

Keelboat Sailing Instructions 2019

- 1. Rules**

The race/series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions, the prescriptions of Irish Sailing and by the rules of the organising authority Greystones Sailing Club (“GSC”).
- 2. Entries**

Eligible boats must notify the PRO of their intention to race prior to the start warning signal. Eligible boats are boats owned / Skippered by fully paid up members of GSC.
- 3. Notices to Competitors**

Notices to competitors will be advised via email or WhatsApp before going afloat and may be posted on the notice board in the Club House and marina office.
- 4. Changes to Sailing Instructions**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be advised by email or WhatsApp and posted 1 hour before racing on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted the day before it will take effect.
- 5. Signals Made Ashore**
 - 5.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed at the GSC Club House Flagpole.
 - 5.2** When Flag AP is displayed ashore “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 30 minutes” in the race signal AP.
- 6. Schedule of Races:**
 - 6.1** Dates of racing: As set out in the 2019 Calendar.
 - 6.2** The scheduled time of the warning signal for each race is: As set out in the 2019 Calendar.
- 7. Class Flags:** No class flag will be flown.
- 8. Racing Area:**

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- 8.1** The racing area shall be outside the harbour in the general area between Bray Head (to the north) & The Breaches Bouy (to the south).
- 8.2** All boats shall keep clear of the dinghy's racing course.
- 9. The Courses**
The courses for a given race will be as outlined over the VHF (73).
- 10. Marks**
- 10.1** The marks will be yellow tear drop/yellow barrel GSC racing marks and navigation marks
- 10.2** The start mark is a fixed racing mark and an outer limit mark. The finish mark is a fixed racing mark.
- 11. The Start:**
- 11.1** Races will be started as follows:
A warning signal will be made over the VHF (channel 73) 5 minutes before the start, 1 minute before the start and again at the start.
GPS time will be used.
- 11.2** The starting line will be between the fixed starting mark and an outer limit mark.
- 11.3** A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will score Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.
- 12. Change of Course**
To change the course the PRO will advise the fleet over the VHF (channel 73).
- 13. The Finish**
The finishing line will be between the fixed finishing mark and a fixed point on the shore (Club House Flag Pole). **Note your own finishing time (Elapsed time).**
- 14. Penalty System:** Rules 44.1 & 44.2 shall apply.
- 15. Time Limit:**
- 15.1** The time limit for each class to complete a race and finish shall be 3 hours after it's starting signal except for a distance race where it will be extended to 4hrs 30mins.

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15.2 Boats failing to finish within 45 minutes after the first boat in it's class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This rules 35, A4 and A5.

16. Protests and requests for Redress

16.1 Protest forms are available from a member of the Sailing Committee, the PRO or the Results Officer in the Club House. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to a member of the Sailing Committee within the appropriate time limit.

16.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

16.3 Notices will be posted as soon as possible after the expiry of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties to a hearing or named as witnesses. It shall be the responsibility of the competitors to check the notice board for such notices, obtain their copy of the protest form and make sure that they and their witnesses attend the hearing.

17. Scoring System

17.1 Class one will use standard fixed Echo system and Class 2 will use progressive Echo system. **Text or WhatsApp Elapsed Finish time to TBC or email TBC@TBC.XXX, hours, minutes & seconds no later than 3hrs after the last boat has finished.**

17.2 A minimum of 2 boats is required in any class to constitute a valid race.

17.3 A boat that Did Not Start and a boat disqualified shall score number of starters plus 3 points. A boat scoring abbreviations OCS, DNF or RAF shall score the number of finishers in the race plus 3 points.

17.4 The number of races to be counted by a boat in each series will be a number equal to 65% of the valid races sailed.

17.5 If, after discard, two or more boats have the same points total the tie will be broken in accordance with RRS Appendix A8.1.

18. Safety Regulations

18.1 All persons going afloat MUST wear a PFD (lifejacket or buoyancy aid)

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- 18.2** Competitors are advised to keep a listening watch on VHF Ch 73 for all “on course” racing information. This information shall not constitute “outside assistance” as in RRS41.
- 19. Radio Communication**
Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 20. Prizes**
Prizes will be awarded to first, second and third in each class for each series, depending on the number of competitors this may be extended down the fleet.
- 21. Disclaimer of Liability**
- 21.1 General**
The race organisers shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/competitor, his skipper or crew as a result of their taking part in the race or races. Moreover, every owner/competitor warrants the suitability of his boat for the race or races.
- 21.2** It is the sole responsibility of each individual to decide whether or not to go afloat. The safety of the boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/competitor racing the boat, who shall ensure that the boat is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by a crew sufficient in number and experience that are physically fit to face bad weather. The owner/competitor shall be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. He shall ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and that all crew know where it is kept and how it is used.
- 21.3** Neither the establishment of these Sailing Instructions nor any inspection of the boat under these conditions in any way limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/competitor for his crew, the boat and the management thereof. The crews are nonetheless advised to satisfy themselves as to the experience of the skipper and the adequacy of all safety equipment and insurance arrangements.