.24

Combined Hut Starts might be used if the committee vessel is not available, or cannot be used due to bad weather.



AIB DBSC SUMMER SERIES 2026

Sailing instructions A - General

These Sailing instructions should be read in conjunction with the Sailing instructions Supplements for individual fleets and courses: B – Fixed-mark courses, committee vessel starts; C – Coastal races; D – Dinghies (except Water Wags); G – Green fleet; H – Fixed-mark courses, hut starts.

The notation [NP] in a rule in these Sailing Instructions means that breaches of these rules will not be grounds for protest or request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1, 61.1 and 61.4(b).

The notation [DP] in a rule in these Sailing Instructions means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

The notation [NGR] in a rule in these Sailing Instructions means that failure to send or receive an announcement by VHF or other electronic means shall not constitute grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b). (Visual signals are the primary means of communication.)

All Sailing Instructions, schedules, charts and course cards are published and updated on the DBSC web site, under Racing Documents. Competitors are responsible for using the current version of each document.

A1. Rules

1.1. All racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of sailing (RRS), the relevant Notice of Race, these Sailing Instructions and the rules of each class concerned (unless changed by these sailing instructions).

1.2. The following rules are changed in these Sailing instructions: RRS 29.1, 29.2, 60.1, 61.1, 61.2, 61.4, 90.3, A2, A3, A4, A5, A8 and Race Signals. Each change will be identified in the instruction that changes the rule.

A2. Notices to Competitors

2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the DBSC web site. They may also be posted on a notice board in each of the waterfront clubs and Dun Laoghaire Marina, and/or emailed to competitors.

2.2. Notices related to racing may also be broadcast using a WhatsApp channel. [NGR]

A3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

3.1. Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted on the DBSC web site before noon on the day from which it will take effect. The waterfront clubs and Dun Laoghaire Marina will be asked to display Flag L under the DBSC burgee. An announcement may also be made on the DBSC WhatsApp channels. [NGR]

3.2. For keelboats, changes may also be announced before racing on the relevant VHF channel. [NGR]

3.3. Changes shown on the DBSC web site shall be the official text until a further change is signalled.

A4. Signals Made Ashore

4.1. When signals are to be made ashore, the four waterfront clubs and Dun Laoghaire Marina will be asked to display the signals. Failure by any of the clubs or the marina to display the signals will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b).

4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes". This changes RRS Race Signals AP.

4.3. On a Saturday, flag X displayed ashore, below the DBSC burgee, signals that all keelboat classes except the Green fleet, will start from the West Pier Hut on that day. This signal will be made no later than 60 minutes before racing commences. Start times may change – see the Saturday Combined Hut Starts table in the "Keelboat Race Times" document. Sailing Instructions Supplement H – Fixed marks, hut starts, will apply, and Course Card 2, Saturday, Hut will be used. Announcements may be made on VHF Channel 68 and/or the DBSC Keelboat WhatsApp channel. [NGR]

4.4. When a visual signal is displayed over one or more class flags, fleet flags or fleet pennants, the signal shall apply only to those classes or fleets.

Blue, red and green pennants will represent the Blue, Red and Green fleets, respectively.

Code flag J will represent all classes scheduled to race from the hut on that day.

A white flag bearing the letter D will represent all dinghy classes.

4.5. For the purposes of SI A4, the West Pier Hut shall be treated like a Committee Vessel and is not considered to be "ashore".

A5. Schedule of Races

5.1. The DBSC Racing Programme is published on the DBSC web site, under Racing Documents.

5.2. For the schedule of start times for keelboats, see the "Keelboat Race Times" document.

5.3. For the schedule of start times for dinghies, see Sailing Instructions Supplement D – Dinghies.

A6. Classes and Class Flags

6.1. For dinghies, see Sailing Instructions Supplement D – Dinghies.

6.2. For keelboat class flags and assignment to Blue, Red and Green fleets, see the "Keelboat Race Times" document.

6.3. Cruisers 0, 1, 2 and 3 will be divided as below according to their Irish Sailing ECHO Base handicap or IRC rating, subject to the Committee's right to allocate a boat to any class.

Class	Handicap range
Cruisers 0	1.035 or above
Cruisers 1	0.980 to 1.034
Cruisers 2	0.920 to 0.979, but 0.908 to 0.979 if LOA exceeds 9 m
Cruisers 3	0.919 or below, but 0.907 or below if LOA exceeds 9 m

6.4. Cruisers 4 and 5 will be assigned to A and B divisions.

6.5. A boat in one of the Cruiser classes shall display the numeral pennant corresponding to her class conspicuously on her backstay, or, if no backstay is fitted, on both port and starboard shrouds.



A7. Racing Areas, Marks, Courses

See the appropriate supplement to the Sailing Instructions.

A8. Starts, Late Arrivals

8.1. A boat arriving in the starting area after her preparatory signal, under power or tow, shall, having turned off her engine or cast off her tow, take a Two-Turns Penalty (as defined in RRS 44.2) on the pre-start side of the starting line before starting.

8.2. For keelboats, the Race Committee may, after the starting signal, announce the sail numbers of boats that were OCS by VHF. This changes RRS 29.1. [NGR]

8.3. Should there be a general recall, and the recalled class is not the last class in the starting schedule, the Race Committee may decide to continue the starting schedule and restart the race for the class recalled at the end of the starting schedule. This will be signalled by continuing to display the warning signal (class flag) of the class scheduled to start after the recalled class. The recall signal (First Substitute) will be removed at the preparatory signal of the next class, with no additional sound signal. VHF communications may also be made. Should this procedure be applied to a general recall for more than one class, the restarts for the recalled classes will be in the order of the normal start schedule. This changes RRS 29.2. [NGR]

8.4. [NP] A boat that does not start within 10 minutes of her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A3 and A5.

A9. Disclaimer of Liability

9.1. It shall be the sole responsibility of each boat's skipper to decide whether to start or continue to race. Each owner/helm shall sail or race his/her boat entirely at his/her own risk. Dublin Bay Sailing Club Ltd. and its committee, sponsors, race officers and organisers shall not be liable in the event of any accident or mishap.

9.2. All boats shall be adequately covered for racing in DBSC races, with third party and civil liability insurance with a minimum coverage of €3.0 million.

9.3. Dublin Port Company will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property, nor for injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in any DBSC race. By participating in a DBSC race, each competitor agrees to release Dublin Port from any and all liability associated with such participation to the fullest extent permitted by law. See A11 below.

9.4. The Committee reserves the right to accept or reject a boat/skipper entry on grounds of safety or other grounds as it deems appropriate.

A10. Prohibited Areas

10.1. [NP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. The Race Committee may penalize a boat without a hearing for failing to comply with this Sailing Instruction by a 20% Scoring Penalty calculated under RRS 44.3(c) in the race nearest in time to the incident. This changes RRS A5.1.

10.2. [DP] Boats that have finished shall avoid boats still racing. The Race Committee may penalize a boat without a hearing for failing to comply with this Sailing Instruction by a 20% Scoring Penalty calculated under RRS 44.3(c) in the race nearest in time to the incident. This changes RRS A5.1.

10.3. [DP] A boat racing in a DBSC race shall not cross the start or finish line of any race in which she is not racing. The Race Committee may penalize a boat without a hearing for failing to comply with this Sailing Instruction by a 20% Scoring Penalty calculated under RRS 44.3(c) in the race nearest in time to the incident. This changes RRS A5.1.

10.4. [NP] [DP] On Saturdays, a keelboat, having finished her race, shall not pass between the DBSC West Pier Hut and the Orange, Black or Green starting mark in the vicinity of the hut (shown as O, 2, 3 on the "DBSC Racing Marks" chart). Should a boat, in the opinion of the Race Officer, obstruct the view of the Race Committee or

interfere with another boat, the Race Committee may penalize her without a hearing by a 20% Scoring Penalty calculated under RRS 44.3(c) in the race nearest in time to the incident. This changes RRS A5.1.

10.5. [DP] A boat shall not enter the area of the Dublin Port channel bounded by the Poolbeg Lighthouse, Navigation Marks 6 and 4, Dublin Bay Buoy, Navigation Marks 1, 3 and 5 and the North Bull lighthouse. This area is marked as "No Go" on the "DBSC Racing Marks" chart.

10.6. [DP] A boat shall not pass between Dalkey Island and the mainland nor between the shore and the special yellow buoys marking the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown coastal swimming areas.

10.7. [DP] On Tuesdays, a keelboat shall not enter the area of Scotsman's Bay bounded by the racing marks of the dinghy course.

10.8. [DP] Dun Laoghaire Harbour Notices to Mariners No.3 of 2026 states that clear fairway priorities are to be given to Cruise Ships and their Tenders. This notice must be observed by all competitors. See also Dublin Port Notice to Mariners No.19 of 2026.

A11. Commercial Shipping

11.1. All boats shall give way to and keep clear of commercial shipping. A boat reported by a Harbour Master for interference with commercial shipping in Dublin Bay will be disqualified from all races sailed on that day without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1. Note that breaches may incur a fine from the port authorities.

11.2. For Information: Dublin Port jurisdiction of the bay area commences from, but excludes the Matt Talbot Memorial Bridge in the City of Dublin, and extends to a line from the Baily Lighthouse in the North, to the North Burford Bank Buoy, to the South Burford Bank Buoy and to Sorrento Point in the South, including the harbours of Bulloch and Sandycove, but excluding the limits of the harbours of Dun Laoghaire and Coliemore.

A12. Hearing Requests

A hearing request is a request to the protest committee to hear a protest, a request for redress or a request to reopen a hearing. The person writing the request is the initiator, the other parties are the respondents.

12.1. Hearing requests shall be delivered electronically using the Hearing Request Form (available on the DBSC web site under Racing Forms).

12.2. The time limit for delivering hearing requests is 48 hours after the start of the race for the requesting boat's class. The time recorded by the hearing request system will be deemed evidence of the time submitted. If a diagram is needed, this may be included as an attachment to the hearing request form, or added later (by editing the form), or brought to the hearing.

12.3. A request for redress by a boat disqualified without a hearing or for any other scoring action shall be made within seven days of the race results being published. This changes RRS 61.2.

12.4. Notices will be emailed to inform competitors of the time and place of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. If any party is absent from the hearing 15 minutes after the scheduled time, the protest committee may proceed with the hearing in their absence under RRS 63.1 (b).

12.5. If the Honorary Protest Secretary receives a hearing request that is outside the time limit, or if for any other reason he is of the opinion that the Protest Committee is likely to decide that the request is invalid, he shall inform the initiator. The initiator may ask to withdraw the request. The Honorary Protest Secretary may then act on behalf of the Protest Committee in accordance with RRS 63.2 and allow the request to be withdrawn.

12.6. All correspondence concerning a hearing will be addressed to the email address supplied to DBSC on the entry form. Failure to receive correspondence due to an incorrect email address supplied will not constitute grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b).

A13. Scoring – DBSC Series

13.1. A race shall be scored if it is not abandoned and if two or more boats come to the starting area and at least one of them sails the

course and finishes within the time limit, even if she retires after finishing or is disqualified. This changes RRS 90.3(a).

13.2. RRS A5.3 shall apply but is changed so that a boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that came to the starting area. This changes RRS A5.3.

13.3. At least three races must be scored to constitute a series.

13.4. In each series, if less than 4 races are scored, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores. When 4 or more races have been scored in a series, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst scores, as follows:

Races Scored	Scores Excluded	Races Scored	Scores Excluded
4 to 6	1	18 to 24	4
7 to 11	2	25 to 31	5
12 to 17	3	32 or more	6

13.5. Each class may request prior approval for racing on one or two Saturdays to be "starred", meaning that scores for races sailed on that day shall not be included in the relevant series score(s) or count towards prizes.

13.6. A keelboat boat that is scored DNC (did not start, did not come to the starting area) in a race as a consequence of the helm or key crew being required by DBSC to act as a Race Officer or to help in the West Pier Hut, may request a score in that race of her average points for the relevant series. This request may be made as a Scoring Inquiry – see below.

13.7. Any query of race results must be made through the Scoring Inquiry Form (available on the DBSC web site under Racing Forms), within seven days of the publication of the results being queried. Queries sent to the Honorary Secretary or to a Race Officer will not be addressed.

A14. Scoring – RAYC Super League

14.1. Boats entered for DBSC racing in Cruisers 0, 1, 2, 4, 5 and Beneteau 31.7 will also compete in the RAYC Super League.

14.2. The RAYC Super League has three series.

Series 1: DBSC races on 2 May and 9 May, and the HYC Lambay Race on 30 May.

Series 2: the regattas of the four Dun Laoghaire waterfront clubs.

Series 3: DBSC coastal races on 29 August and 12 September and DBSC race on 19 September.

14.3. Cruisers 0, 1 and 2 will be scored using IRC. Cruisers 4 and 5 will be scored using ECHO. Beneteau 31.7 will be scored as a one-design class.

14.4. In events other than DBSC races, boats will be scored as follows:

Lambay Race: finishing place after excluding all boats not entered in the RAYC Super League.

Regattas: overall ranking after excluding all boats not entered in the RAYC Super League.

This changes RRS A2.1, A3 and A4.

14.5. In Series 1 and Series 3, one race must be scored to constitute a series. If less than 3 races are scored, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. Results calculated for the RAYC Super League will not change DBSC series results.

14.6. In Series 2 one regatta must be completed to constitute the series. If less than 3 regattas are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her regatta scores calculated as in A14.4 above. If 3 or more regattas are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her regatta scores calculated as in A14.4 above, excluding her worst score.

14.7. A boat's series score in the RAYC Super League will be the total of her ranking places in Series 1, 2 and 3. RRS A8.1 will apply, except that "race score" is replaced by "ranking place". RRS A8.2 will apply, except that boats will be ranked in order of their score in the last race in which both boats competed. This changes RRS A2.1 and A8.

A15. Handicapping

15.1. As described in the Notices of Race and as agreed with each relevant class, boats scored using a handicap or rating system will

be scored using one or more of ECHO (Progressive), IRC, VPRS, ORC Club, YTC and Portsmouth Yardstick (PY).

15.2. Boats scored using a handicap or rating system shall comply with the rules of that system and shall have a valid current certificate for that system. Such a certificate must be produced for inspection if requested by the Honorary Secretary or other person nominated by the DBSC Committee.

15.3. The Honorary Secretary (or another person nominated by the DBSC Committee) must be notified immediately of any change in handicap or rating, other than a routine ECHO or PY update.

15.4. For the purposes of RRS 49.2 lifelines complying with OSR 3.14(i) shall be deemed to be taut.

IRC
15.5. For Cruisers 0, 1 and 2, an IRC Certificate must be an endorsed certificate.

15.6. IRC rule 22.4.2 shall not apply. There will be no limits on crew number or weight.

ORC Club

15.7. Classes scored using ORC will be scored using one of the custom scoring options available on page 2 of current valid IRL ORC certificates. The Race Committee may announce the wind band intended to be used by VHF before the first warning signal. The Race Committee may later change the wind band to be used, if there has been a material change in conditions during the race.

15.8. The selection of the ORC scoring option and parameters used for the race, and any announcement thereof or subsequent change thereto, will be at the sole discretion of the Race Committee. These will not constitute grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b).

15.9. ORC Rating Systems Rule 102 (crew weight) shall not apply. ECHO (Progressive)

15.10. For classes scored using ECHO, DBSC will maintain separate handicaps for Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday series, for each boat.

15.11. For boats that raced using ECHO in DBSC in the 2025 summer season, the initial ECHO handicap for the 2026 season will be based on the adjusted handicap at the end of the 2025 season. For other boats, the initial handicap will be based on the value provided by Irish Sailing. ECHO handicaps may be revised or adjusted by DBSC at any time. The allocation or adjustment of an ECHO handicap shall not constitute grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b).

A16. Sail Numbers

16.1. All boats shall comply with RRS 77 except as provided below.

16.2. A keelboat wishing to change her sail number or use a sail with a number other than the number given in her entry form (or any amendment thereto) shall notify the Honorary Secretary at least 24 hours before the changed sail number is to be used. This notification may be given using the online Sail Change Request form. The new sail number will continue to be used until the end date specified in the form, or until a further notification is given.

16.3. For dinghies, see Sailing Instruction D12.

16.4. [DP] The race committee may score boats with indistinct, illegible or missing sail numbers as DNC (did not start, did not come to the starting area) without a hearing. This changes A5.1.

A17. Penalties Given Without a Hearing

Penalties given by the race committee without a hearing will be recorded in the results published by DBSC. No other notification will be given.

A18. Retractable Bowsprits

A boat may extend her bowsprit only when continuously hoisting, flying or a continuously retrieving her spinnaker or gennaker. At all other times, the bowsprit shall be retracted. When approaching a windward mark without the spinnaker or gennaker set, the bowsprit shall not be extended until the bow of the boat passes to windward of the mark. For the purposes of this rule, a mark is a windward mark when the direct course from the previous mark (or the start line if there is no previous mark) is less than 90° from the direction of the wind.



Sailing Instructions 2026

Supplement B

Fixed-Mark Courses

Committee Vessel

These Sailing Instructions should be read in conjunction with the Sailing Instructions A – General.

The notation [NGR] in a rule in these Sailing Instructions means that failure to send or receive an announcement by VHF or other electronic means shall not constitute grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b). (Visual signals are the primary means of communication.)

The VHF channel to be used by the Race Committee is on the “Keelboat Race Times” document and the course cards.

B1. Rules

The following rules are changed in these Sailing instructions: RRS 27.1, 27.2, 32.2, 35, 61.4 and A5. Each change will be identified in the instruction that changes the rule.

B2. Racing Area

The racing area will be Dublin Bay, South of the Dublin Port channel. On Saturdays, the entire area may be used. On Thursdays, the Blue fleet will usually race North of Dun Laoghaire Harbour, and the Red fleet will usually race South-East of Dun Laoghaire Harbour.

B3. Marks

3.1. The DBSC fixed marks, except the starting line limit marks at the West Pier Hut, will bear the corresponding identification letter as shown on the “DBSC Racing Marks” chart. The colour or colours of each mark will be approximately as shown on the chart. The location of each mark will be approximately as shown on the chart and in the “DBSC Marks, Bearings and Distances” table.

3.2. 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. The temporary mark will usually be an inflatable mark, but a robotic mark may be used. Such a replacement will be announced on VHF by the Race Committee.

[NGR]

3.3. The starting and finishing mark will usually be a dan buoy, but a robotic mark may be used.

B4. The Start

4.1. The committee vessel will be identified by the display of the

DBSC burgee and either a blue or red pennant, depending on whether the Blue fleet or the Red fleet is scheduled to race from that committee vessel. (On Thursdays, racing is scheduled from two committee vessels, one for each fleet. On Saturdays, Cruisers 0 and 1 are scheduled to race from a committee vessel, along with either the Blue fleet or the Red fleet, depending on the week – see the DBSC Racing Programme.)

4.2. The starting line will be between a red and white staff on the committee vessel (or the main mast if a yacht is being used) at the starboard end, and a starting mark or a staff on a RIB displaying an orange flag at the port end. An orange flag may be displayed on the red and white staff on the committee vessel. Whether the flag is displayed or not, the red and white staff is the starboard end of the starting line.

4.3. Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26. On Saturdays, and for the Blue fleet on Thursdays, the warning signal will be made 5 minutes before the starting signal. For the Red fleet on Thursdays, the warning signal will be made 3 minutes before the starting signal.

4.4. 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.

4.5. If there is an individual recall, the starting line may be adjusted while a recalled boat returns to start correctly. This changes RRS 27.2.

B5. The Course

5.1. The course will be sailed around marks as described in B3 above.

5.2. When a 5-minute starting sequence is in use, the Race Committee will signal the course to be sailed no later than 3 minutes



before the starting signal. When a 3-minute starting sequence is in use, the Race Committee will signal the course to be sailed approximately 2 minutes before the starting signal. This changes RRS 27.1.

Course Card

5.3. When a course card is in use, the course will be signalled by the display, on the committee vessel, of a letter and a number, which designates a particular course on the appropriate course card. This may also be announced on VHF, using the channel shown on the course card. [NGR]

5.4. When the A and B divisions of Cruisers 4 and 5 are required to sail different courses, the courses will be signalled by the display of a letter and two numbers. Cruisers 4A and 5A shall sail the course designated by the letter and the first number. Cruisers 4B and 5B shall sail the course designated by the letter and the second number.

5.5. The course card to be used shall be:
for Saturday racing, Course Card 1 – Saturday, Committee Vessel;
for Thursday racing for the Blue fleet, Course Card 3 – Thursday, Blue Fleet;
for Thursday racing for the Red fleet, Course Card 4 – Thursday, Red Fleet.

5.6. The marks listed in the designated course shall be rounded on the specified side and in the order in which they are listed. Marks to be rounded to port are shown in red and suffixed “p”. Marks to be rounded to starboard are shown in green and suffixed “s”.

“Platonic” Course

5.7. The Race Officer may design a course that is not on a course card. This will be signalled by the display of a sequence of letters on the committee vessel, designating the marks to be rounded and the order of rounding. An orange symbol in this sequence designates a temporary mark. A number at the end of the sequence designates the number of laps to be sailed. If no number is displayed, one lap is to be sailed.

5.8. When a red flag is displayed, boats shall round the designated marks to port. When a green flag is displayed, boats shall round the designated marks to starboard.

5.9. The Race Committee may also announce the course by VHF and/or on the Keelboat WhatsApp channel. [NGR]

5.10. As an alternative to A5.7 to A5.9, for a more complicated Platonic Course, the Race Committee will announce the sequence of marks to be rounded and the direction of rounding of each mark by VHF. This may also be announced on the Keelboat WhatsApp channel. [NGR]

5.11. If a temporary mark is being used, the Race Committee will announce the position of that mark or the bearing to that mark by VHF.

B6. The Finish

6.1. The finish committee vessel will be identified in the same way as the start committee vessel. (It will usually be the same vessel.) It will be located approximately upwind of the last mark of the course.

6.2. The finish line will be between a red and white staff displaying

a blue flag on the committee vessel (or the main mast if a yacht is being used), at the starboard end and a finishing mark at the port end.

B7. Shortening the Course

7.1. The course may be shortened in accordance with RRS 32.2, by a race committee vessel (not necessarily the main race committee vessel) located near a mark of the course, displaying flag S with two sound signals. If only certain classes are being shortened, the class flags will be displayed with the S flag. If an entire fleet is being shortened, the fleet pennant may be displayed with the S flag.

7.2. If a race committee vessel is positioned at a mark of the course and displaying flag F, with sound signals, boats should round that mark as normal, then sail directly to the finish line (as defined in B6) and cross the finish line from the direction of the mark where flag F was displayed. If only certain classes are being shortened in this way, the class flags will be displayed with the F flag. If an entire fleet is being shortened, the fleet pennant may be displayed with the F flag. This is in addition to RRS 32.2.

B8. Time Limits

Thursdays

8.1. The time limit for the first boat of a class to sail the course is 2 hours after her starting signal.

8.2. A boat that does not finish within 30 minutes after the second boat of her class sails the course, or before 21:05 local time, whichever is earlier, will be scored DNF (Did Not Finish) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 and A5.

8.3. Should only two boats start a race, a boat that does not finish within 30 minutes after the first boat of her class sails the course, or before 21:05 local time, whichever is earlier, will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 and A5.

8.4. For the last two Thursday races scheduled in August, and any subsequent Thursday races held in September, the three sailing instructions above will not apply. Instead, the time limit for the first boat of a class to finish is 20:30 local time. If one boat in a class has finished, a boat in that class that does not finish before 20:30 will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 and A5.

Saturdays

8.5. The time limit for the first boat of a class to sail the course is 17:00 local time.

8.6. A boat that does not finish within 30 minutes after the second boat of her class sails the course, or before 17:30 local time, whichever is earlier, will be scored DNF (Did Not Finish) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 and A5.

8.7. Should only two boats start a race, a boat that does not finish within 30 minutes after the first boat of her class sails the course, or before 17:30 local time, whichever is earlier, will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 and A5.

8.8. Should two races be scheduled, the time limit for the first race is 90 minutes after the starting signal for each class, and the three sailing instructions above apply only to the second race.



Sailing instructions 2026

Supplement C

Coastal Races

These Sailing Instructions should be read in conjunction with the DBSC Summer Series Sailing Instructions A – General.

C1. Rules

The following rules are changed in these Sailing instructions: RRS 35, 61.4 and A5. Each change will be identified in the instruction that changes the rule.

C2. Racing Area

The racing area will be Dublin Bay and nearby coastal areas to the South and East.

C3. Schedule of Races, Classes, Class Flags

Coastal races are scheduled for Saturdays 29 August and 12 September 2026. The classes, class flags, and scheduled times of warning signals are shown in the table below.

Class	Class Flag	Warning Signal Time
Cruisers 0	No. 0	13:30
Cruisers 1	No. 1	13:35
Beneteau 31.7	No. 9	13:40
Cruisers 2	No. 2	13:45
Cruisers 4 and 5	No. 4 and No. 5	13:50

C4. Marks

4.1. Marks may include The Muglins, navigation marks, DBSC fixed marks (as shown on the “DBSC Racing Marks” chart), inflatable marks and robotic marks.

4.2. The starting and finishing mark will usually be a dan buoy, but a robotic mark may be used.

C5. The Course

The course or courses will be designated by the Race Committee at least 10 minutes before the first warning signal and announced repeatedly on VHF Channel 74. The announcement may also be made on the DBSC Keelboat WhatsApp channel. Failure to receive either announcement shall not constitute grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b).

C6. The Start

6.1. The committee vessel will be identified by the display of the DBSC burgee and a blue pennant. The Race Committee will

announce the location of the committee vessel on VHF Channel 74. Failure to receive an announcement shall not constitute grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b).

6.2. The starting line will be between a red and white staff on the committee vessel (or the main mast if a yacht is being used) at the starboard end, and a starting mark or a staff on a RIB displaying an orange flag at the port end.

6.3. Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.

6.4. 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.

6.5. If there is an individual recall, the starting line may be adjusted while a recalled boat returns to start correctly. This changes RRS 27.2.

C7. The Finish

7.1. The finish committee vessel will be identified in the same way as the start committee vessel. (It will usually be the same vessel, in a different location.) The Race Committee will announce the location of the finish committee vessel on VHF Channel 74. Failure to receive an announcement shall not constitute grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b).

7.2. The finish line will be between a red and white staff displaying a blue flag on the committee vessel (or the main mast if a yacht is being used), at the starboard end and a finishing mark at the port end.

C8. Time Limits

8.1. The time limit is 17:30 local time. If no boat in a class sails the course by that time, the race for that class will be abandoned. Otherwise, any boat in that class that does not sail the course within the time limit will be scored DNF (Did Not Finish) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 and A5.

8.2. The time limit may be extended due to postponements, in which case the new time limit will be announced on VHF Channel 74. Failure to receive an announcement shall not constitute grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b).

Sailing Instructions 2026

Supplement D

Dinghies










These Sailing Instructions should be read in conjunction with the Sailing Instructions A – General. In the case of a conflict between the Notice of Race for Dinghies, Sailing Instructions A and this supplement, this supplement shall apply.

D1. Rules

The following rules are changed in these Sailing instructions: RRS 27.1, 28.1, 29.2, 32.2, 33, 35 and A5. Each change will be identified in the instruction that changes the rule.

D2. Class Flags

The flag used to identify each class is shown in the table below. These flags may be used, for example, in signalling a shortened course for a specific class. When more than one class is starting at the same time, one flag will be used as the warning signal, as shown in the table below.

Class	Class Flag	Class Flag	Warning Signal	Warning Signal
Melges 15	Melges 15 flag		Numeral 2	
Fireball	Numeral 1			
IDRA 14	Q flag		Numeral 3	
PY	E flag			
ILCA 7	ILCA 7 flag			
ILCA 6	ILCA 6 flag		ILCA 6 flag	

D3. Schedule of Races

- 3.1. Racing for dinghies is scheduled on Tuesdays and some Saturdays, as shown in the DBSC Racing Programme. There may be up to three races each day.
- 3.2. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race for each class is shown in Appendix D1. This schedule may change, depending on the number of entries in each class.
- 3.3. Subsequent races will be started as soon as possible after the conclusion of the previous race.

D4. Racing Area

- 4.1. The racing area will be Dublin Bay, South of the Dublin Port channel. When necessary and permitted, racing may be within Dun Laoghaire Harbour.
- 4.2. The main race committee vessel will be identified by the display of a DBSC burgee and a white flag bearing the letter D. On Tuesday, it will usually be located East of Dun Laoghaire Harbour or inside the harbour. On Saturday, it will usually be located West of Dun Laoghaire Harbour or inside the harbour.

D5. The Course

- 5.1. The course will be one of those shown in Appendix D1. Each class may have a different course.
- 5.2. The Race Committee will signal the course to be sailed for approximately 2 minutes before the starting signal for that class and for approximately 1 minute after the starting signal. This changes RRS 27.1.
- 5.3. To signal the course, the letter T, X or W will be displayed on the committee vessel to designate the type of course, and a number will be displayed to designate the number of laps to be sailed – see Appendix D1.
- 5.4. For the Melges 15, Fireball and IDRA classes, two numbers may be displayed, in which case the first number designates the number of laps to be sailed by the Melges 15 and Fireball classes, and the second number designates the number of laps to be sailed by the IDRA class. If only one number is displayed, all those classes shall sail the same course.
- 5.5. In a windward-leeward course, if the offset mark is not laid, boats shall sail directly from Mark 1 to Mark 2 or to the finish line, as appropriate.

D6. Marks

Marks 1, 2 and 3 will be inflatable marks, orange or yellow in colour. The offset mark may be a smaller mark, different in shape to the others. The start and finish marks may be of any type.

D7. The Start

- 7.1. A boat should sail near the main race committee vessel before her warning signal and obtain an acknowledgement that her sail number has been recorded.
- 7.2. Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26, with the warning signal made 3 minutes before the starting signal.
- 7.3. The starting line will be between a red and white staff on the main race committee vessel at the starboard end, and a starting

mark (or a staff on a RIB, displaying an orange flag) at the port end.

7.4. In the case of a general recall, where the recalled class is not the last class in the schedule, the start of the recalled class will be postponed until all other classes in the schedule have been started. The First Substitute will be removed at the preparatory signal of the following class in the normal schedule, with no additional sound signal. The warning signal for the recalled class will be made with or after the starting signal of the last scheduled start. If more than one class has been recalled, the restarts for those classes will be in the order of the normal start schedule. This changes RRS 29.2.

D8. Changing the Next Leg of the Course

- 8.1.** Minor changes or adjustments of mark positions will not be signalled. This changes RRS 33.
- 8.2.** Larger changes will be signalled in accordance with RRS 33. The new mark may be a different shape or colour to the one it replaces. If there is a further change, the original mark will be used.

D9. The Finish

- 9.1.** The finishing line will be between a red and white staff displaying a blue flag on the committee vessel and a finishing mark.
- 9.2.** A boat retiring or not intending to sail in the next race shall endeavour to inform the race committee. This may be done via a RIB.
- 9.3.** The race committee may signal to a boat that is still racing, by displaying flag W with one sound signal. The boat is then no longer required to sail the course. The boat shall not continue racing, but shall return to the starting area, or return ashore if there is no more racing. The race committee will, without a hearing, assign a score to that boat determined by her place in the race as recorded at the time of signalling by the race committee vessel. This changes RRS 28.1 and A5.

D10. Shortening the Course

- 10.1.** The course may be shortened in accordance with RRS 32.2, by a race committee vessel (not necessarily the main race committee vessel) located near a mark, displaying flag S with two sound signals. If only certain classes are being shortened at that mark, the class flags will be displayed with the S flag.
- 10.2.** If a race committee vessel is positioned at a mark and displaying flag F, with sound signals, boats should round that mark as normal, then sail directly to the finishing line at the main race committee vessel and cross the finishing line from the direction of the mark where flag F was displayed. If only certain classes are being shortened in this way, the class flags will be displayed with the F flag. This is in addition to RRS 32.2.

D11. Time Limits

The time limit for the first boat in each class to sail the course is 60 minutes after her starting signal. A boat that does not finish within 10 minutes after the first boat of her class sails the course will be scored DNF (Did Not Finish) without a hearing. In the case of the PY class, each type of boat will be considered a separate class for the purposes of this instruction. This changes RRS 35 and A5.

D12. Sail Numbers

12.1. A boat shall display the sail number as registered with her Class Association. However, a boat may enter for DBSC races with an

alternative sail number, or notify a change of sail number, provided that the alternative number is not the registered sail number of another entry in the same class; and provided that the alternative number is not in use by another boat in the same class. For the purposes of this instruction, ILCA 6 and ILCA 7 are considered as one class.

12.2. Notification of any change of sail number shall be given using the Sail Change Request Form (available on the DBSC web site under Racing Forms), which shall be submitted at least 5 minutes before the new sail number is used. The new sail number will continue to be used until the end date specified on the form, or until a further notification is given. No change of sail number will be accepted by the Race Committee on the water.

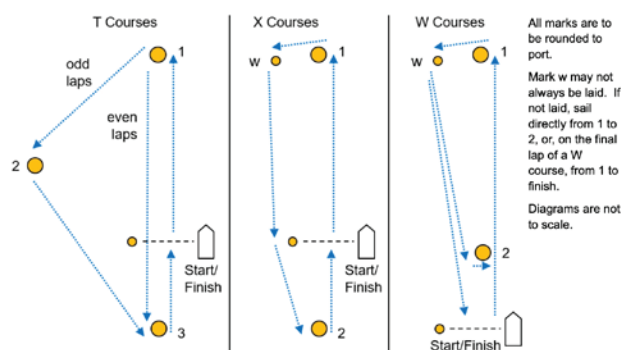
12.3. Except when a sail change request is made in accordance with D12.2, a boat shall display the same sail number on each sail that displays a sail number.

12.4. A boat that infringes SI D12 will be scored DNC without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.

Appendix D1 – Course Card, Dinghies

Class	Start Number	Warning Signal	Warning Signal	Warning Signal Time, Race 1, Tuesday	Warning Signal Time, Race 1, Saturday
Melges 15, Fireball, IDRA	1	Numeral 2		19:00	14:00
PY, ILCA 7	2	Numeral 3		19:03	14:03
ILCA 6	3	ILCA 6 flag		19:06	14:06

T – Triangular Course	X – Windward-Leeward course, windward finish	W – Windward-Leeward course, leeward finish
T1 Start 123 Finish	X1 Start 1w2 Finish	W1 Start 1w Finish
T2 Start 123 13 Finish	X2 Start 1w2 1w2 Finish	W2 Start 1w2 1w Finish
T3 Start 123 13 123 Finish	X3 Start 1w2 1w2 1w2 Finish	W3 Start 1w2 1w2 1w Finish
T4 Start 123 13 123 13 Finish	X4 Start 1w2 1w2 1w2 1w2	W4 Start 1w2 1w2 1w2 1w Finish
T5 Start 123 13 123 13 123 Finish	X5 Start 1w2 1w2 1w2 1w2 1w2	W5 Start 1w2 1w2 1w2 1w2 1w Finish





Sailing Instructions 2026

Supplement G

Green Fleet

These Sailing Instructions should be read in conjunction with the Sailing Instructions A – General.

The VHF channel to be used by the Race Committee is on the “Keelboat Race Times” document and on the course card in Appendix G1.

G1. Rules

The following rules are changed in these Sailing instructions: RRS 27.1, 28.1, 32.2, 33, 35, 61.4 and A5. Each change will be identified in the instruction that changes the rule.

G2. Racing Area

The racing area will be Dublin Bay, South of the Dublin Port channel. The committee vessel will be identified by the display of a DBSC burgee and a green pennant. It will usually be located North of Molly Mark or in the vicinity of Merrion Mark. The location may be announced on VHF Channel 72. Failure to send or receive such an announcement shall not constitute grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b).

G3. Schedule of Races

3.1. Racing for the Green fleet is scheduled on Saturdays, as shown in the DBSC Racing Programme. There may be up to two races each day.

3.2. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race for each class is shown in Appendix G1.

3.3. Any subsequent race will be started as soon as possible after the conclusion of the previous race. Flag R will be displayed, with 2 sound signals, to indicate that racing is about to begin. The warning signal for the first class will be made no less than one minute after flag R is removed (with one sound signal).

3.4. The order of class starts in the second race may differ from the order for the first race, should the Race Committee decide to start some classes while other classes are still racing in the previous race.

G4. Class Flags

The class flags are listed in Appendix G1.

G5. The Course

5.1. The course will be one of those shown in Appendix G1.

5.2. The Race Committee will signal the course to be sailed for approximately 2 minutes before the starting signal for that class and for approximately 1 minute after the starting signal. This will be done by displaying letters and numbers on the committee vessel, designating one of the courses as described in Appendix G1. This changes RRS 27.1.

G6. Marks

Inflatable marks will be used. These will be plain orange in colour.

G7. The Start

7.1. Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26, with the warning signal made 3 minutes before the starting signal.

7.2. The starting line will be downwind of the leeward mark as shown in the course diagrams.

7.3. The starting line will be between a red and white staff on the committee vessel at the starboard end, and a starting mark or a staff on a RIB displaying an orange flag at the port end.

7.4. Should any class not appear in the starting area within 3 Minutes of its warning signal, the Race Committee may advance the warning signals for the following classes by 3 minutes. Therefore, boats should observe signals at the committee boat and keep a listening watch on VHF Channel 72.

G8. Changing the Next Leg of the Course

8.1. Minor changes of mark positions will not be signalled. This changes RRS 33.

8.2. If a windward mark is changed, there will be no spreader (O) in the new position.

G9. The Finish

9.1. The finishing line will be on the opposite side of the committee vessel to the starting line, as shown in the course diagrams in Appendix G1.

9.2. The finishing line will be between a red and white staff displaying a blue flag on the committee vessel and a finishing mark.
9.3. A boat retiring or not intending to sail in the next race shall endeavour to inform the race committee. This may be done by VHF.
9.4. The race committee may signal to a boat that is still racing, by displaying flag W with one sound signal. The boat is then no longer required to sail the course. The boat shall not continue racing, but shall return to the starting area, or return ashore if there is no more racing. The race committee will, without a hearing, assign a score to that boat determined by her place in the race as recorded at the time of signalling by the race committee vessel. This changes RRS 28.1 and A5.

G10. Shortening the Course

10.1. The course may be shortened in accordance with RRS 32.2, by a race committee vessel (not necessarily the main race committee vessel) located near a mark, displaying flag S with two sound signals. If only certain classes are being shortened at that mark, the class flags will be displayed with the S flag.

10.2. If a race committee vessel is positioned at a mark and displaying flag F, with sound signals, boats should round that mark as normal, then sail directly to the finish line at the main committee vessel and cross the finish line from the direction of the mark where flag F was displayed. If only certain classes are being shortened in this way, the class flags will be displayed with the F flag. This is in addition to RRS 32.2.

G11. Time Limits

One-Design Classes

11.1. For the first race each day, the time limit for the first boat in each class to sail the course will be 70 minutes after her starting signal. A boat that does not finish within 10 minutes after the second boat of her class sails the course, or within 80 minutes after her starting signal, whichever is earlier, will be scored DNF (Did Not Finish) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 and A5.

11.2. In any subsequent race, the time limit for the first boat in each class to sail the course will be 17:00 local time. A boat that does not finish within 10 minutes after the second boat of her class sails the course, or before 17:00 local time, whichever is earlier, will be scored DNF (Did Not Finish) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 and A5.

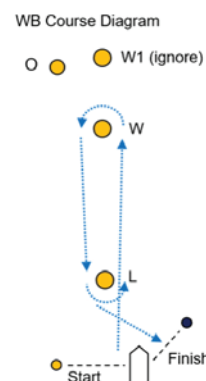
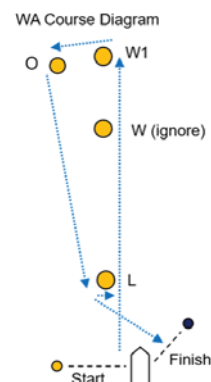
Handicapped Classes

11.3. For the first race each day, the time limit for the first boat in each class to sail the course will be 70 minutes after her starting signal. A boat that does not finish within 15 minutes after the second boat of her class sails the course, or within 85 minutes after her starting signal, whichever is earlier, will be scored DNF (Did Not Finish) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 and A5.

11.4. In any subsequent race, the time limit for the first boat in each class to sail the course will be 17:00 local time. A boat that does not finish within 15 minutes after the second boat of her class sails the course, or before 17:30 local time, whichever is earlier, will be scored DNF (Did Not Finish) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 and A5.

Appendix G1 – Course Card, Green Fleet

The committee vessel will display a green pennant and will usually be in the vicinity of Molly Mark or Merrion Mark. The Race Committee will use VHF Ch. 72. Marks will be orange tetrahedral marks. Starting and finishing marks will be dan buoys.



Courses

Signal	Course
WA1	Start, W1, O, L, Finish
WA2	W1, O, L, W1, O, L, Finish
WA3	Start, W1, O, L, W1, O, L, W1, O, L, Finish
WB1	W, L, Finish
WB2	W, L, W, L, Finish
WB3	W, L, W, L, W, L, Finish

All marks are to be rounded to port, except that on the last lap, L need only be passed to port on the way to the finish. Diagrams are not to scale.

Note SI G8.2: If a windward mark is changed, there will be no spreader (O) in the new position. If O is missing, boats sailing one of the WA courses should sail directly from W1 to L.

Schedule

Class	Class Flag	Warning Signal, Race 1
SB20	No. 7	14:15
Sportsboat Dragon	3 rd Sub D	14:18
Flying 15	Naval 6	14:21
Beneteau 211	No. 4	14:24



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Supplement H

Fixed Mark Courses Hut

These Sailing Instructions should be read in conjunction with the Sailing Instructions A – General.

The notation [NGR] in a rule in these Sailing Instructions means that failure to send or receive an announcement by VHF or other electronic means shall not constitute grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b). (Visual signals are the primary means of communication.)

The VHF channel to be used by the Race Committee is on the “Keelboat Race Times” document and the course cards.

H1. Rules

The following rules are changed in these Sailing instructions: RRS 27.1, 35, 61.4 and A5. Each change will be identified in the instruction that changes the rule.

H2. Racing Area

The racing area will be Dublin Bay, South of the Dublin Port channel.

H3. Marks

3.1. The DBSC fixed marks, except the limit marks at the West Pier Hut, will bear the corresponding identification letter as shown on the “DBSC Racing Marks” chart. The colour or colours of each mark will be approximately as shown on the chart. The location of each mark will be approximately as shown on the chart and in the “DBSC Marks, Bearings and Distances” table.

3.2. 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 will be announced on VHF by the Race Committee. [NGR]

H4. The Start

4.1. Races will start at the DBSC West Pier Hut, located on the Northern corner of the West Pier of Dun Laoghaire Harbour.

4.2. The starting line will be a transit formed by bringing in line the two triangles above the West Pier Hut. To start, a boat shall cross this line in the direction of the first mark of the course, passing between the hut and a limit mark.

4.3. The limit mark will be one of the orange, black or green DBSC fixed marks close to the hut (marked O, 2, 3 respectively on the “DBSC Racing Marks” chart), or the yellow navigation mark known as Turning Mark (X). The limit mark in use will be signalled by the display of a coloured shape on a board on the hut. It may also be announced by VHF. [NGR]

4.4. Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.

H5. The Course

5.1. The course will be sailed around marks as described in H3 above.

5.2. The Race Committee will signal the course to be sailed no later than 3 minutes before the starting signal. This changes RRS 27.1.

Course Card

5.3. When a course card is in use, the course will be signalled by the display, on the hut, of a letter and a number, which designates a particular course on the appropriate course card. This may also be announced on VHF. [NGR]

5.4. When the A and B divisions of Cruisers 4 and 5 are required to sail different courses, the courses will be signalled by the display of a letter and two numbers. Cruisers 4A and 5A shall sail the course designated by the letter and the first number. Cruisers 4B and 5B shall sail the course designated by the letter and the second number.

5.5. The course card to be used shall be:
for Saturday racing, Course Card 2 – Saturday, Hut;
for Tuesday racing, Course Card 5 – Tuesday, Hut.

5.6. The marks listed in the designated course shall be rounded on the specified side and in the order in which they are listed, except Turning Mark. Marks to be rounded to port are shown in red and suffixed “p”. Marks to be rounded to starboard are shown in green and suffixed “s”. Turning Mark (X) need not be rounded but shall be passed to port when listed in the designated course.

“Platonic” Course

5.7. The Race Officer may design a course that is not on a course card. This will be signalled by the display of a sequence of letters on the hut, designating the marks to be rounded and the order of rounding. A number at the end of the sequence designates the

number of laps to be sailed. If no number is displayed, one lap is to be sailed.

5.8. When a red flag is displayed, boats shall round the designated marks to port. When a green flag is displayed, boats shall round the designated marks to starboard. Exception: If Turning Mark is the last mark of the course, it need not be rounded but shall be passed to port regardless of the flag displayed.

5.9. The Race Committee may also announce the course by VHF and/or on the Keelboat WhatsApp channel. [NGR]

Restriction

5.10. After starting and rounding the first mark of the course, a boat shall not pass between the West Pier Hut and any of the DBSC start limit marks (designated O, 2 and 3 on the "DBSC Racing Marks" chart), until she is on the final leg of the course, sailing to the finishing line to finish.

H6. The Finish

6.1. The finishing line will be between an orange stripe on the corner of the West Pier hut at the starboard end and the orange limit mark (O) at the port end.

H7. Shortening the Course

7.1. The course may be shortened in accordance with RRS 32.2, by a race committee vessel located near a mark of the course, displaying flag S, with two sound signals. If only certain classes are being shortened, the class flags will be displayed with the S flag. If an entire fleet is being shortened, the fleet pennant will be displayed with the S flag.

H8. Time Limits

Tuesdays

8.1. The time limit for the first boat of a class to sail the course is 2 hours after her starting signal.

8.2. A boat that does not finish within 30 minutes after the second boat of her class sails the course, or before 21:05 local time, whichever is earlier, will be scored DNF (Did Not Finish) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 and A5.

8.3. Should only two boats start a race, a boat that does not finish within 30 minutes after the first boat of her class sails the course, or before 21:05 local time, whichever is earlier, will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 and A5.

8.4. For the last two Tuesday races scheduled in August, and any subsequent Tuesday races held in September, the three sailing instructions above will not apply. Instead, the time limit for the first boat of a class to finish is 20:30 local time. If one boat in a class has finished, a boat in that class that does not finish before 20:30 will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 and A5.

Saturdays

8.5. The time limit for the first boat of a class to sail the course is 17:00 local time.

8.6. A boat that does not finish within 30 minutes after the second boat of her class sails the course, or before 17:30 local time, whichever is earlier, will be scored DNF (Did Not Finish) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 and A5.

8.7. Should only two boats start a race, a boat that does not finish within 30 minutes after the first boat of her class sails the course, or before 17:30 local time, whichever is earlier, will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 and A5.





Sailing Instructions 2026

The Water Wags and Dublin Bay Sailing Club

1. IMPORTANT NOTICE COVID-19

If any anti-COVID-19 or similar measures are at any time prescribed by the Government, these instructions will be subject to such measures. It is the responsibility of each skipper to ensure that their crew complies with all applicable law, guidelines and these instructions.

2. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY – COVID-19

Neither The Water Wags nor Dublin Bay Sailing Club (DBSC) can guarantee that competitors will not be exposed to or infected by the COVID-19 (or similar) virus as a result of participating in Wag racing. Competitors are deemed to have assumed the risk if they participate. To the greatest extent permitted by law, neither The Water Wags nor Dublin Bay Sailing Club nor their respective representatives (including, without limitation, their respective committees, flag officers, race officers, safety officers, rescue personnel and organisers) will be liable for any ill health or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after any Water Wag event.

3. Disclaimer of liability

Competitors participate in races entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3 (Decision to race). It is the sole responsibility of each helmsman to decide whether their boat participates, or continues to participate, in any race or other event (see RRS 3 (Decision to race)). To the greatest extent permitted by law, neither The Water Wags nor Dublin Bay Sailing Club nor their respective representatives (including, without limitation, their respective committees, flag officers, race officers, safety officers, rescue personnel and organisers) will be liable for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after any Water Wag event.

4. Organising authority and rules

4.1. All races will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2025-2028 (RRS), the Rules of The Water Wags (RWW) and these sailing instructions. In the case of conflict between RRS, RWW and these sailing instructions, then RWW and these sailing instructions will take precedence.

4.2. The sailing instructions of Dublin Bay Sailing Club will not apply save as provided in paragraph 18 (Hearing requests).

5. Eligibility and entry

5.1. Racing is open to all boats that are owned by members of The Water Wags provided that all applicable entry fees and subscriptions of The Water Wags and DBSC have been paid.

5.2. A boat must comply with the RWW, the minimum safety regulations set out in paragraph 21 (Safety regulations, equipment and measurement checks) and the insurance requirements set out in paragraph 22 (Insurance). It is the responsibility of each boat owner

to ensure that their boat complies with these requirements, and by taking part in racing they warrant that their boat complies.

6. Division allocation

The Committees will allocate boats, to one of three Divisions, namely: Division 1A, Division 1B and Division 2, based principally on the performance of each boat in the previous season. The Committee may reallocate a boat to a different Division during the season. (References to 'Division 1' include both Divisions 1A and 1B).

7. Communications with Competitors and changes to these sailing instructions

7.1. Members will be notified of any amendment to these sailing instructions by email or by The Water Wags' WhatsApp' group and it will be effective from the date and time specified in such notice.

7.2. The race officer shall endeavour to notify any change in the racing area, postponement or cancellation of racing, reef or other relevant change to racing by contacting a representative of The Water Wags at each club. Failure to receive any such notification shall not constitute grounds for redress.

8. Schedule of races

8.1. Racing is scheduled each Wednesday between the 29 April and 23 September 2026 (inclusive). One race is scheduled each Wednesday, and one extra race may be sailed at the discretion of the race officer subject to time available and conditions being suitable.

8.2. The warning signal for the first race is 18.40 until 1 September and will be 18.25 for subsequent races except that, at the discretion of the Captain of the Water Wags, if any additional races are sailed after the scheduled season the warning signal may be set for an earlier time.

8.3. To alert boats that another race will be sailed, the committee vessel will display flag A (white and blue with a swallow tail) at the finish.

8.4. Races may be scheduled by the committee on other days and at other venues and they will be governed by these sailing instructions and or amendments.

9. Format of racing and reefing procedures

9.1. A race will be one of the following:

9.1.1. All Divisions Race: All boats will start at the starting signal.

9.1.2. Handicap Race (indicated with an 'H' on the programme):

The first of the handicap boats will start at the starting signal.

The remainder will start at their allotted times published in the Programme of Races issued to boat owners before the race.

9.2. In the event of adverse weather conditions, the race officer will decide whether racing will take place and whether sails shall be reefed. The race officer's decision does not change a helmsman's own responsibility to decide whether to sail, or to reef. When the



race officer decides that sails shall be reefed then the mainsail shall be reefed to at least the reef line shown on The Water Wag's sail plan or an officially measured cut down mainsail shall be rigged.

10. Class flag

Either the Water Wag Class Burgee (red with a white horizontal bar across the centre) or numeral 4 will be displayed at the warning signal and removed at the start.

11. The courses

11.1. The courses will be either windward-leeward or triangular.

11.2. No later than the warning signal, the race committee will display the number of rounds and the course to be sailed on a board. 'T' will indicate a triangular course and 'W' will indicate a windward-leeward course.

11.3. A triangular course will consist of three marks (windward, gybe, leeward) leaving all marks to port.

11.4. A windward-leeward course shall consist of a windward mark, an offset mark and a leeward gate formed by two marks. While every effort will be made to lay a leeward gate, in the event that this is not possible then a single leeward mark will be laid, and this mark will be rounded to port.

11.5. While every effort will be made to lay the offset mark, in the event that this is not possible then a single weather mark will be laid and this mark will be rounded to port, boats shall after, rounding the windward mark to port, sail directly to the leeward gate or mark.

11.6. A minimum of three legs must be sailed to constitute a race. The leg between the windward mark and the offset mark will count as a leg.

11.7. Alternative courses to be sailed may be advised by the race officer.

12. Marks

Marks may be plastic dan buoys or inflatable marks.

13. The start

13.1. Races will be started by using RRS 26 (Starting Races) with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

13.2. The starting line will be between a staff on the committee vessel at the starboard end and a distinctive mark at the port end.

13.3. A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored 'Did Not Start' without a hearing. This changes RRS A3 (Starting times and finishing places) and A5 (Scores determined by the race committee).

14. Change of the next leg of the course

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

14.2. Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee vessel signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee vessel to starboard. This changes RRS 28 (Sailing the course).

14.3. The race committee may make minor adjustments to the course without indicating a change of course. This changes RRS 33 (Changing the next leg of the course).

15. The finish

15.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying on a committee boat at the starboard end and the port end finishing mark.

15.2. Where the leeward gate is used to finish, the committee vessel will be positioned either beside one of the gate marks or will replace

one of the gate marks and in either case the main mast of the committee vessel and the other mark will form the line.

16. Penalty system

In accordance with RRS 44.1 a one turn penalty shall replace a two-turn penalty.

17. Time limits

17.1. In the event that one race is sailed boats will be timed up to 90 minutes after the starting signal.

17.2. Should more than one race be sailed then boats will be timed up to 60 minutes after their starting signal for each race.

17.3. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored 'Did Not Finish' without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 (Race time limits and scores), A3 (Starting times and finishing places) and A5 (Scores determined by the race committee).

17.4. In addition to RRS 32 (Shortening or abandoning after the start), 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.

18. Hearing requests

Protests and requests for redress shall be lodged with the DBSC website in accordance with clause A12 (Hearing Requests) of the AIB DBSC Summer Series Sailing Instructions A - General.

19. Scoring and prizes

See Appendix 1

20. Safety officer

The committee may appoint a safety officer.

21. Safety regulations, equipment and measurement checks

21.1. A boat reported by the Harbour Master for interference with commercial shipping in Dublin Bay will be disqualified without a hearing (amends RRS 63.1)

21.2. Personal buoyancy aids to CE Standards shall be worn by helmsman and crew and will be properly secured and maintained.

21.3. The following equipment and safety rules shall apply:
21.3.1. At least one bow and two side buoyancy bags with a total capacity of 450lbs. to be in place, correctly distributed, securely fixed to ribs or other suitable tie down point and inflated. It is recommended that an additional stern bag of at least 80lbs. should be securely fixed to ribs or other suitable tie down point under the stern thwart.

21.3.2. Boats shall carry a manual water pump and/or a scoop bailer.

21.3.3. Two eight foot long oars (2.4m) and rowlocks or spurs to be carried and properly secured.

21.3.4. One bucket (minimum 5 litres) on a long lanyard to be carried at all times.

21.3.5. One painter, at least 3.6m long attached at the bow.



- 21.3.6.** Rigging screws / lanyards to be securely wired / tied.
- 21.3.7.** Boats should have a method of preventing her rudder floating away, should a capsizing occur (suitable methods to include rudder clip, lanyard or mainsheet horse).
- 21.3.8.** Boats should carry an appropriate piece of equipment which will prevent water entering a swamped boat through the top of the centreboard case. A spinnaker is considered acceptable.
- 21.4.** A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the RWW and these sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by the safety officer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

22. Insurance

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

Note: These sailing instructions are to be read in conjunction with:
The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028
The Rules of the Water Wags

Hearing Request Forms are available at: DBSC Hearing Request Form 2026

Appendix 1

1. Trophies and Scoring

1.1. Points toward the Jubilee Cup (all Divisions), the Snuff Box Trophy (Division 1B), the Cora Cup (Division 2) and the Saryalis Cup (all divisions) will be awarded to a boat on the basis of the 'low point scoring system' of Appendix A to RRS for a series longer than a regatta, changed as follows:

1.1.1. Boats which came to the starting area, but did not start (DNS), retired (RTD), were disqualified (DSQ) or did not finish (DNF) shall score one point more than the number of boats which came to the starting area.

1.1.2. Boats which did not compete (DNC) shall score two points more than the number entrants.

1.1.3. Boats which have safety equipment that is not in adequate condition may score three points more than the number of boats that came to the starting area at the discretion of the safety officer.

1.1.4. Races indicated with a # symbol in the Programme of Races do not count for the trophies listed in the opening paragraph.

2. Discards

2.1. Discards for racing will be as follows:

No. of Races Completed	No. of Discards
0-3 inclusive	0
4-5 inclusive	1
6-8 inclusive	2
9-11 inclusive	3
12-14 inclusive	4
15-17 inclusive	5
18-20 inclusive	6
21-23 inclusive	7
etc.	

2.2 Except where otherwise indicated, each division will compete for its own cup or trophy on the basis of the scoring system described above. Accordingly references to 'boats which came to the starting area' shall be where a cup or trophy is scored on a divisional basis, a reference to the number of such boats in the relevant division. Where a cup or trophy is competed for by more than one division (for example the Jubilee Cup and the Saryalis Cup which are open to all divisions) the relevant divisions will be scored together on the

basis of the scoring system described above and references to 'boats which came to the starting area' shall be, in such cases, references to boats of all divisions which came to the starting area.

2.3. There will be a series of up to two races for the Newsom Memorial Cup (Division 1A), the Hilpotsteiner Tankard (Division 1B), and the Phyllis Cup (Division 2).

2.4. There will be a series of up to three races for the Commemoration Shell Case (Division 1A), the Meldon Mirror (Division 1B), and the Commemoration Trophy (Division 2).

2.5. The most successful boat in all regatta races will be awarded the Middleton Howitzer which will be kept in the Royal Irish Yacht Club and Lawson's History of the America's Cup which may be kept for 11 months.

2.6. The Walpole Prizes will consist of a single race of which only those boats which have competed in six or more Wednesday races and have not finished in first place in any of those races or won a Division 1A, Division 1B or Division 2 prize, are eligible for prizes. All boats who sail in this race will accumulate points for the Jubilee Cup (all divisions), the Snuff Box (Division 1B), and the Cora Cup (Division 2).

2.7. There will be series of up to two handicap races for the Buckingham Cup (divisions 1A and 1B). Handicaps will be notified before the races.

2.8. The Saryalis Cup will be awarded to the boat which finishes in 13th. place overall for the Jubilee Cup.

2.9. In the event of two or more races being held on the same Wednesday, the results of all races will contribute towards the Jubilee Cup, the Snuff Box Trophy, the Cora Cup and the Saryalis Cup.

2.10. The Coquette Cup will be awarded to the most successful boat in all Water Wag races including the second and subsequent races when two or more races take place and including events away from Dublin Bay. No discards will apply.

2.11. The Jacqueline Trophy will be awarded to the winner of a single-handed race to be scheduled by the Captain of The Water Wags.

2.12. The Sprack Trophy will be awarded to the winner of a race in which the boats are steered by their regular crews to be scheduled by the Captain of The Water Wags.

2.13. The YOZ Trophy will be awarded to the winner of a race in which the boats are steered by helmsmen below the age of 18 to be scheduled by the Captain of The Water Wags.

2.14. The Donohoe Titanic Trophy will be awarded to the boat which has seen the greatest improvement in performance in Jubilee Cup races over the previous season.

2.15. The Pansy Trophy will be awarded to the winner of a ballot race at the end of season Shannon Regatta in which the boats are steered by a designated helmsmen and crewed by the regular crew. (Allocations of helmsmen will be seeded and will be decided by the Captain of The Water Wags).

2.16. All race winners within an individual race series who do not win the series may be awarded with a class prize.

2.17. The Captain of The Water Wags will designate a day and time for the Dalkey Island Picnic.

2.18. Other prizes will be allocated as shown on the Programme of Races or as decided by the committee of The Water Wags.

DBSC RACING MARKS 2026

53°
21'



NO GO



Sth. Bar



Bligh



Sth. Bull



Seapoint

M



Middle



New Ross



Asgard



Saoirse



Boyd



Harbour

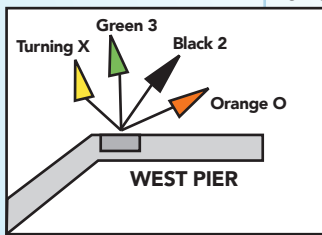


Zebra

NB Zebra shows position only and may not be laid



Merrion



Salthill



Molly



East



Pier



Omega



Poldy



Bay



Battery



Bulloch



Island

NOT TO SCALE
NOT TO BE USED FOR NAVIGATION

6°09'

6°08'

6°07'

6°06'

6°05'

53°
19'

53°
18'



Position

Lat N 53°4'

Long W 6°4'

To:

From

DBSC Marks, Bearings and Distances

V1 07/04/2026

Bearings in Black, relative to True North

Distances in Red, in NM

Mark positions may vary slightly. All figures are approximate.

Warning: Some direct paths are obstructed.



	A	B	C	S'point	S.Bull	S.Bar	Bligh	N.Ross	Harb'r	J	K	L	M	Middle	Molly	N	O	Orange	P	Poldy	Island	R	Bulloch	East	S	T	Battery	Pier	V	W	Turning	Omega	Green		
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8.15	0.83	1.15	1.69	2.08	2.20	2.03	0.83	1.64	1.09	0.52	1.50	1.63	0.65	2.22	2.24	2.01	1.99	1.64	1.32	2.01	1.99	1.64	1.32	2.01	1.99	1.64	1.32	2.01	1.99	1.64	1.32	2.01	1.99	1.64	1.32
19.48	218	330	355	019	043	062	085	146	141	085	110	256	037	037	124	168	065	2.04	2.20	2.11	1.71	1.75	1.21	1.43	0.60	1.69	0.60	1.54	191	137	182	182	182		
8.6	0.83	0.53	0.98	1.27	1.37	1.25	0.36	0.95	0.50	0.60	0.66	0.66	0.66	0.66	1.34	0.65	2.04	2.20	2.11	1.71	1.75	1.21	1.43	0.60	1.69	0.60	1.54	191	137	182	182	182			
20	192	150	019	043	062	085	146	141	085	110	256	037	037	124	168	065	2.04	2.20	2.11	1.71	1.75	1.21	1.43	0.60	1.69	0.60	1.54	191	137	182	182	182			
8.3	1.15	0.53	0.55	1.01	1.28	1.38	0.89	1.27	0.97	0.68	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.67	1.83	1.17	2.53	2.72	2.64	2.19	2.28	1.74	1.97	1.06	2.21	1.09	1.55	140	158	155	162	181	151	177	
20.22	169	0.98	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.96	1.26	1.30	1.37	1.28	1.22	0.67	0.67	0.67	2.10	1.64	2.79	3.02	3.01	2.42	2.67	2.09	2.38	1.57	2.54	1.59	2.38	1.57	2.54	1.59	2.38	1.57	2.54	1.59	
7.45	206	199	223	247	107	132	187	154	178	217	182	182	182	182	160	189	153	158	165	153	170	170	170	170	170	170	170	170	170	170	170	170	170	170	170
20.08	2.08	1.27	1.01	0.55	0.47	0.93	1.49	1.23	1.37	1.67	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.67	2.06	1.86	2.69	2.99	3.04	2.32	2.74	2.15	2.50	1.87	2.55	1.86	2.50	1.87	2.55	1.86	2.50	1.87	2.55	1.86	
6.7	2.20	1.37	1.28	0.96	0.47	0.54	1.48	0.97	1.29	1.88	0.71	1.82	1.85	2.39	2.71	2.82	2.01	2.56	1.98	2.36	1.92	2.32	1.88	2.82	2.01	2.56	1.98	2.36	1.92	2.32	1.88	2.82	2.01	2.56	1.98
19.6	232	242	265	289	312	334	226	198	220	247	266	179	218	163	169	178	166	186	192	194	226	194	226	194	226	194	226	194	226	194	226	194	226	194	
6.3	2.03	1.25	1.38	1.26	0.93	0.54	1.23	0.51	0.99	1.83	0.71	1.32	1.56	1.86	2.19	2.32	1.49	2.09	1.53	1.93	1.69	1.82	1.63	1.93	1.69	1.82	1.63	1.93	1.69	1.82	1.63	1.93	1.69	1.82	
18.74	243	321	326	346	007	025	046	063	065	280	012	117	194	123	135	147	115	151	139	158	228	136	217	158	228	136	217	158	228	136	217	158	228	136	
7.77	0.83	0.36	0.89	1.30	1.49	1.48	1.23	0.81	0.26	0.82	0.83	1.00	0.37	1.69	1.84	1.75	1.38	1.40	0.85	1.09	0.46	1.33	0.41	1.09	0.46	1.33	0.41	1.09	0.46	1.33	0.41	1.09	0.46		
19.11	243	265	287	311	334	355	018	243	062	272	355	131	215	131	143	155	124	162	157	172	234	148	228	172	234	148	228	172	234	148	228	172	234	148	
6.56	1.64	0.95	1.27	1.37	1.23	0.97	0.51	0.81	0.70	1.19	1.19	1.05	1.05	1.05	1.19	1.80	0.87	2.46	2.55	2.39	2.40	1.57	1.67	0.65	2.05	0.73	1.67	0.65	2.05	0.73	1.67	0.65			
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7.37	1.09	0.50	0.97	1.28	1.37	1.29	0.99	0.26	0.55	1.05	1.05	1.05	1.05	1.05	1.19	1.80	0.87	2.46	2.55	2.39	2.40	1.57	1.67	0.65	2.05	0.73	1.67	0.65	2.05	0.73	1.67	0.65			
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9.12	0.52	0.60	0.68	1.22	1.67	1.88	1.83	0.82	1.55	1.05	1.19	1.19	1.19	1.19	1.80	0.87	2.46	2.55	2.39	2.40	1.57	1.67	0.65	2.05	0.73	1.67	0.65	2.05	0.73	1.67	0.65				
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7.48	1.50	0.66	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.71	0.71	0.83	0.70	0.70	1.19	1.19	1.19	1.19	1.46	1.20	2.13	2.39	2.40	1.76	2.09	1.50	1.83	1.23	1.92	1.21	1.83	1.23	1.92	1.21	1.83	1.23	1.92	1.21	
18.28	273	304	311	325	340	352	359	297	349	311	289	331	341	323	304	333	304	016	016	016	016	016	016	016	016	016	016	016	016	016	016	016	016	016	
6.28	1.63	1.34	1.83	2.10	2.06	1.82	1.32	1.00	0.85	0.87	1.80	1.46	1.46	1.46	1.80	0.93	1.68	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	
18.38	268	348	340	352	009	023	038	014	048	035	305	013	096	096	096	096	096	096	096	096	096	096	096	096	096	096	096	096	096	096	096	096	096	096	
7.92	0.65	0.65	1.17	1.64	1.86	1.85	1.56	0.37	1.09	0.57	0.87	1.20	0.99	0.99	1.68	1.68	1.68	1.68	1.68	1.68	1.68	1.68	1.68	1.68	1.68	1.68	1.68	1.68	1.68	1.68	1.68	1.68	1.68	1.68	
17.82	284	306	311	322	333	341	343	303	332	311	295	324	311	290	196	196	196	196	196	196	196	196	196	196	196	196	196	196	196	196	196	196	196	196	
5.4	2.22	2.03	2.53	2.78	2.69	2.39	1.86	1.69	1.46	1.56	2.46	2.13	0.70	1.61	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	
17.45	294	316	318	328	338	346	349	315	341	341	323	304	332	333	304	304	016	016	016	016	016	016	016	016	016	016	016	016	016	016	016	016	016	016	
5.58	2.24	2.20	2.72	3.02	2.99	2.71	2.19	1.84	1.76	1.76	2.55	2.39	0.93	1.68	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	
17.28	302	326	326	335	345	353	358	327	353	335	312	341	341	341	356	316	040	064	064	064	064	064	064	064	064	064	064	064	064	064	064	064	064	064	
6.16	2.01	2.11	2.64	3.01	3.04	2.82	2.32	1.75	1.85	1.73	2.38	2.40	1.00	1.52	0.71	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39		
18.16	276	300	307	320	333	342	346	295	331	304	289	322	289	279	154	175	154	175	154	175	154	175	154	175	154	175	154	175	154	175	154	175	154	175	
5.68	1.99	1.71	2.19	2.42	2.32	2.01	1.49	1.38	1.09	1.22	2.18	1.76	0.38	1.36	0.71	0.93	0.71	0.93	0.71	0.93	0.71	0.93	0.71	0.93	0.71	0.93	0.71	0.93	0.71	0.93	0.71	0.93	0.71	0.93	
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Youth Officer **Ally Orr**

If you have any concerns, questions, or need advice regarding child welfare, safeguarding, or participation in junior sailing programs—please get in touch. All matters are treated confidentially and with the child's welfare as the top priority.

Safeguarding Our Young Sailors

DBSC is fully committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people participating in our sailing activities. We follow best practices under the Children First Act, Tusla guidelines, Irish Sailing, and Sport Ireland.

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Club Website: <https://dbsc.ie/>

Child Safeguarding Page: <https://dbsc.ie/child-safeguarding>

(Download the full Safeguarding

Statement for more details)

**Sailing Safely Together –
Join Us on Dublin Bay**



Guard of Honour with Mermaid spinnaker poles at the wedding of Hal Bleakley and Jane Bleakley. Pictured from left: Geoff Ashenhurst, Terry Roche, Frank Farley, Johnny Walker, Ronnie Kay and Flick Hardy. Photo courtesy Hal Bleakley.



IN MEMORIAM

RIP HAL BLEAKLEY

It was with great sadness that we learnt of the passing of George Harold (Hal) Bleakley last November 2025.

Hal was Commodore of DBSC between 1975 and 1978. Hal served on the committee as a Flag Officer for over 9 years. Hal went on to become a Race Officer for DBSC until he retired as RO in 2014.

Both he and his wife, Jane, were keen Mermaid sailors. Apart from sailing Mermaids competitively for many years, Hal was very involved in the Dublin Bay Mermaid Sailing Class. So much so that he and his wife Jane were saluted by a guard of honour bearing Mermaid spinnaker poles on their wedding day. Hal and his wife donated a trophy, The Daniel Perpetual Memorial Trophy to the Mermaid Sailing Association. This trophy commemorated Ken Daniel, Jane's father, a keen Mermaid sailor.

Hal was the first manager of the Dun Laoghaire Marina and oversaw the operations and running of the marina to a very high standard. This professionalism could be seen in his role as Commodore and then as a Race Officer.

Hal will be remembered as someone who contributed greatly to Dun Laoghaire sailing, a committed and hard working Flag Officer throughout his tenure as well as an outstanding Race Officer for Dublin Bay Sailing Club.

His family are in our thoughts and prayers.

May Hal Rest in Peace

General Information 2026

1. Dinghy Patrol Service

Recovery of boats is not the responsibility of the DBSC Patrol Crews. Any damage incurred during patrol operations is the responsibility of the boats concerned. The provision of equipment such as anchors, bailers etc. that may be required during these operations is not the responsibility of DBSC.

2. Trophies & Prizes

In addition to the individual class trophies shown in the list of classes, the following Premier Awards may be awarded at the discretion of the Committee:

George Arthur Newsom Memorial Cup

A perpetual challenge cup awarded at the discretion of the Committee for the most successful boat in a one design class. Waterhouse Challenge Shield.

A perpetual trophy awarded at the discretion of the Committee for the most successful boat in handicapped races for cruisers.

Dun Laoghaire Harbour Trophy

A perpetual trophy awarded at the discretion of the Committee for the most successful new boat in the DBSC fleet.

Dr Alf Delaney Memorial Cup

A perpetual challenge cup awarded at the discretion of the Committee for the most successful boat racing in a dinghy class.

Viking Trophy

A perpetual trophy, awarded at the discretion of the Committee, to be held for one year by a member who, in the opinion of the Committee, has made a noteworthy contribution to sailing.

Brendan Ebrill Memorial Cup

The Commodore's award for a yacht that displays the true spirit of sailing in Dublin Bay.

Series Prizes, where applicable

Prizes will be awarded to the winning boat in each of the Tuesday, Thursday and

Saturday series. A class that gets results under two different systems can expect separate prizes for each. In 2026, a boat will not be eligible to win a prize under ECHO if it has won a prize for the same series under another system (unless the class decides to remove this restriction).

Details of Water Wag prizes are in their Sailing Instructions.

3. Members' Dinner

Thursday 1st October, in the Royal Irish Yacht Club.

4. Prize Giving

Friday 6th November at 19:00, in the National Maritime Museum.

5. Annual General Meeting

Thursday 3rd December at 19:00, in the Royal Irish Yacht Club.

6. Safety

Attention is directed to the Department of Transport Marine Notice No. 32 of 2019, relating to personal flotation devices (PFDs) for pleasure craft. This includes a requirement, for craft less than 7 m in length, that a PFD must be worn by anyone on deck or on board an open craft. All members are advised to wear PFDs while afloat or on Club or marina pontoons. Dublin Bay Sailing Club strongly encourages all who participate in its races to take all prudent steps in the interests of greater safety, by abiding at all times by class safety rules, by training all crew members in the steps that make for greater safety, by regularly obtaining a weather forecast before racing, and by making a decision on whether or not to race in the light of that forecast.

7. Anglers' Lines

Yachts are requested to sail well clear of the

end of the West Pier and to avoid becoming entangled in the fishing lines of anglers fishing from the pier head.

8. Cancelled Races

In 2026, flags AP over A, with two sound signals, will be used to signal that racing is being cancelled for the rest of the day, for example, due to strong wind or lack of wind. When this signal is displayed on a committee vessel or at the West Pier Hut, it applies only to the classes scheduled to race from that committee vessel or from the hut. When this signal is displayed ashore (other than at the hut), it may apply only to certain classes or fleets. That will be indicated by another flag or flags below it. For example, the flags below, displayed ashore on a Thursday evening, signal that racing for the DBSC Red fleet is cancelled.



9. WhatsApp Channel

Competitors may choose to sign up to a WhatsApp channel, where they may receive information related to DBSC racing. Examples could include cancellation of racing and courses for coastal races. This is optional – any information sent through the channel will also be provided as previously, on the relevant VHF channel and/or signalled using flags or course boards. More information is available on the DBSC web site, along with links to sign up.

10. Class Helpers

Classes that race from the West Pier Hut on Saturdays will be required to provide 2 people and 2 cars to assist the hut team on the dates below. The volunteers should be adults familiar with DBSC racing. They should be capable of raising and lowering flags and recording sail numbers. They should meet the hut team on the Royal Irish Yacht Club balcony between 12:15 and 12:30 on the day.

Cruisers 2: 25 April, 20 June, 15 August.

Cruisers 3: 2 May, 11 July, 22 August.

Cruisers 4 & 5: 9 May, 18 July.

Beneteau 31.7: 16 May, 25 July, 5 September.

Glen: 30 May, 8 August, 26 September.

Shipman: 23 May, 1 August, 19 September.

11. ILCA World Championships

The ILCA (Laser) World Championships will be held in Dun Laoghaire in 2026. The Men's event runs from 23rd to 30th August, and the Women's event from 5th to 12th September. The planned racing area is North of Dun Laoghaire Harbour.

To avoid conflict, there will be no racing from the West Pier Hut on Saturdays 29th August and 12th September. The Blue Fleet and Cruisers 0 and 1 will have a coastal race on each of those days. The Red Fleet and DB 21 will also race from a committee boat.

12. Marine Survey

Marine survey operations will take place in the Western part of Dublin Bay on various dates between April and September. This is in preparation for laying a cable for Eirgrid next year. The survey area includes Merrion, Seapoint and South Bull marks. Merrion mark has been moved slightly South-East to facilitate this.

The survey work may have some impact on fixed-mark courses on Saturdays. If the survey vessel is working near one of the racing marks, the choice of courses on the course card may be restricted.

The Race Officer may decide to design a Platonic Course instead.

There will also be three current monitoring systems on the seabed in the bay. These will be marked by red spherical buoys, 0.5 m in diameter. There may be floating rope near these buoys, so they should be treated like lobster pot markers, although they should be easier to see.





DUBLIN BAY SAILING CLUB 2026

Racing Classes Class Captains 2025 Trophy Winners

Entries as on 21 April - some later entries may not be shown.

Starred Saturdays as requested up to 21 April. (Races on those days do not count in the relevant series.)

CRUISER 0

Class Captain

Jonathan Nicholson

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Starred Saturday 20th June

Trophy Winners 2025

Martin Cup	Thursdays IRC Racing	Rockabil VI	Paul O'Higgins
Knox-Gore Bowl	Thursdays Echo Racing	Aurelia	Chris Power-Smith
Knox-Gore Cup	Saturdays IRC Racing	Valentina	Johnny Treanor
Centenary Trophy	Saturdays Echo Racing	Valentina	Johnny Treanor



Entries 2026

WOW	IRL 2237	Tim Kane	RIYC
Tsunami	IRL 4007	Peter Ryan	NYC
Prima Forte	IRL 4240	Sean Lemass	RIYC
El Pocko	IRL 6888	Jonathan Nicholson	RSGYC
Gringo	IRL 7778	Anthony Fox	NYC
Cristina	IRL 7887	John Treanor	RIYC
Aurelia	IRL 35950	Chris Power Smith	RSGYC



CRUISER 1

Class Captain

Declan Hayes

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Trophy Winners 2025

West Pier Cup	Thursdays IRC Racing	Something Else	Brian & John Hall
Tiamat Trophy	Thursdays Echo Racing	Jump The Gun	J M Kelly & M Monaghan
Weir Cup	Saturdays IRC Racing	White Mischief	Richard & Timothy Goodbody
Osterburg Trophy	Saturdays Echo Racing	Riders on the Storm	Bobby Kerr
The Goodbody Cup	Thurs & Sat Overall	Something Else	Brian & John Hall

Entries 2026

Raptor	IRL 811	Fintan Cairns	RIYC
Jump the Gun	IRL 1129	John/Michael Kelly /Monaghan	RIYC
Joker 2	IRL 1206	John Maybury	RIYC
White Mischief	GBR 1242	R & T Goodbody	RIYC
Ruth	IRL 1383	Shanahan Family	NYC
Razorbill	IRL 1858	Ulric Kenny	RIYC
Chimaera	IRL 2160	Barry Cunningham	RIYC
Indecision	IRL 9898	Declan Hayes	RIYC
D-Tox	IRL 13500	David O'Brien	NYC
Powder Monkey	IRL 28898	Chris Moore	NYC
Something Else	IRL 29213	Brian Hall	NYC



CRUISER 2 (INCORPORATING SIGMA 33 CLASS)

Class Captain Paul Keelan paulkeelan1@gmail.com Starred Saturday 11th July

Trophy Winners 2025

Lady Shamrock Trophy	Thursdays IRC	Allig8R	Mark Hennessy
Centenary Cup	Thursdays Echo	Scenario Encore	S Fitton & D Gould
Silver Salver	Saturday IRC	Windjammer	L.J.Casey
TP Early Cup	Saturdays Echo	Peridot	Jim McCann, Yannick Charrier
Brendan Briscoe Trophy	Thursday & Saturday	Windjammer	L.J.Casey
Sigma 33			
JB Stephens Trophy	Thursday	Rupert	P&R Lovegrove
Rupert Bowl	Saturday	Rupert	P&R Lovegrove

Entries 2026

Allig8R	FRA 111	Brendan Foley	RSGYC
Scenario Encore	GBR 242	Damien Corcoran	RSGYC
Windjammer	IRL 2597	Lindsay J. Casey	RSGYC
Black Velvet	IRL 3471	Leslie Parnell	RIYC
Springer	IRL 4464	Ian Bowring	RSGYC
Rupert	IRL 4518	Philip Lovegrove	RSGYC
Moonshine	GBR 4999	Fergus O'Sullivan	RSGYC
Honey Bee	IRL 5373	McStay McSwiney	RIYC
Peridot	GBR 5507	Jim Mc Cann	RIYC
Black Sheep	IRL 5795	Andrina O'Brien	NYC
Cojones	IRL 9216	Paul Keelan	RSGYC



CRUISER 3

Class Captain Declan Collier 087 103 5708 Starred Saturday 30th May

Trophy Winners 2025

Whimbrel Bowl	Tuesdays ECHO	Black Sheep	Sarah Barry
Smallbridge Cup	Thursdays IRC	Black Sheep	Sarah Barry
Annette Cup	Thursdays ECHO	Pamafe	Gerry Costello
Mercia Cup	Saturdays IRC	Black Sheep	Sarah Barry
Jack Kennedy Cup	Saturdays ECHO	Pamafe	Gerry Costello

Entries 2026

Maranda	IRL 11	Eric Leonard	DMYC
Saki	IR 246	Michael Ryan	RIYC
Wynward	IRL 307	Wyn McCormack	RIYC
Jiminy Cricket	IRL 808	Mona Tyndall	NYC
Ceol Na Mara	IRL 998	Edward Melvin	NYC
Grasshopper 2	IRL 1038	Kevin Glynn	RIYC
Papytoo	IRL 1792	Frank Guilfoyle	DMYC
Aeolus	IRL 1865	Gregor McGuckin	NYC
Pangur Bán	IRL 2102	Domhnall Murray	RSGYC
Pamafe	IRL 2855	Gerry Costello	RIYC



CRUISER 4 (NON SPINNAKER)

Entries 2026

Boomerang IRL1367 Paul Kirwan RSGYC



CRUISER 5

Class Captain Peter Richardson (acting) dublinbaywhitesails@gmail.com

Trophy Winners 2025

Burford Trophy	Div A Thursday VPRS	Playtime	J. Phillips, N. Kidney, J. Curtis
Peggy Bawn Half Model	Div A Thursday ECHO	Playtime	J. Phillips, N. Kidney, J. Curtis
Heineken Superleague Cup	Div A Saturday VPRS	Playtime	J. Phillips, N. Kidney, J. Curtis
Trevor Wood Trophy	Div A Saturday ECHO	Spirit	Colin O'Brien & Eamonn Gill
The Howth Trophy	Div B Thursday VPRS	Cevantes	P Conway
Gaileo Cup	Div B Thursday ECHO	Cevantes	P Conway
White Sail Class Trophy	Div B Saturday ECHO	Cevantes	P Conway

Entries 2026

Gung-Ho	IRL 216	Gráinne O'Shea	RIYC
Cevantes	IRL 932	Paul Conway	RSGYC
The Great Escape	IRL 1217	Katherine Sheehan	RIYC
Fortitudine	IRL 1315	David Clarke	RIYC
Menapia	IRL 1341	J McSweeney P Madigan	RSGYC
Witzend 2	IRL 1646	Peter Conlon	RSGYC
Murgasty	IRL 1837	Dan Barrett	RSGYC
Red Tape	IRL 2093	Michael Keatinge	RIYC
PLAYTIME	IRL 2558	Johnnie Phillips	RIYC
Just Jasmin	IRL 3506	Valda Boardman	RIYC
Misfits	IRL 3710	Bill Quigley	NYC
Spirit	IRL 3950	Colin O'Brien	RSGYC
Sweet Martini	IRL 5013	Bruce Carswell	RSGYC
Gemini	IRL 5032	Rodney Martin	RIYC
Calypso	IRL 5643	Howard Knott	RSGYC
Shearwater	IRL 7677	Eamonn Doyle	RSGYC
Persistence	IRL 8237	Charles Broadhead	RIYC
Almaviva	IRL 8867	Duncan Lyster	RSGYC
Vivid	IRL 9007	David Greer	RIYC
Brizo	IRL 13778	Derek Ryan	RSGYC
Dehliverence	IRL 28284	Peter Richardson	RSGYC
Vohirana	IRL 38631	Alan O'Hara	RSGYC



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Class Captain Roger Conan 087 810 8565 rogerfrankconan@gmail.com

Trophy Winners 2025

Feanor Trophy	Thursday Scratch	Prospect	Chris Johnston
Horrigan Cup	Thursday Echo	Bluefin Two	M. & B. Bryson
Arandora Trophy	Saturday Scratch	Prospect	Chris Johnston
Long John Silver	Saturday Echo	Levante	M Leahy & J Power

Entries 2026

Avalon	IRL 1041	Roger Conan	RSGYC
Mayfly	IRL 1241	Patricia Heckmann	SID
After You Too	IRL 1310	Michael Blaney	RSGYC
Prospect	IRL 1565	Chris Johnston	NYC
Dies Irae	IRL 1752	Jamie Hetherington	RIYC
Camira	IRL 2474	Brian Geraghty	NYC
Kernach	IRL 2970	Eoin O'Driscoll	NYC
Bluefin Two	IRL 6662	Michael Bryson	NYC
Extreme Reality	IRL 6909	Nick Holman	RIYC



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Class Captain Kieran Kingston kieran Kingston@gmail.com

Trophy Winners 2025

Optec Trophy	Tuesday ECHO	Beeswing	P. Shannon
Facet Jewellers Cup	Thursdays SCRATCH	Yikes	Team Yikes
Beneteau 21 Tray	Thursday ECHO	Beeswing	P. Shannon
Beneteau 21 Cup	Saturdays SCRATCH	Yikes	Team Yikes
Jimmy Fischer Trophy	Saturday ECHO	Small Wonder	J. McStay
Waterhouse Rose Bowl	Thurs/Sat	Yikes	Team Yikes

Entries 2026

Betty B	GBR 112	Michael Shiell	RSGYC
Capilano	IRL 1208	Team Capilano	RIYC
Anemos 2	IRL 1337	Pete Evans	
Plan B	IRL 1523	Vincent Mulvey	RSGYC
Vamoose	IRL 1569	Kieran Kingston	RIYC
Yikes	IRL 1883	Team Yikes	
Mon Rêve	IRL 2113	Brian Kelly	RIYC
Billy Whizz	IRL 2170	Jimmy Fischer	RIYC
Beeswing	IRL 2175	Patrick Shannon	RIYC
Isolde	IRL 6404	Jimmy Martin	RIYC
Small Wonder	IRL 7007	Denis Power	RIYC



GLEN

Class Captain

Katherine Docherty

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Trophy Winners 2025

Pterodactyl Cup
Harry Maguire Cup
McMullen Cup
Mitchell Trophy
The Hamilton Reid Cup

Thursdays
Saturday
Thurs and Sats
Crew Race
Ladies Race

Glenluce
Glenluce
Glenluce
Glenroan
Glenluce

Ailbe Millerick
Ailbe Millerick
Ailbe Millerick
Ku. Duong
Kay Docherty

Entries 2026

Glenroan
Glendun
Glencoe
Osiris
Glenluce
Glencree

G 4
G 9
G 14
G 53
G 67
G 107

Keith Malcolm
Alison O'Brien
Myles Fleeton
Ross Cahill-O'Brien
Ailbe Millerick
John Bligh

RSGYC
RSGYC
RSGYC
DMYC
RSGYC
RSGYC



Glen racing Photo: Afloat

RUFFIAN

Class Captain Brian Buggy 086 842 3527

Trophy Winners 2025

John Donnelly Perpetual Cup	Tuesday Racing	Scéal Eile	E Brennan
Huet Trophy	Thursday Racing	Bandit	A Kirwan B Cullen
British Airways Trophy	Saturday Racing	Bandit	A Kirwan B Cullen
J. Lamont Trophy	Thurs & Sats	Bandit	A Kirwan B Cullen

Entries 2026

Loco	IRL 7	Eoin O'hEochaidh	NYC
Ruff Diamond	IRL 155	Eimear Ní Mhéalóid	SID
Ripples	IRL 407	Frank Bradley	DMYC
Alias	IRL 525	David Meeke	DMYC
Different Drummer	IRL 856	Declan Tonge	NYC
Bandit	IRL 3333	Ann Kirwan	NYC
Scéal Eile	IRL 6026	Brendan Duffy	DMYC



SHIPMAN

Class Captain Aisling Costello
DBSC Representative Christine Ferguson cfergod@gmail.com

Trophy Winners 2025

The Midweek Trophy	Thursday	Viking	O Tubridy, C Duggan
The Melindi Cup	Saturday	Viking	O Tubridy, C Duggan
Shipman Perpetual Trophy	Thurs and Saturdays	Viking	O Tubridy, C Duggan

Entries 2026

Ruadh	IR 312	John O'Callaghan	NYC
Viking	IRL 409	Fergus Mason	RSGYC
The Den	IRL 507	Aisling Costello	RSGYC
Joslim	IRL 528	William Maher	RSGYC
Twocan	IR 553	David Freeman	RSGYC
Poppy	IRL 639	Alain Deladiennee	RSGYC
Invader	IRL 3221	Gerard Glynn	DMYC



SB20

Class Captain Nick Doherty nickdoherty@harcourthouse.com

Trophy Winners 2025

The Equinox Trophy	Tuesday	Sneaky B	Charlotte O'Kelly
The Crichton Cup	Thursday Overall	Venuesworld.com	Ger Dempsey
Bealtaine Trophy	Saturday Series A	Seabiscuit	Barry Glavin
Lunasa Trophy	Saturday Series B	Carpe Diem	C Galavan and R G Hayes
SB20 Saturday Cup	Saturday Overall	Ted	M O'Connor & D Taylor

Entries 2026

David Bolger	IRL 3254	Bolger Family	RSGYC
A Bit Much	IRL 3297	Mark Gavin	RSGYC
The Big Smoke	IRL 3320	Patrick McGrath	RSGYC
Leviathan	IRL 3433	Tadgh Donnelly	NYC
SneakyB	IRL 3475	Charlotte O'Kelly	NYC
Turbulence Too	IRL 3571	Patrick Ryan	
Zephyr	IRL 3717	Nick Doherty	NYC
venuesworld.com	IRL 3739	Gerrard Dempsey	RIYC
Bad/Kilcullen	IRL 3741	Jerry Dowling	RIYC
Carpe Diem	IRL 3761	Colin Galavan	RIYC
SeaBiscuit	IRL 3807	Barry Glavin	RSGYC
Ted	IRL 3809	Michael O'Connor	RSGYC



MIXED SPORTSBOAT

Class Captain George Misstear georgemisstear@gmail.com

Trophy Winners 2025

Thursday Sportsboat Trophy	Thursday	Big Bad Wolf	Davie Ryan
Saturday Sportsboat Cup	Saturday	StarJay	K Byrne
Cpt Viscount Crichton Cup	J80 Thursday	Ram Jam	Austin Kenny

Entries 2026

Jambon	IRL 1	George Misstear	RSGYC
George J2	J 2	Judy O'Beirne	RSGYC
number 6	IRL 6	Gus Legge	RSGYC
No. 9	9	Fred Tottenham	RSGYC
Javelin	George 31	Stephen Gill	RSGYC
Jay-Z	433	Olivier Prouveur	NYC
Jambiya	GBR 605	Martin Ryan	RIYC
Sea Jade	908	Olivier Prouveur	NYC
Slightly Steamy	GBR 1414	Fiona Curran	NYC
Zelus	IRL 1540	Conor Maguire	RIYC
Optique	IRL 1725	Colin Byrne	RIYC
Ram Jam	IRL 1730	Austin Kenny	RIYC
George V	IRL 1966	Ian Simington	RSGYC
StarJay	IRL 7491	Kevin Byrne	RSGYC
Jester	IRL 8750	Declan Curtin	NYC



DRAGON

Class Captain Ronan Murphy 086 809 2030

Trophy Winners 2025

Oxford and Cambridge Cup	Thursday	Phantom	Peter Bowring & David Williams
Royal Irish YC Cup	Saturday	Serafina	R Murphy & A Kissane
Prince Alfred Cup	Thurs & Saturday	Serafina	R Murphy & A Kissane

Entries 2026

Sir Osis of the River	IRL 161	Denis Bergin	RIYC
Serafina	IRL 180	Ronan Murphy	RSGYC
Phantom	IRL 225	David Williams	RSGYC
Green	IRL 228	Adam Smyth	RSGYC
Zinzan	IRL 228	Declan Gordon	RIYC
Akatombo	IRL 229	Desmond Kelliher	RIYC



DUBLIN BAY 21

Class Captain: Hal Sisk halsisk@gmail.com

DBSC Trophy Winners 2025

Daisy Picker Cup	Tuesday	Naneen	Deane McElree
Carson Challenge Cup	Saturday	Geraldine	Sean Doyle
Inisfallon Cup	Most success in 80% of Races	Estelle	Jerome Coffey

Entries 2026

Estelle	3	Dublin Bay 21 Class
Garavogue	4	Dublin Bay 21 Class
Oola	5	Dublin Bay 21 Class
Naneen	6	Dublin Bay 21 Class
Geraldine	7	Dublin Bay 21 Class



FLYING FIFTEEN

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Starred Saturdays 23 May, 5 September

DBSC Trophy Winners 2025

Fifty Something Cup	Thursday Series A	Ignis Caput Duo	D Mulvin & R Beirne
Flying Fifteen Gun	Thursday Overall	Fuzzy	Neil Colin & Margaret Casey
Brian S Ryan Trophy	Saturday Overall	Fomo	David Gorman
Blake Cup	First in Silver Fleet	Hera	Peter Murphy & Ciara Mulvey

Entries 2026

As Good As It Gets	IRL 3688	Caomhan McKernan	RSGYC
Farfalla	IRL 3697	Sean Craig	RSGYC
Melliffuence	IRL 3706	Geraldine O'Neill	NYC
FFastnet	IRL 3729	Robin Hilliard	NYC
Snow White	IRL 3747	Richard Tate	RSGYC
ffinisterre	IRL 3753	Alastair Court	RSGYC
Rhubarb	IRL 3762	John O'Sullivan	NYC
Hera	IRL 3774	Peter Murphy	NYC
Puffling	IRL 3803	Philip Lawton	RSGYC
Glass Half Full	IRL 3845	Frank Miller	RSGYC
Gruffalo	IRL 3864	Valerie Mulvin	NYC
Rockaffellas	IRL 3896	Adrian Cooper	NYC
Ash	IRL 3913	Joe Cughlan	NYC
Betty	IRL 3920	Chris Arrowsmith	RSGYC
Flaxfort	IRL 3938	Derval Tubridy	NYC
Rodriguez	IRL 3955	Ken Dumpleton	NYC
JacMac	IRL 3960	Louise McKenna	RSGYC
Perfect Ten	IRL 3995	Alan Balfe	NYC
F00F	IRL 4004	Jill Fleming	RSGYC
Flyer	IRL 4008	Niall Coleman	NYC
Mach FFive	IRL 4026	Alan Green	NYC
FFuzzy	IRL 4028	Neil Colin	RSGYC
Nimble	IRL 4043	Brian Tonia O'Hare McAllister	RSGYC
4045	IRL 4045	Gerry Ryan	NYC
Freedom Fever	IRL 4056	Peter Sherry	NYC
Fflagella	IRL 4057	Tom Murphy	NYC
Ignis Caput	IRL 4068	David Mulvin	NYC
fmff	IRL 4071	John Lavery	NYC
Mike Wazowski	IRL 4093	Keith Poole	NYC
Fomo	IRL 4099	David Gorman	NYC
Shadowffax	IRL 4128	Niall Meagher	NYC



FIREBALL

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Starred Saturdays 2 May, 20 June

DBSC Trophy Winners 2025

Nuit St. George Trophy	Tuesday	Ballderdash	F Miller & M O'Dowd
The Fireball Saturday Cup	Saturday	Licence to Thrill	Jack McNaughton

Entries 2026

	IRL 14683	Colm Breen	DMYC
	IRL 14790	Morris ter Horst	DMYC
	IRL 14854	Cariosa Power	NYC
Ballderdash	IRL 14915	Frank Miller	DMYC
Pink Fire	IRL 15016	Louise McKenna	RSGYC
	IRL 15058	Pat McGoldrick	SID
Never 2 late	IRL 15179	Michael Keegan	RSGYC



MERMAID

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Dermot O'Neill

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Entries 2025

Jill 134 Paul Smith RIYC



WATER WAG

Class Captain

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Trophy Winners 2025

Goldsmith Cup

Wednesday 1st

Puffin

S Craig & H King

Bluebird Trophy

Wednesday 2nd

Moosmie

John O'Driscoll

G.Pugin Meldon Trophy

Wednesday 3rd

Swift

G & J Kilroy

Entries 2026

Pansy 3	Vincent Delany	RSGYC
Vela 4	Kieran Kingston	RSGYC
Mary Kate IRL 6	Ian Magowan	RIYC
Eros WW 08	Gail Varian	RSGYC
Sprite IRL 10	Adrian Masterson	RIYC
Alfa IR 12	Drewry Pearson	RIYC
Phyllis IRL 14	Fraser Mitchell	NYC
Moosmie IRL 15	John O'Driscoll	RSGYC
Coquette IRL 17	Seymour Cresswell	RIYC
Good Hope IRL 18	Aisling Costello	RSGYC
Shindilla 19	Conor O'Leary	RSGYC
Badger IRL 20	John Cox	RIYC
Saryalis IRL 22	Andrew McCraith	RSGYC
Beatrice 25	Ben Ryan	RIYC
Patricia IRL 29	Harry Croxon	RSGYC
Sara 30	Paul Smith	RIYC
Polly 31	Henry Rooke	RSGYC
Eva IRL 33	David Kelly	RSGYC
Chloe WW 34	Kate O'Leary	RIYC
Little Tern 36	Tim Pearson	RSGYC
Marcia 37	Brendan Benno McCormack	NYC
Swift IRL 38	Guy Kilroy	RIYC
Swallow IR 40	Justin Geoghegan	RSGYC
Tortoise IRL 42	William Prentice	RIYC
Freddie IRL 43	Bairbre Stewart	RIYC
Scallywag 44	Fergus Cullen	NYC
Mariposa IRL 45	Cathy Mac Aleavey	NYC
Mademoiselle IRL 46	Adam Winkelmann	RIYC
Peggy IRL 47	David Corcoran	NYC
Hilda IRL 49	Martin Byrne	RSGYC
Siskin IRL 50	Amanda Chambers	RSGYC
Puffin 52	Sean Craig	RSGYC
Nekhbet IR 53	Drewry Pearson	RSGYC
Cormac IRL 54	Susan Spain	NYC
Jenny Wren 55	June O'Beirne	RSGYC
Sphinx WW 56	Andrew Craig	RSGYC



ILCA/LASER

Class Captain Hugh DeLap 087 779 1351

Trophy Winners 2025

ILCA 7

Lanaverre Cup	Tuesday	Ug!	Gavan Murphy
DBSC Challenge Trophy	Saturday	206447	Conor Roche

ILCA 6

Sailcraft Tray Trophy	Tuesday	Emily Kate II	Hugh Cahill
Laser Saturday Trophy	Saturday	216238	Shirley Gilmore



Entries 2026 ILCA 6

Boat	IRL 151404	Connell Gallagher	RSGYC
Fugax	IRL 192326	Viv Tyndall	NYC
	IRL 195097	Brian Mehigan	RIYC
	IRL 196730	Verena Keane	RSGYC
	IRL 197518	Pascal Boret	RSGYC
Crashali	IRL 204187	Alison Pigot	NYC
This Way Up	IRL 210312	John McGregor	INSC
	IRL 211132	Peter Foster	RIYC
Douglas Keatinge	IRL 211222	Douglas Keatinge	RSGYC
Emily Kate II	IRL 216594	Hugh Cahill	
Variant	IRL 217238	Rodney Regan	NYC
Djinn V	IRL 219126	Michael Norman	INSC

Entries 2026 ILCA 7

2106	X 2106	Robbie Walker	RSGYC
Yellow Stripe	IRL 166676	Luke Dillon	RSGYC
Hiroshima Twinkie	IRL 190745	Conor O'Leary	RSGYC
BusterIII	IRL 201364	Gary O'Hare	RSGYC
	IRL 202442	Denis Kelleher	NYC
The Silky Wilkie	IRL 203316	Sam Wilkinson	RSGYC
	IRL 206447	Matteo Valentini	RSGYC
Sidewinder	IRL 212521	Gavan Murphy	RSGYC
UG!	IRL 219129	Ross O'Leary	RSGYC
	IRL 219147	John Marmelstein	RSGYC



IDRA 14

Class Captain John Fitzgerald IDRAsouth@gmail.com
Starred Saturday 15 August

Trophy Winners 2025

Bay Cup	Tuesday	Dart	Pierre Long
The Kennedy Cup	Saturday	Dart	Pierre Long
Crews Challenge	Special conditions	Dart	Remi Long
Melampus Cup	Special conditions	Dummoanin	John Fitzgerald & Jennie Byrne
The Halfway Trophy	Special conditions	Diane	Brian Murphy

Entries 2026

Diane	122	Brian Murphy	DMYC
Sceon	IRL 133	Suzanne Fallon	DMYC
Sapphire	IDRA 138	Lorcan O'Sullivan	DMYC
Dunmonin	IDRA 140	John Fitzgerald	DMYC
Chaos	IDRA 143	Pam McKay	DMYC
Dart	IRL 161	Pierre Long	DMYC



PORTSMOUTH YARDSTICK (PY)

Class Captain Sarah Dwyer 087 235 8489

Trophy Winners 2025

Windmill Cup	Tuesday	Orion	Noel Butler
Early Bird Trophy	Saturday	4136	Gordon Syme



Entries 2026

Devoti	IRL 2	Desmond Fortune	RSGYC
Finn McCool	IRL 6	Richard Tate	RSGYC
	IRL 3288	Stephen Oram	NYC
Tikka	IRL 3433	Sarah Dwyer	RSGYC
Ranchaero	IRL 3644	Mick McCambridge	NYC
	IRL 3787	John MacAree	NYC
	IRL 4136	Gordon Syme	RSGYC
	IRL 4230	Paul Robert Phelan	RSGYC
Orion	IRL 4541	Noel Butler	NYC
GoGo	IRL 11323	Kevin O'Boyle	RSGYC



MELGES 15

Class Captain

John Sheehy

086 805 3775

Series winners 2025

Tuesday Series A
Tuesday Series B
Tuesday Series C
Tuesday Overall
Saturday Series A
Saturday Series B
Saturday Overall

Melges Ireland
Ice Ice Baby
569
Melges Ireland
Melges Ireland
Ice Ice Baby
Melges Ireland

J Sheehy
Morgan Lyttle
Oscar Glavin
J Sheehy
J Sheehy
Morgan Lyttle
J Sheehy



Melges 15 racing Photo: Afloat

IDRA 14s Celebrate 80 Years

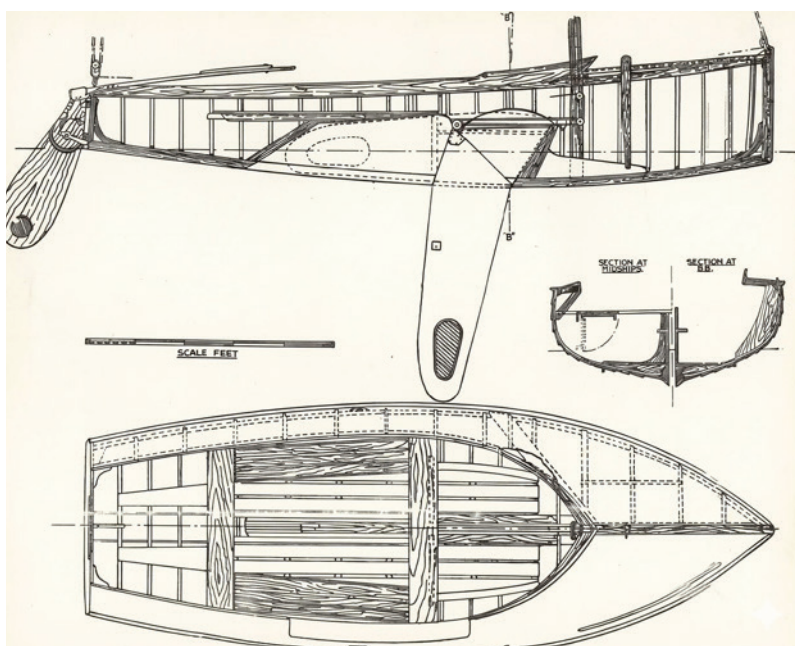
The IDRA 14 dinghy class, is marking its 80th anniversary this year by celebrating the rich history of the past, whilst also focusing on future class development and encouraging the next generation of IDRA 14 sailors.

The IDRA Class Association has planned a line-up of events for the anniversary which are geared towards both bringing together past IDRA sailors with current sailors to swap stories, as well as, projects which help newcomers to the class and give opportunities to younger sailors.

The first ever IDRA 14 racing event took place in Dun Laoghaire, with the coming together of IDRAs which had been built in various locations: Dublin, Cork, Athlone and Valentia Island, Co Kerry. From this beginning 80 years ago, the dinghy has been raced continuously in Dun Laoghaire in DBSC races. So, it was fitting that the first gathering for the 80th anniversary was a trip, in March, to the National Maritime Museum in Dun Laoghaire and back to the Dun Laoghaire Motor Yacht Club afterwards.

The history of the IDRA 14 dinghy is closely tied to the origins of Sail Ireland. The then Irish Dinghy Racing Association, was looking to have an Irish national class and approached Irish naval architect, George O'Brien Kennedy, to ask if his recently designed dinghy, the Fuss, could be adopted by the association. With a few minor alterations, the O'Brien Kennedy design was renamed the "Irish Dinghy Racing Association 14 Foot One Design Dinghy". This was quickly shortened to IDRA 14. The Irish Dinghy Racing Association went on to become the Irish Yachting Association and ultimately Irish Sailing.

Reflecting the class motto, "Classical and Progressive", the original design of the IDRA was altered to accommodate a spinnaker and a trapeze and the first GRP hull IDRA was showcased at the 1977 RDS Boat Show. The dinghy gained popularity in Dun Laoghaire and many competitive DBSC sailors had their roots in racing an IDRA. The class also contributed to running of DBSC races with many IDRA sailors joining the Committee Boat or involved in DBSC race management.



Whilst proud of the class history, the IDRA 14 Class Association is concentrating its efforts on developing the class. In Dun Laoghaire newcomers have always been made welcome and given lots of help getting started. Participation in DBSC racing is encouraged for newcomers from the beginning.

A new development in the class has been the provision of boats for new class members to try the IDRA and develop their skill without having to buy a boat first. This has been hugely successful for bringing new people into the class in Clontarf Yacht and Boat Club and the same approach is being taken in Dun Laoghaire. The DMYC also now has an IDRA 14 specifically for newbies and for promoting women in sailing.

The recently elected IDRA 14 Class Commodore, Orla Doogue from Howth Yacht Club, has been involved in the shared boat concept from the beginning and is well poised to foster new approaches to developing the class and encouraging new sailors.

Amongst the events arranged to celebrate 80 years of IDRA 14 sailing, is a Sutton Dinghy Club event geared towards giving young people a chance to try IDRA sailing as well as a social for past IDRA sailors. There will also be a celebratory two-day sailing event in Clontarf Yacht and Boat Club, with sailors from IDRA 14 sister class, the Dragonfly, coming from Waldringfield to join the festivities. A formal dinner will be held in the Royal St George Yacht Club in October.

Orla Doogue is very keen to encourage any past IDRA sailors to join the class at any of these events, with a plan of sharing stories and old photos and chat about the boats they sailed, with the aim of adding to the collective class history and lore. Details of the 80th Anniversary events are listed on the website www.idra14.ie and contact idra14classassociation@gmail.com to share pictures from the past or for enquiries.





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