



LOUGH REE YACHT CLUB
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Irish SB20 Western Championship 2022

Sailing Instructions (SIs)

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

Saturday 18th - Sunday 19th June 2022

The Organising Authority (OA) is Lough Ree Yacht Club (L.R.Y.C.)
in association with the SB20 Ireland Class Association.

RO: Alan Algeo

Registration

**will take place in the clubhouse
on Friday evening
1900 – 20.00**

AND

**on Saturday
10.00 – 10.55**

Briefing

**will take place outside the Clubhouse
on Saturday**

11.00

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 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.

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]. Notices may also be displayed on the L.R.Y.C Notice Board for the event which is the front window of the clubhouse.
- 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, PFDs & SCHEDULE

- 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.
- 5.3 **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.

L.R.Y.C. strongly recommends that PFDs be worn at all times while afloat.

5.3 SCHEDULE

Day/Date	Time	
Friday 17 th June	18.00 – 20.00	Lift in.
Saturday 18 th June	09.30 – 11-00	Lift In.
	10.00	Competitors' Briefing on the lawn in front of the L.R.Y.C Veranda.
	12.55	First Warning Signal 3 Races Back-to-Back
Sunday 19 th June	10.55	First Warning Signal 3 Races Back-to-Back
	ASAP after last race	Lift out for visiting boats Prize Giving.

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

5.5 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.

5.6 The intention is that no warning signal will be made after 15.00 hrs on Sunday 19th June 2022. However, the Race Committee reserve the right to run racing after that time to complete a minimum championship series of races (3).

6 CLASS FLAG

6.1 The class flag will be the SB20 Class Flag.

7 RACE AREA

7.1 The racing area will be on the waters of Lough Ree as shown approximately in **Appendix A**.

8 COURSE

8.1 The course will be as described in Appendix B.

8.2 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.

9 MARKS

9.1 Mark 1 will be a Red Pyramidal Mark.

9.2 Marks 1a, 2s and 2p will be Spherical Yellow Buoys.

10 OBSTRUCTIONS

10.1 Shannon navigation marks must be observed when racing.

11 THE START

- 11.1 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 at the port end **a STAFF DISPLAYING an ORANGE FLAG** in a race committee boat and/or a WHITE SPHERICAL BUOY
- 11.2 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]
- 11.3 A boat which starts later than 5 minutes after her Starting Signal shall be scored as Did Not Start (DNS).

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 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*.
- 12.2 Minor adjustments will not be signalled. This changes *RRS 33*.
- 12.3 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*.

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 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 SPHERICAL BUOY**, at the port end.
- 13.2 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]

14 SHORTENING THE COURSE

- 14.1 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.
- 14.2 If a race is shortened at the Leeward Gate, *RRS* 32.2 (C) applies, i.e., finish between the Gate Marks.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 The two-turn penalty is changed to a one turn penalty. This changes Rule 44.1.

16 TIME LIMITS

- 16.1 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.

17 HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1 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.
- 17.2 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.
- 17.3 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).
- 17.4 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)
- 17.5 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.

18 SCORING

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

19 COACHING

19.1 The SB20 Class Coach may be present on the water for the duration of the event and may provide coaching to boats before, during or after racing. This cannot be grounds for redress for another competitor.

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 Western 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 June 2022.

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 . 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.**

27.2 L.R.Y.C. 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

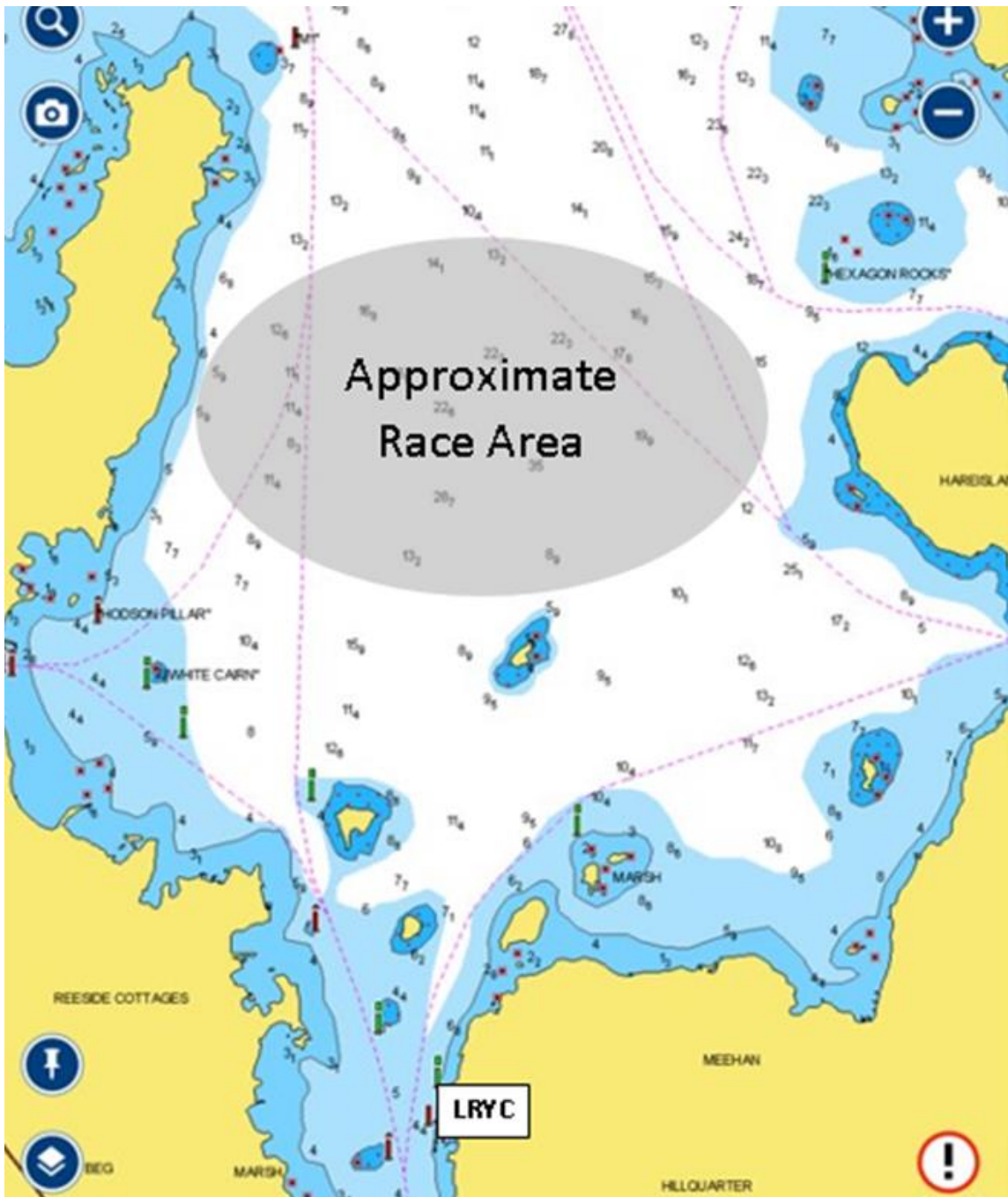
28 INSURANCE

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 of 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

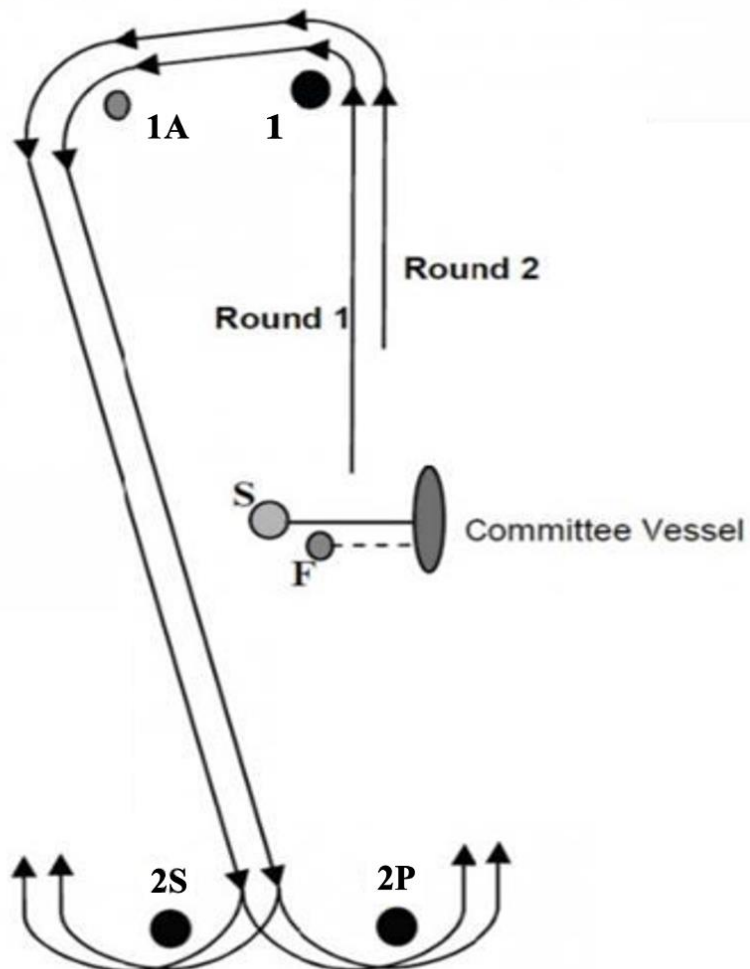
Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish

START (See SI 11)
& FINISH (See SI 13) USE MAIN MAST OF COMMITTEE BOAT

Mark 1 A Red Pyramidal Mark.

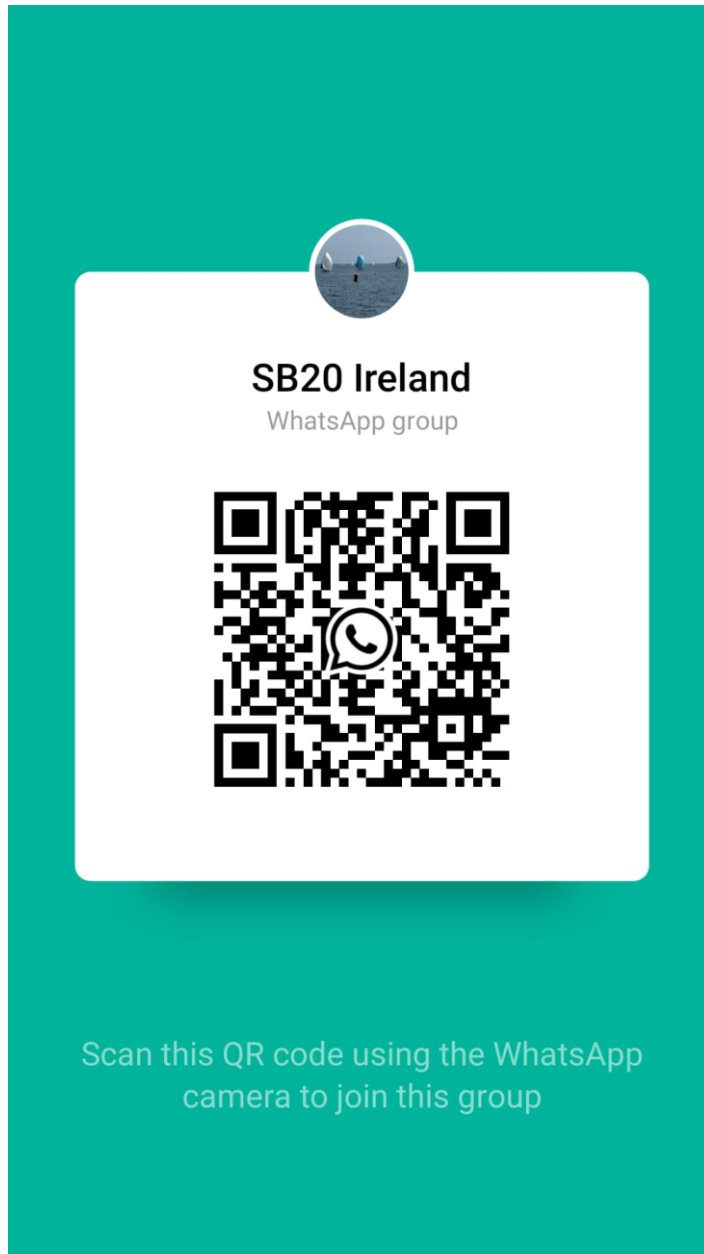
Mark 1A, 2s & 2p Spherical Yellow Buoys

WINDWARD - LEEWARD COURSE DIAGRAM



APPENDIX C

Notice Board



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