



CLINKERFEST 2022

JUNE 4TH - 6TH



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



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Clinkerfest Regatta

4th June – 6th June 2022

The Organising Authority for this event is Lough Ree Yacht Club.
The Regatta will take place on Lough Ree and the River Shannon, based at the Club.

PRO: Owen Delany

As per NOR:

Registration will take place at LRYC as follows:

**Friday 3rd June 1800hrs–2000hrs
& Saturday 4th June 0800hrs – 0900hrs**

**Briefing will take place outside the Clubhouse of LRYC
Saturday 4th June 1000hrs.**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (S.Is.)

- 1** **RULES**
 - 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the prescriptions of Irish Sailing (I.S.), the NOR, these S.Is., and all relevant Class Rules.
 - 1.2 These rules are contingent upon COVID-19, Govt., I.S. and LRYC Rules and Guidelines in place at the time of the Regatta.

- 2** **EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**
 - 2.1 A yacht and/or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and Notice of Race (NOR) & S.Is.

- 3** **SAILS**
 - 3.1 Yachts shall use their correct sail numbers. Permission to sail using any other number must be obtained in writing from the Regatta Committee before going afloat.
 - 3.2 A competing yacht shall not carry more sail than that prescribed with the course for each race.

- 4** **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**
 - 4.1 The Notice Board is in the front window of the clubhouse.
Notices to competitors may also be posted using WhatsApp.
The Regatta WhatsApp Code is available in Addendum C

- 5** **CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**
 - 5.1 Any change to the sailing instructions and any change to the schedule of races will be posted prior to such time as the course of the first race affected by such change(s) is posted (see 10.1 below).
 - 5.2 The displaying of Code Flag L, on the day such a change/s is/are posted, will signal changes to the SIs.
 - 5.3 Before a race starts, a flagship displaying Code Flag L requests competitors to follow it.

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SCHEDULE of LIFT IN & RACING

6.1

	Lift in / out	First Warning Signal	Maximum Number of Races
Saturday 4 th June	0800-0900 and later by arrangement	1155	4
Sunday 5 th June		1025	4
Monday 6 th June	After racing	1025	3

6.2 With the exception of the first scheduled race which will not be brought forward, the RO may alter the schedule of races.

6.3 Races postponed or abandoned may, at the discretion of the Regatta Committee, be rescheduled.

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SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

7.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Flagstaff which is situated in front of the Clubhouse.

7.2 Except in a starting Sequence, when Code Flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 30 minutes’ in the race signal AP.

7.3 **Rule 40 (personal flotation devices “PFD’s”) always applies while racing. Flag Y will not be displayed. This changes Rule 40.**

Irish Law requires the wearing of PFDs at all times on any pleasure craft that is less than 7m in length.

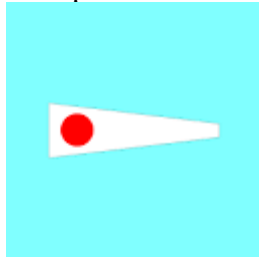
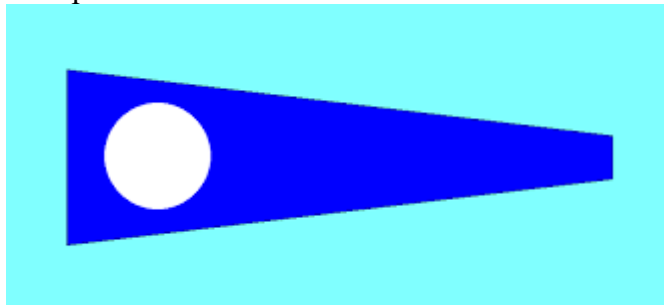
LRYC strongly recommends that PFDs be worn at all times while afloat.

CLASS FLAGS FOR STARTING SEQUENCE/S**8.1 Shannon-One- Designs (S.O.Ds.) :**

Class flag being a white rectangular flag with a green shamrock thereon.

8.2 Other Classes will be grouped together in two separate Groups 1 & 2.

These groups will be posted before the first course is posted and will remain in force throughout the event unless otherwise posted with the first course so affected.

Group 1 : Numeral Pennant 1**Group 2 Numeral Pennant 2**

- 9 RACING AREAS**
- 9.1** It is intended that in general racing will take place in the approximate area indicated in addendum A
- 9.2** Other races may take place in the extended area indicated in addendum B
- 10 THE COURSES**
- 10.1** The courses to be sailed will be as notified. (*This changes NOR 7.2 & 8.1*)
- 10.2** The course for each race will be indicated on the notice board and WhatsApp at least 30 minutes before the start or if from a flagship at least 10 minutes before the start
- 10.3** If, having set the course, the course is changed, Code Flag C (accompanied by a sound signal) and the new course will be displayed/communicated on/from the flagship, at least 10 minutes before the start.
- 10.4** Shannon Navigation Marks (excluding the green middle ground stake situated south of Little Yellow Island) shall be regarded as marks on the course and the navigation must be observed except where otherwise indicated on the Notice of Course.
- 11 MARKS**
- 11.1** Marks will be used as indicated on the course board.
- 12 THE START**
- 12.1** Races will be started by using *RRS 26* (warning signal made 5 minutes before the start).
- 12.2** The starting line will be between a mast displaying an **ORANGE** flag on a committee boat and a pole displaying an **ORANGE** flag on a club boat unless otherwise indicated on the course board.
- 12.3** Yachts, whose warning signal has not been made, shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes.
- 12.4** A yacht starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes *Appendix A4.2*.

- 13** **CHANGE OF COURSE ON THE NEXT LEG**
- 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. A Mark boat at the previous mark may indicate such a change by flying Code Flag C and making a sound signal. This changes *RRS 33*. A yacht shall not request redress under *RRS 60.1(b)* because of an action or lack of action by the race committee under this instruction.
- 14** **RETIRING YACHTS**
- 14.1** A yacht that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 15** **THE FINISH**
- 15.1** The finishing line will be between a mast flying a **BLUE FLAG** on the committee boat and a **BLACK** outer distance mark unless otherwise indicated on the notice of course.
- 15.2** After the first yacht has finished, the Race Officer may offer a finishing position to the yacht still racing in last place. The finishing position offered to a yacht will be the number of yachts ahead of it (both finished and still racing) plus 1. A yacht is not obliged to accept such an offer unless it is the last yacht still racing. The Race Officer is not obliged to make such an offer. A yacht who accepts the place offered will immediately cease to race, and the race officer may repeat this process with the next yacht. The offer may be made via safety or support boat personnel. This changes the definition of the word "Finish" This changes *RRS 35* and *Appendix A4*.
- 15.3** If the race committee is absent when a yacht finishes, she should report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby yachts to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 16** **TIME LIMITS**
- 16.1** A Time Limit of 1 Hour 40 Minutes will apply.
- 16.2** Provided that a yacht finishes within the time limit, all other yachts of her class will be allowed an additional 20 minutes to complete the course from the time the first yacht finishes.
- 16.3** Yachts failing to finish within the above times after the first yacht sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes *RRS 35* & *Appendices A4.1* & *A5*.

PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1** A yacht intending to protest or seek redress shall notify the Race Officer immediately after finishing or, if she does not finish, shall notify the Protest Convenor or at the Regatta Office another member of the Regatta Committee, immediately on coming ashore. This changes *RRS* 61.
- 17.2** Measurement protests will only be accepted from either the race committee or official measurer. This changes *RRS* 60.1(a).
- 17.3** Protest forms are available at the race office, located at The Clubhouse. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 17.4** Protests shall be delivered to the Protest Convenor, his assistant/s
- 17.5** For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last yacht has finished each race or in the case of back-to-back races, 60 minutes after the last yacht finishes the later race.
- 17.6** Notices of protest hearings will be posted as soon as is practicable after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 17.7** Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform yachts under *RRS* 61.1(b).
- 17.8** Breaches of instructions 12.3,19,21 and 22 will not be grounds for a protest by a yacht. This changes *RRS* 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 17.9** On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
 (a) no later than 10.00 if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day.
 (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.
 This changes *RRS* 66.
- 17.10** On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes *RRS* 62.2.

18**SCORING**

- 18.1** The scoring abbreviation for Code Flag U shall be UFD. This changes *All* scoring abbreviations.

19**REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT**

- 19.1** Substitution of damaged or lost hulls or equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the Regatta Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made in writing to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

20**ADVERTISING**

- 20.1** Advertising will only be allowed if prior permission is sought and obtained in writing from the Regatta Committee.

21**COMMUNICATION**

- 21.1** Except in an emergency, a yacht shall neither make transmissions while racing nor receive communications which are not available to all yachts in her class.

22**PRIZES**

- 22.1** Prizes will be given as described in the "Notice of Race" and other individual class prizes. (*This changes* NOR 12.1)

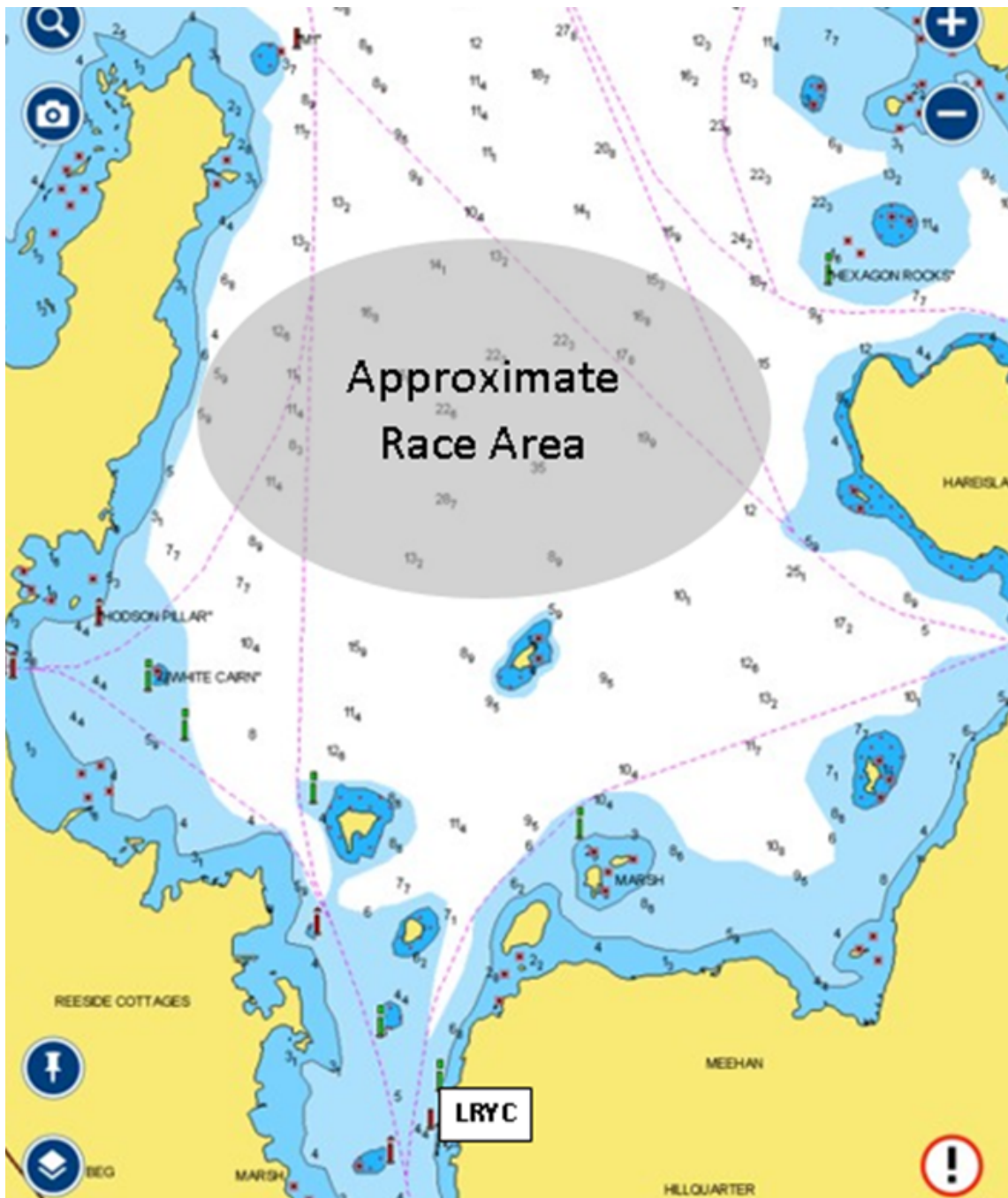
DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

23.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See *RRS 3*, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

By taking part in the regatta, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

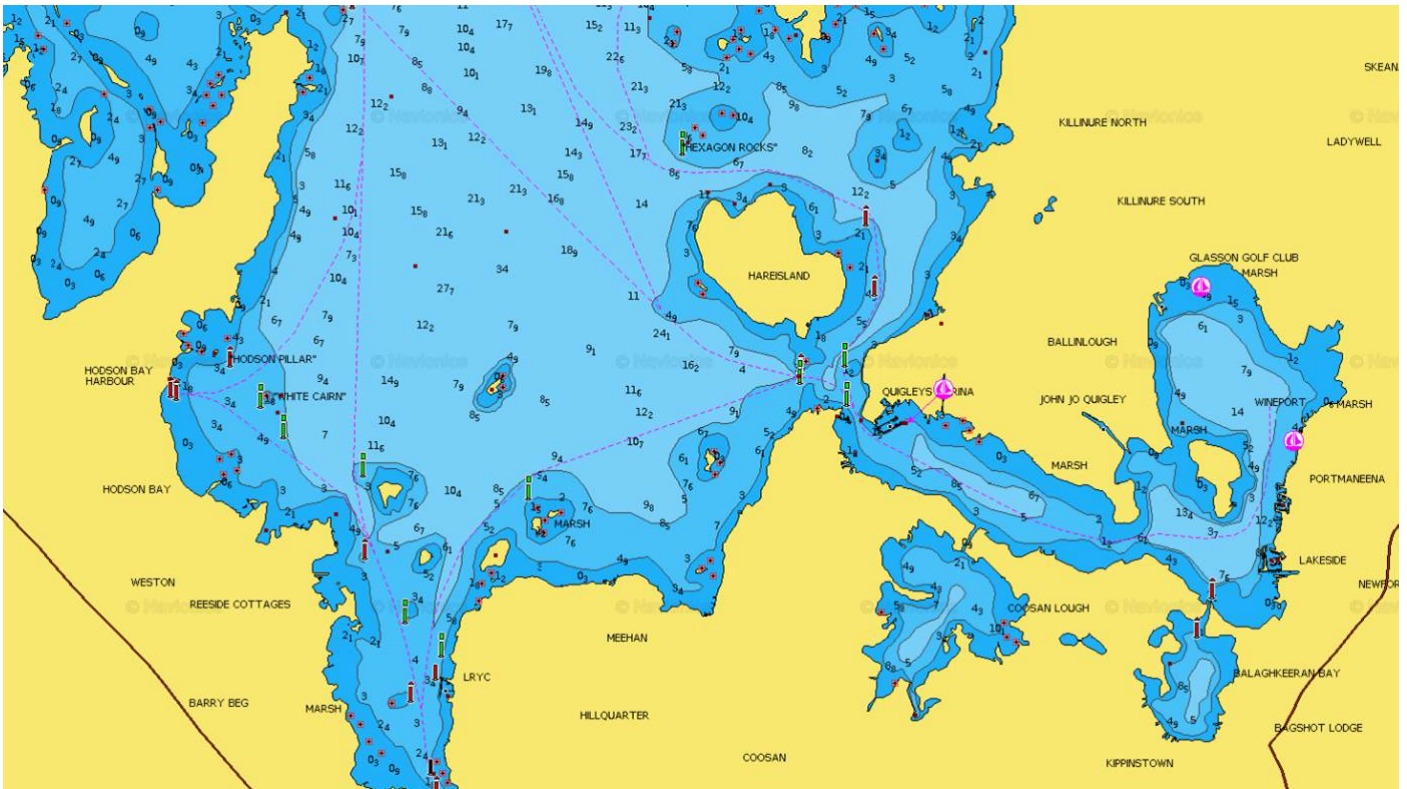
- (a) they are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their yacht to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the regatta.
- (b) they are responsible for the safety of themselves, their yacht and their other property whether afloat or ashore and for their crew while racing.
- (c) they accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
- (d) their yacht is in good order, equipped to sail in the regatta and they are personally fit to participate.
- (e) the provision of a race management team, safety boats and other officials and volunteers does not relieve competitors of their own responsibilities.
- (f) the provision of safety yacht cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- (g) **the wearing of personal flotation devices is compulsory while racing. This changes *RRS 40*. It is strongly recommended that such devices be used at all times while afloat.**

ADDENDUM A



ADDENDUM B

AREA AVAILABLE FOR OTHER RACES



ADDENDUM C
Clinkerfest WhatsApp



END OF S.Is.