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# Matthews End of Season Championship 2021

Kinsale Yacht Club – Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> '21

Sat. L.W 09:00

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sun. L.W 09:50

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of Irish Sailing will apply.
- 1.3 The following RRS rules will be changed: Signals AP, Paragraphs 33, 35, 40, 60.1(a), 60.1(b), 61.3, 62.1(a), 62.2, and Appendices A2, A4 and A5. The changes are noted in these sailing instructions.
- 1.4 Rules of the Irish Laser Class Association will apply.

### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board which will be at the front window of the event office, and online on WhatsApp at <https://chat.whatsapp.com/DiRgXh9jDOYL0WC3E8WiGp>

### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted on the official notice board by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the main flagpole at the club.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the RRS Race Signals, AP.
- 4.3 Flag D with one sound means 'The warning signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after flag D is displayed'. Boats shall not leave the shore until this signal is made.

### 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES ETC.

- 5.1 Briefing – A Briefing will be held at 1015 hours on Saturday.
- 5.2 Six Races are scheduled:

Saturday 2nd October	Races 1, 2 and 3
Sunday 3rd October	Races 4,5 and 6
- 5.3 The intended starting order will be 1. Standard Rig, 2. Radial Rig, 3 4.7 Rig. This sequence may change.
- 5.4 The scheduled time of the first warning signal on Saturday is 1155. The scheduled time of the first warning signal on the following day is 1055.
- 5.5 No Warning signal will be made after 1500 on the last day of racing.
- 5.6 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag may be displayed with one sound signal five minutes before a warning signal is made.



5.7 The Race committee may decide to run race 4 on the Saturday. If so they will signal this by displaying Numeral 4 on the finish boat at the end of race 3.

## 6 CLASS FLAGS

The Standard Rig Fleet shall have the White Laser Class Flag as their Class Flag, The Radials will use the code flag "R".4.7 will use code flag "J"

## 7 RACING AREA

The race area will be further defined at race briefing.

## 8 THE COURSE

8.1 Trapezoid courses may be used. The diagram in Attachment A shows the course, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be passed.

8.2 The courses to be sailed will be indicated by boards on the course side of the committee boat.

## 9 MARKS

Marks 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 will be orange inflatables.

## 10 THE START

10.1 The starting line will be between a mast on the committee boat and at the port end, a dan buoy with a red flag. The dan buoy may be fixed to an anchored rib.

10.2 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

## 11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

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

11.2 Minor Course changes may not be signalled. This changes RRS 33.

## 12 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a mast on a committee boat displaying a blue flag and a dan buoy with a red flag.

## 13 TIME LIMITS

13.1 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

13.2 In addition to rule 32, 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. This changes rules 60.1(b) and 62.1(a).

## 14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

14.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the later. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee and protest committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.

14.3 Notices will be posted within 15 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest committee room.

14.4 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

14.5 Breaches of instructions 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.



**14.6** On the last scheduled day of racing a request based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 62.2.

## **15 SCORING**

**15.1** 2 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

**15.2** When four or more races have been completed, a boat's worst score will be discarded. This changes RRS A2.

## **16 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

**16.1** Competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times when afloat. This changes rule 40. Wetsuits and drysuits are not considered to be adequate in this regard.

**16.2** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

**16.3** All boats shall have a painter(tow line) at least 7 metres in length, made fast to the bow.

## **17 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

**17.1** Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

**17.2** Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **18 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## **19 SUPPORT BOATS**

Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay at least 100m outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

**19.1** No competitor shall be towed to or from the race area unless asked to do so by the race committee. Competitors who do not comply may be scored DSQ for that days racing.

**19.2** In the interest of safety all support boats will follow instructions from the race committee if and when asked to do so.

## **20 TRASH DISPOSAL**

Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

## **21 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications not available to all boats.

## **22 PRIZES**

Prizes will be given as follows; First, second and third in each class. Further category prizes may be awarded.

## **23 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €3,000,000.00 or the equivalent.

# ATTACHMENT 1 – Laser Course

## Trapezoid Course

● M1

O2 1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 5, Finish

O3 1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 2, 3, 5, Finish

O4 1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 2, 3, 2, 3, 5, Finish

M2 ●

I2 1, 4, 1, 2, 3, 5, Finish

I3 1, 4, 1, 4, 1, 2, 3, 5, Finish

I4 1, 4, 1, 4, 1, 4, 1, 2, 3, 5, Finish

Marks 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 to be left to Port

● M4

M3 ●



● M5

### Note :

Mark colours are for reference only.

There may be a separate start and finish boat.

The Start Mark for a subsequent race may be in position while boats are finishing.