

CRAFT INSURE XMAS REGATTA



Wexford Harbour Boat and Tennis Club



2021

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Rules**

Racing shall be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association and the rules of the Classes participating, where applicable, except as amended by these sailing instructions. Advertising in compliance with ISAF Regulation 20 is permitted.

2. **Notice to Competitors**

Notice to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the window of the Race Office and/or on the Club Website.

3. **Changes to Sailing Instructions**

Any change to these sailing instructions will be issued by the Race Committee, changes will be posted on the official notice and/or on the Club Website by 10.00 on the day of racing at latest.

4. **Signals Made Ashore**

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole on the Balcony.

5. Schedule of Races

It is intended to sail three races on Race Day (back-to-back)

Racing is provisionally scheduled as follows:

Wednesday 29th December 2021 – Warning Gun 12.00 midday

6. Class Flags

The classes and order of starts will be as follows:

Laser Standard and Laser Radial - Laser Flag

Laser 4.7 and Toppers Code - Flag R

Combined PY Fleet Code - Flag T

The Race Committee may at its absolute discretion choose to reduce the number of Class starts or to introduce additional Class start(s) in the event that a Specific Class has sufficient entries to merit such a start and the Race Committee shall assign a Code Flag and order to any such added Class and shall publish such details on the Club website no later than 24 hours before the change is being implemented.

Whilst the two or more fleets will, as a default, start separately, the Race Committee reserves the right to start all fleets together.

7. Racing Area

The racing area will be Wexford Estuary and Harbour.

8. The Courses

The course to be sailed will be indicated by the Race Committee before each Race.

See appendix 1 –

In addition to the conventional 'shorten course' procedure at a mark of the course, the course may also be shortened by requiring boats to sail directly from a mark to the finishing line. As boats round a mark a code flag S may be displayed from a nearby Rib, accompanied by repeated short sound signals. Boats shall then sail directly from that mark to the Start / Finish line and finish from the direction of the last mark. This changes rule 32.2.

The Race Officer may reposition marks during a race to keep the course true to the wind. This will not be signalled. This changes rule 33.

9. Marks

The outer end of the Start Line will be a Danbuoy or spherical Mark.

The Finish Mark for both races will be a Danbuoy or spherical Mark.

All other marks will be Spherical.

10. The Start

The starting procedure will be i3 – 1 – GO and this is an amendment to Rule 26 of the RRS

The start line will be between the flagpole on the committee boat or the flagpole on the balcony depending upon the start location.

Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

11. The Finish

The finishing line will be between the flagpole on the committee boat, other designated or balcony and a designated mark.

12. Time Limit

The time limit for the leading yacht in each fleet shall be 45 minutes. Rule 35 is changed as follows: "any boat that fails to finish within 10 minutes of the leading boat in its class shall be deemed to have retired" and such boats shall be scored as DNF. This changes Appendix A5.

After the first boat has finished, the Race Officer may offer a finishing position to the boats still racing. The finishing position offered to a boat will be the number of boats ahead of it (both finished and still racing) plus 1. A boat is not obliged to accept such an offer unless it is the last boat still racing. The Race Officer is not obliged to make such an offer. A boat that accepts the place offered will immediately cease to race, and the race officer may repeat this process with the next boat. The offer may be made via rescue or support boat personnel. This changes the definition of the word "Finish". This changes RRS 35 and A4.

13. Protests

Protests must be made on an official ISA form (available from the Race Committee) and left in the Protest Box in the Clubhouse within 1 hour of the finish of the last race of the day. Protests will be heard at a time that will be notified to all parties involved.

14. **Scoring System**

The scoring system will be as per the low Point Scoring System (Appendix A) as follows:
1st= 1 point, 2nd = 2 points, 3rd = 3 points, etc., but points for those falling into the following categories shall be awarded as stated:

DNC/DNS scores points equal to the number of entries for the Regatta plus 1.
OCS / DNF / RET/RAF scores points equal to the number of starters in the particular race plus 1.

Discards: One discard is allowed for three races sailed.

In the event of a tie in a series, Appendix A2.3 shall apply. Points are accumulated by the helmsman not the boat.

Persons not properly entered in the series shall not compete. Boats participating in the series shall only be raced by helmsmen who have been properly entered. Single race entrants shall not score points in the series.

15. **Club Membership**

All competitors are granted temporary membership of the Club on racing days.

Safety & Additional Information

Covid 19

Government Guidelines as interpreted and conveyed to WHBTC via Irish Sailing shall be followed in so far as same are relevant, appropriate and specific to the WHBTC premises and the Race Area entrants are advised to maintain regular contact with the WHBTC Website www.whbtc.ie in order to be kept up to date on the Covid19 situation. The Race Committee will put the emphasis on getting boats and Sailors on to the water and racing as this is a relatively safe environment, consequently Prize-giving Ceremonies, Refreshment dispensing and access to Changing rooms will have to remain flexible and may be dropped.

Safety

All Juniors must wear in addition to personal buoyancy a full length Wetsuit for protection from the cold in order to be permitted to sail and those not doing so will be sent ashore and any of their results for that day may be nullified at the discretion of the Race Committee.

Competitors are reminded of RRS Fundamental Rule 4 'Decision to Race', which reads "A boat is solely responsible for deciding whether or not to start or to continue racing".

In reaching a decision, the competitor should bear in mind the fact that the series is a winter event in which wind chill, water temperature and weather conditions can quickly induce fatigue. Personal buoyancy shall be worn at all times. Wet suits shall not be recognised as personal buoyancy. Suitable protective clothing shall be worn at all times.

The Race Committee recommends for all competitors the following minimum clothing:- a Drysuit or a 3.5 mm or thicker full length wetsuit with wind-proof cag and alsodinyhy boots, gloves, hat or balaclava.

All boats shall have a painter, with minimum diameter of 6 mm and at least 3 metres in length, made fast to the mast or bow.

Competitors are advised to regularly check their equipment for possible defects, e.g. loose rivets, frayed ropes, insecure bung, loose tiller extension universal joint, split rings, etc.

Competitors shall co-operate with the rescue crew and should accept their advice. Where a competitor is instructed by rescue to come ashore and cease racing such competitor must do so as quickly as practicable.

In adverse weather conditions competitors are reminded of the possibility of coming ashore in any safe location.

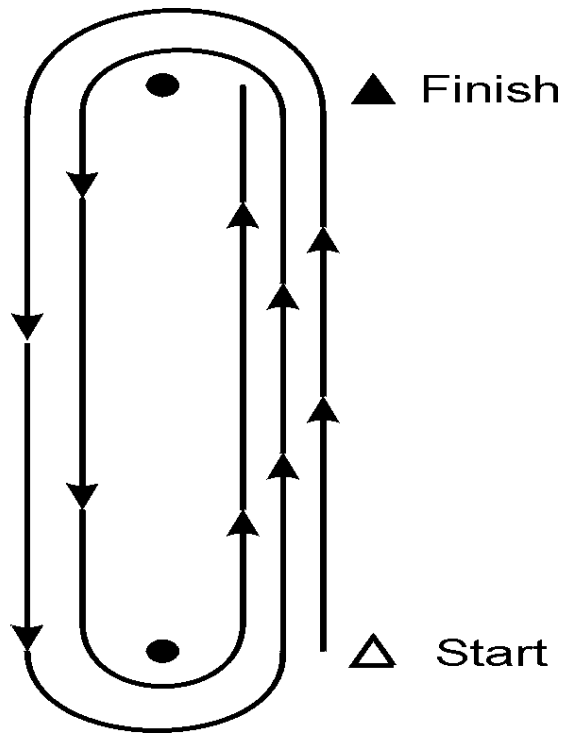
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All Entrants who are Members of WHBTC must display a 2019/2020 Trolley Tag.

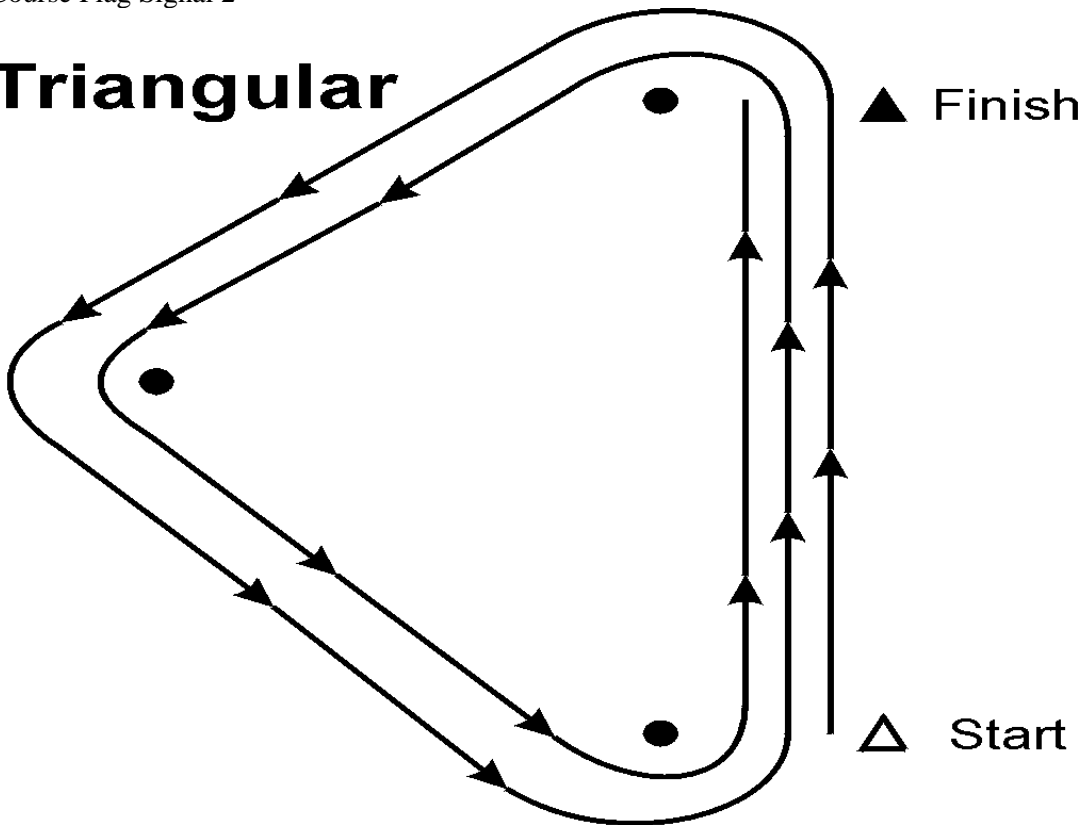
Sail Numbers

Sails shall have the correct sail number clearly displayed on both sides in accordance with Class Rules. Permission from the results office shall be requested in writing before each day's racing should a competitor wish to sail under a different number from that under which he / she is entered.

Windward Leeward



Triangular



The number of laps for the Laser Standard/Radial shall be one more than for the other fleets. This may be amended by the race committee at their discretion but subject to notice.