



Dublin Bay Sailing Club
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Sailing Instructions 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			
PY	E flag		Numeral 3	
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


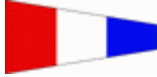

The time limit for the first boat in each class to sail the course is 60 minutes after her starting signal. A boat that does not finish within 10 minutes after the first boat of her class sails the course will be scored DNF (Did Not Finish) without a hearing. In the case of the PY class, each type of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

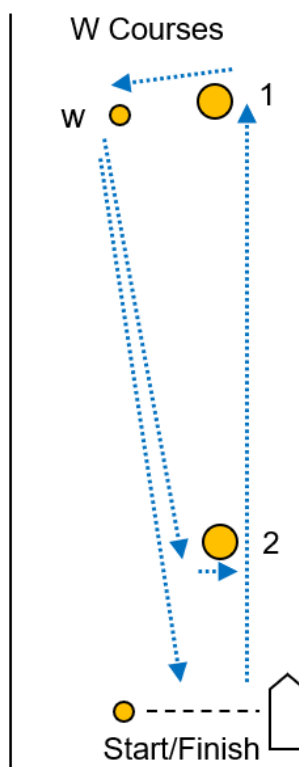
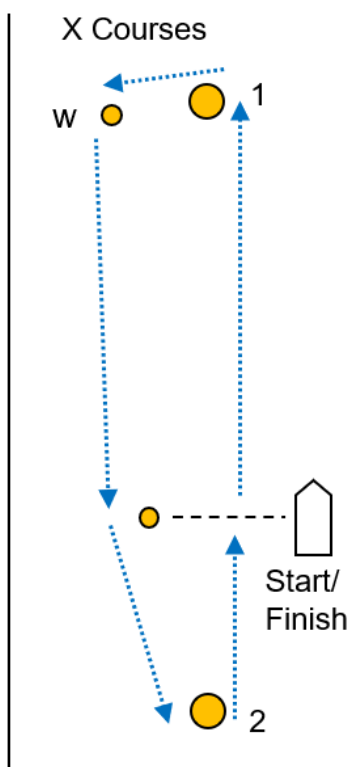
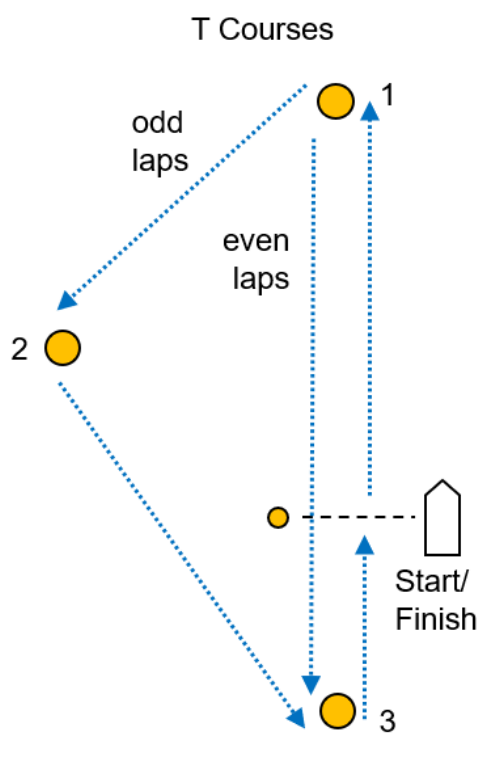
Appendix D1 – Course Card, Dinghies

Starting Schedule

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

Courses

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 Finish	W4 Start 1w2 1w2 1w2 1w Finish
T5 Start 123 13 123 13 123 Finish	X5 Start 1w2 1w2 1w2 1w2 1w2 Finish	W5 Start 1w2 1w2 1w2 1w2 1w Finish



All marks are to be rounded to port.

Mark w may not always be laid. If not laid, sail directly from 1 to 2, or, on the final lap of a W course, from 1 to finish.

Diagrams are not to scale.