



LOUGH REE YACHT CLUB
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Irish SB20 National Championships 2021 Sailing Instructions (SIs)

Lough Ree Yacht Club,
Ballyglass, Hillquarter, Coosan, Athlone. N37 K257

Friday 17th to Sunday 19th September 2021

The Organising Authority (OA) is Lough Ree Yacht Club
in conjunction with the SB20 Ireland Class Association.

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SIs means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

The notation '[NP]' denotes a rule of the SIs that shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1 RULES

1.1 The event will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*, the prescriptions of Irish Sailing (IS) and the SB20 Class rules.

1.2 COVID STATEMENT [DP][NP]

By taking part in any of the events covered by these SIs, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with the OA's COVID-19 procedures. Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be a misconduct. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols, or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions. This amends RRS 60.1(a).

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Any change to the SIs will be posted not later than two hours prior to the scheduled start of the first race on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 21.00 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted via the Irish SB20 Class Association WhatsApp group QR Code as shown in **Appendix C**. Failure to post or receive a WhatsApp message will not be grounds for redress [NP].
- 3.2 The race office is located at the committee room in the clubhouse at L.R.Y.C.
- 3.3 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on VHF marine channels.
- 3.4 The following communications may be made by the race committee on the Race Area channel 77: the location of the starting area, race information, courses to be sailed, countdown to the start, Individual Recalls, General Recalls, U Flag UFDs, Black Flag BFDs and Postponements. Failure to make these broadcasts or failure to hear them are not grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1 [NP]
- 3.5 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole in front of the L.R.Y.C Clubhouse.
- 5.2 When Code Flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes'. This changes *RRS* Race Signals.

6. SCHEDULE

Day/Date	Time	
From Saturday 11/09/2021		Visiting competitors are welcome to start arriving at the club.
Thursday 16/09/2021	12.00 to 20.00	Lift in, Crew Weigh In and Registration
Friday 17/09/2021	09.00 to 10.30	Lift In, Crew Weigh In and Registration
	11.00	Competitors' Briefing on the lawn in front of the L.R.Y.C Veranda.
	12.55	First Warning Signal 3 Races
Saturday 18/09/2021	11.55	First Warning Signal 3 Races
Sunday 19/09/2021	10.55	First Warning Signal 3 Races
	ASAP after last race	Lift out for visiting boats Prize Giving – COVID restrictions may apply.

- 6.1 Nine races are scheduled (three per day) with succeeding races being started as soon as is practicable after the finish of the previous race.

- 6.2 Additional races may be sailed each day. If the Race Committee intends to start an additional race, 'Flag R' will be displayed at the finish of the previous race.
- 6.3 The intention is that no warning signal will be made after 15.00 hrs on Sunday 19th September 2021. However, the Race Committee reserve the right to run racing after that time in order to complete a minimum championship series of races (3).
- 7 CLASS FLAG**
- 7.1 The class flag will be the SB20 Class Flag.
- 8 RACE AREA**
- 8.1 The racing area will be on the waters of Lough Ree as shown in **Appendix A**.
- 9 COURSE**
- 9.1 The course will be as described in **Appendix B**.
- 9.2 At the Leeward Gate boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark. If, for any reason, there is only one Leeward Mark it shall be rounded to port.
- 10. MARKS**
- 10.1 Mark 1 will be Cylindrical Yellow Buoy.
- 10.2 Mark 1a will be a Red Pyramid Mark.
- 10.3 Marks 2s and 2p will be Cylindrical Yellow Buoys.
- 11 OBSTRUCTIONS**
- 11.1 Shannon navigation marks must be observed when racing.
- 12 THE START**
- 12.1 The Starting Line will be between a race committee boat's main mast displaying an Orange Flag at the Starboard end of the line and an inflatable Yellow Ball mark and/or a staff displaying an Orange Flag in a rib at the Port end.
- 12.2 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes *RRS 62.1(a)*. [NP]
- 12.3 A boat which starts later than 5 minutes after her Starting Signal shall be scored as Did Not Compete (DNC).
- 13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**
- 13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position. Flag C may be the only signal used to indicate such a change. This changes *RRS 33*.
- 13.2 Minor adjustments will not be signalled. This changes *RRS 33*.
- 13.3 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the Race Committee boat signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes *RRS 28.1*.

14 THE FINISH

- 14.1 The Finishing Line will be between a race committee boat's main mast displaying a Blue Flag at the Starboard end and the course side of the finishing mark, a Black Buoy, at the port end.
- 14.2 In addition to the procedure for shortening the course in *RRS* 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 a 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 SI 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. The decision by the race committee to use this procedure or not to use it shall not be grounds for requesting redress. This changes *RRS* 28.1 & 60.1(b) [NP]

15 SHORTENING THE COURSE

- 15.1 When a Race Committee vessel displays Flag 'F' at a mark or gate and makes repeated sound signals, boats shall pass between the vessel displaying Flag F and the nearby mark, leaving the mark on the required side, or passing through the gate, and then sail to the finish line, crossing the finish line from the course side.
- 15.2 If a race is shortened at the Leeward Gate, *RRS* 32.2 (C) applies, i.e., finish between the Gate Marks.

16 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 16.1 The two-turn penalty is changed to a one turn penalty. This changes Rule 44.1.
- 16.2 The Scoring Penalty, *RRS* 44.3 does not apply. This changes *RRS* 44.

17 TIME LIMITS

- 17.1 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes of the first boat to sail the course and finish will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). without a hearing. This changes *RRS* 35, A4 and A5.

18 HEARING REQUESTS

- 18.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the finishing time of the last boat in the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 18.2 Hearing Request Forms are available at the race office and completed requests must include a mobile number, a back-up number and an email address.
- 18.3 Arbitration – appendix T will apply. If a party is not present at an arbitration meeting, any party that was present may take a Post-Race Penalty at any time until the Protest Committee has completed taking evidence. This changes *RRS* T1 (a).
- 18.4 Parties will be informed by WhatsApp/email no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Notices of protests by the Race Committee, Technical Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under *RRS* 61.1(b)
- 18.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered no later than 15 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes *RRS* 62.2.

19 SCORING

- 19.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 19.2 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores.
- 19.3 When four or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.

20 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 20.1 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 20.2 [DP] [NP] *RRS Rule 40.1* will apply (Personal Floatation Devices).

21 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 21.1 [DP] Substitution of equipment is not allowed unless authorised in writing by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.
- 21.2 Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.

22 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 22.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.
- 22.2 [DP] When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

23 TRASH DISPOSAL

- 23.1 The SB20 National Championships is a 'Clean Regatta' and is fully supportive of sustainability of our land and marine environments. We would ask that you try to eliminate any plastic disposable bottles or wrapping in your consumables on board and to recycle any necessary plastic when ashore.

24 LAUNCHING, BERTHING, AND LIFT OUT

- 24.1 Launching and berthing are included in the entry fee and will take place as set out in paragraph 6 above. Lift out facilities for visiting boats will be provided immediately after racing on Sunday 19th September 2021.
- 24.2 All boats are required to be berthed overnight on L.R.Y.C. designated moorings or jetties (Competitors are advised to use adequate warps and fenders.)

25 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 25.1 [DP] Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

26 PRIZES

- 26.1 The Prize Giving Ceremony will take place after sailing on Sunday 19th September 2021. Prizes will be awarded to the first 3 boats Overall, to the top 3 in the Silver Fleet and to the winners of individual races.

27 RISK STATEMENT

- 27.1 *RRS 3* states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

Lough Ree Yacht Club and SB20 Ireland Class Association and all their officers, members and volunteers, and event sponsors and patrons, do not accept liability for loss of life or property, or personal injury or damage caused by or arising out of the event. Competitors take part in the event at their own risk

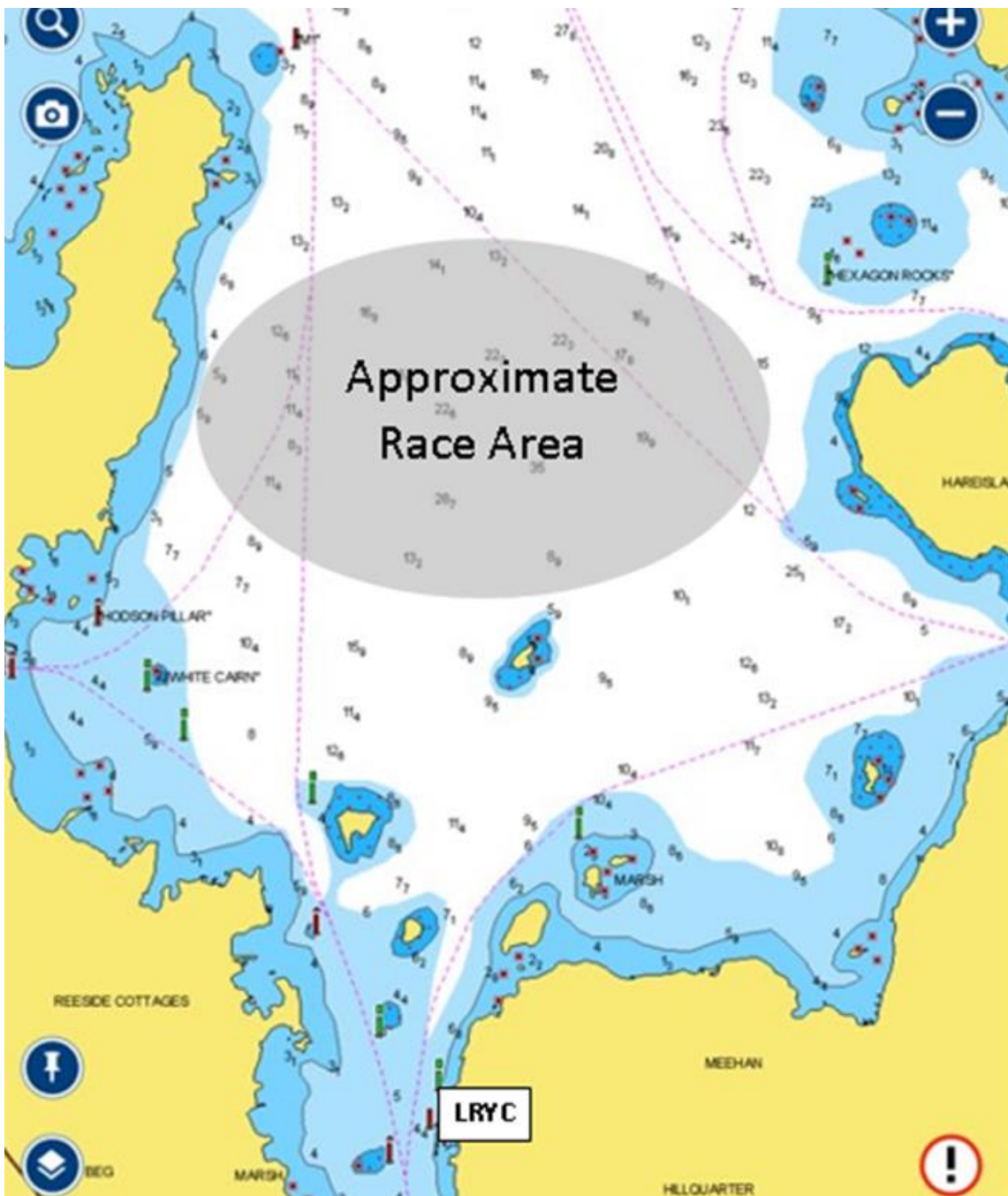
28 INSURANCE

28.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €3 million per event or the equivalent.

29 MEDIA RIGHTS

29.1 Competitors automatically grant to the OA, without payment, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event. This may include the use of unmanned aerial vehicles (drones) operated under IAA guidelines.

APPENDIX A APPROXIMATE RACE AREA

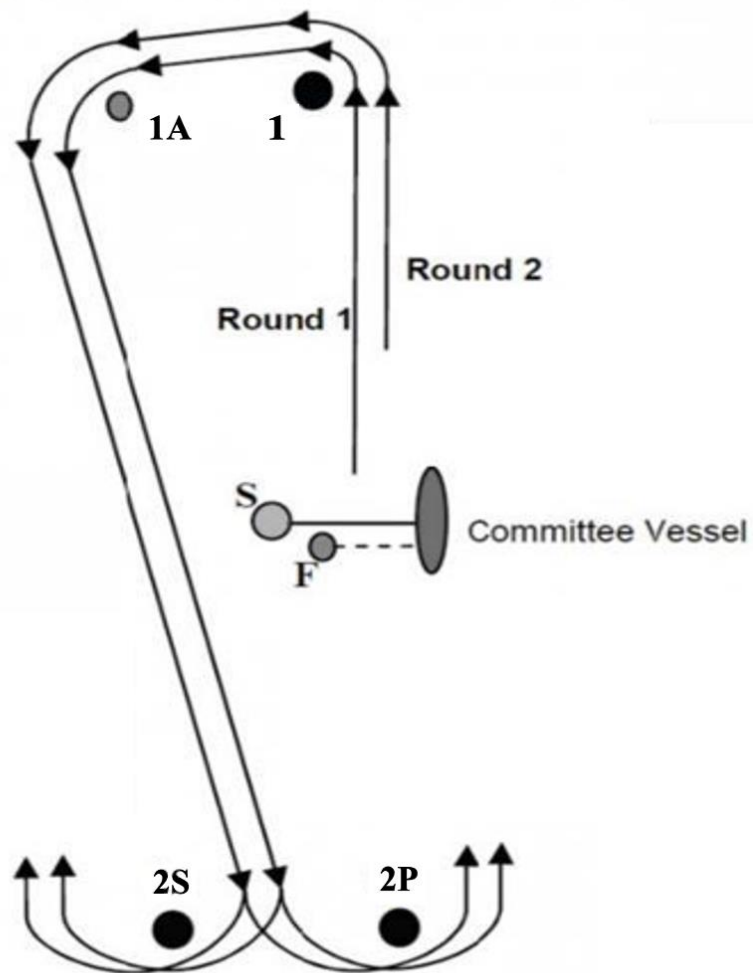


APPENDIX B

Course

Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish

WINDWARD - LEEWARD COURSE DIAGRAM



APPENDIX C

Notice Board

Irish SB20 Class Association

WhatsApp QR Code

