



AIB DBSC Royal Alfred Yacht Club

Sailing Instructions Supplement C

Coastal Races 2026

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).