



Dublin Bay Sailing Club
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The Royal Alfred Yacht Club
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Sailing Instructions Amendment 1

SI A – General

Sailing Instruction A11, which refers to commercial shipping, is amended to include a wider range of vessels, as below. It now states the times at which it applies and includes Dun Laoghaire Harbour.

A11 Large Ship Priority

- 11.1 Before, during and after racing, all boats shall give way to and keep clear of large power-driven vessels. These include commercial ships, naval, customs and Irish Lights vessels, cruise ships and their tenders. A boat reported by a Harbour Master for interference with such a vessel in Dublin Bay or in Dun Laoghaire Harbour 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. Dun Laoghaire harbour jurisdiction comprises the area within the harbour and the area outside the harbour within 600 m of the harbour entrance.

Brian Mathews
Vice Commodore
3 July 2026

Notes for Competitors

Dun Laoghaire Harbour berth 3 is now reserved for naval vessels. There may be significant naval activity in Dun Laoghaire and in Dublin Bay during the remainder of the season, due to the Irish Presidency of the Council of the EU.

There is a recognised anchorage for Dun Laoghaire Harbour in Scotsman's Bay.

For various reasons, a vessel may hold station inside or outside the harbour. It should then be regarded as being "restricted in its ability to manoeuvre" under the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea. That means that it has right of way over a sailing vessel.

Do not assume that a stationary vessel is anchored, unless you can see an anchor chain in the water. If a vessel is not anchored or moored, it is "under way".

Do not sail across the bow or close to the bow of any large vessel under way. Even if the vessel appears to be stationary, it may be about to pick up speed and alter course.