



SB20 National Championships 2026

Friday 4th - Sunday 6th September

Lough Ree Yacht Club

Ballyglass, Hillquarter, Coosan, Athlone, N37 K257

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

National Judge: Vincent Delany

Technical Committee Chair: David Taylor

Registration will take place in the clubhouse on

Thursday 3rd 19:00 to 20:00

Friday 4th 09:00 to **12:15**

Briefing will take place outside the clubhouse on

Friday 4th at **12:30**

Sailing Instructions (SIs)

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

The notation '[NP]' means that a boat may not protest another boat or the race committee for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2 SB20 Class rules will apply, except where changed by the NoR or these SIs.
- 1.3 RRS 40.1 Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) applies. **“Each competitor shall wear a PFD except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not PFDs”.**

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 on the day before it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the front window of the clubhouse and may also be posted using the event WhatsApp Group “2026 SB20 NATIONAL Championships LRYC ” which can be joined by scanning the QR code:

or by using the link :

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/GtdQzOedSF6DCqGj2RbtzD>



[NP] Failure to post or receive a WhatsApp message will not be grounds for redress.

- 3.2 The Race Office is located at the Committee Room in the clubhouse at LRYC.
- 3.3 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on VHF marine channels.
- 3.4 [NP] The Race Committee may draw attention to Race Signals given on the Committee Vessel and communicate other information on VHF at any time. The Race Committee will transmit on Channel 71 or other such channel as may be otherwise notified or displayed on the Committee Vessel. Failure to transmit or to receive such communication will not be grounds for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).
- 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. This also applies to mobile phones which may be carried onboard. This changes Class Rule C4.2 (1).

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 LRYC 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		No of Races
Thursday 3 rd	19:00 – 20:00	Registration & Lift-in.	
Friday 4 th	09:00 – 12:15	Registration & Lift-in.	
	12:30	Competitor Briefing in front of the clubhouse.	
	14:30	First Warning Signal	Up to 4 Races (Back-to-Back)
Saturday 5 th	11:00	First Warning Signal	Up to 4 Races (Back-to-Back)
Sunday 6 th	11:00	First Warning Signal	Up to 4 Races (Back-to-Back)
	ASAP after last race	Lift out of visiting boats	
	ASAP after results available	Prizegiving	

- 6.1 Ten (10) races are scheduled, with succeeding races being started as soon as is practicable after the finish of the previous race.
- 6.2 Except for the time of the first warning signal each day, the race committee reserves the right to alter the schedule of races, as they see fit. If the Race Committee intends to start an additional race, THE ORANGE FLAG will be displayed at the finish of the previous race.

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 approximately in **Addendum A**.

9 COURSE

9.1 The course will be as described in **Addendum B**.

9.2 If, for any reason, there is only one Leeward Mark, it shall be rounded to port.

10 MARKS

10.1 Marks 1, 2s and 2p will be a Red Pyramidical Mark.

10.2 Mark 1a will be a Spherical Yellow Buoy.

10.3 For Starting & Finishing Marks see SI 12.1 & SI 14.1.

11 Not Used

12 THE START

12.1 The Starting Line will be between a Race Committee Vessel's

MIZZEN MAST displaying an **ORANGE FLAG** at the Starboard end of the line
and at the other end either a **STAFF** displaying an **ORANGE FLAG** in a Race Committee Vessel **OR** a **SPHERICAL BUOY**.

12.2 [NP] When the Race Committee determines that a boat has not complied with Rules 29.1 (OCS) or 30.3 (UFD) or 30.2 (BFD), the Race Committee may broadcast the boat's sail number on the designated VHF channel, no earlier than one minute after the starting signal. Failure to broadcast, or errors in the broadcast, under SI 12.2, will not be grounds for a request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).

12.3 A boat which starts later than 5 minutes after her Starting Signal shall be scored as Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes *RRS* A5.1 and A5.2.

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 Vessel signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the Race Committee Vessel to starboard. This changes *RRS* 28.1.

13.4 When a Committee Vessel displays Code Flag F  at a mark or gate and makes repeated sound signals, the **course is changed**; boats shall pass between the vessel displaying Flag F and the nearby mark, leaving the mark on the required side, or passing through a gate, and then sail directly to the Committee Vessel finish line, crossing the finish line from the course side.

Note: As the course has been changed, the new course will not be shortened; no Flag S (Shortened Course) will be displayed at the finish.

14 THE FINISH

14.1 The Finishing Line will be between a Race Committee Vessel's **MAIN MAST** displaying a **BLUE FLAG** and a **BLACK SPHERICAL BUOY**.

14.2 [NP] 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 Code 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 that day. 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. **However**, when two or more such boats are overlapped, 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 *RRS* 35, 60.1 and 62.1(a) & Appendix A4.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

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

16 TIME TARGETS & LIMITS

16.1 The Target Time for each race will be 35 minutes.

16.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes of the first boat to start, 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 – *RRS* Appendix T will apply. If a party is not present at an arbitration meeting, any party that is 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 as soon as possible 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 as soon as possible after the decision was posted. This changes *RRS* 62.2.

18 SCORING

18.1 Three (3) 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 SAFETY REGULATIONS

19.1 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

20.1 [DP] Substitution of equipment is not allowed unless authorised in writing by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

20.2 Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.

21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

21.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.

21.2 [DP] When instructed by a Race Official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

22, 23 & 24 Not used.

25 TRASH DISPOSAL

25.1 The event 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 items when ashore.

26 LAUNCHING, BERTHING, AND LIFT OUT

26.1 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 6th September.

26.2 All boats are required to be berthed overnight on LRYC designated moorings or jetties. Competitors are advised to use adequate warps and fenders

27 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

27.1 [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.

28 Not used.

29 PRIZES

29.1 The Prize Giving Ceremony will take place after sailing on Sunday. Prizes will be awarded to the first 3 boats in the Overall and Silver Fleets. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

30 RISK STATEMENT

30.1 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.**

30.2 LRYC and SB20 Ireland Class Association and all their officers, members and volunteers, 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.

31 INSURANCE

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

31.2 A competitor is wholly and exclusively responsible for his or her personal accident and health insurance.

31.3 A skipper is wholly and exclusively responsible for his or her third-party liability insurance on the boat that he or she is sailing.

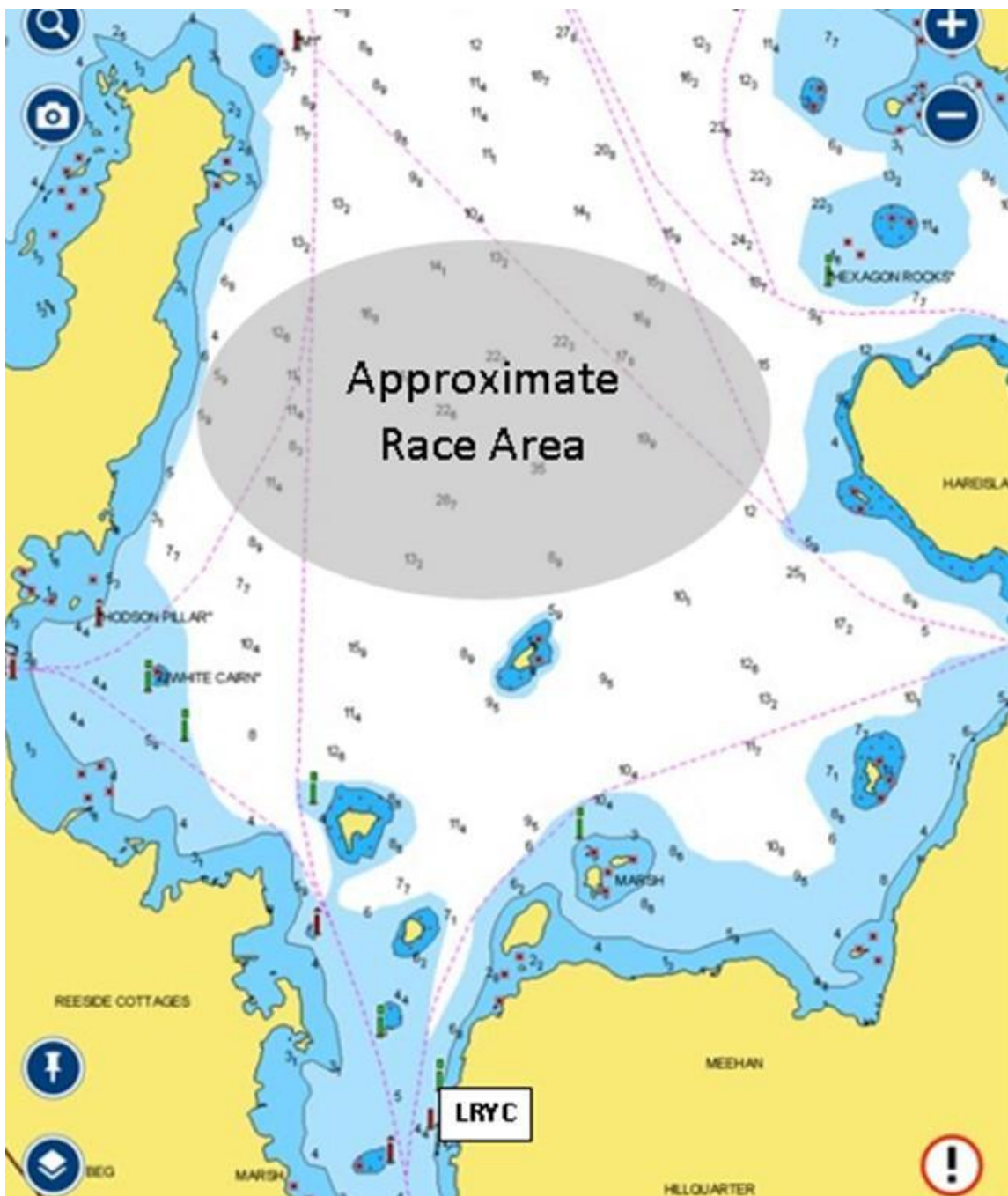
32 MEDIA RIGHTS

32.1 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.

ADDENDUM A

APPROXIMATE RACE AREA

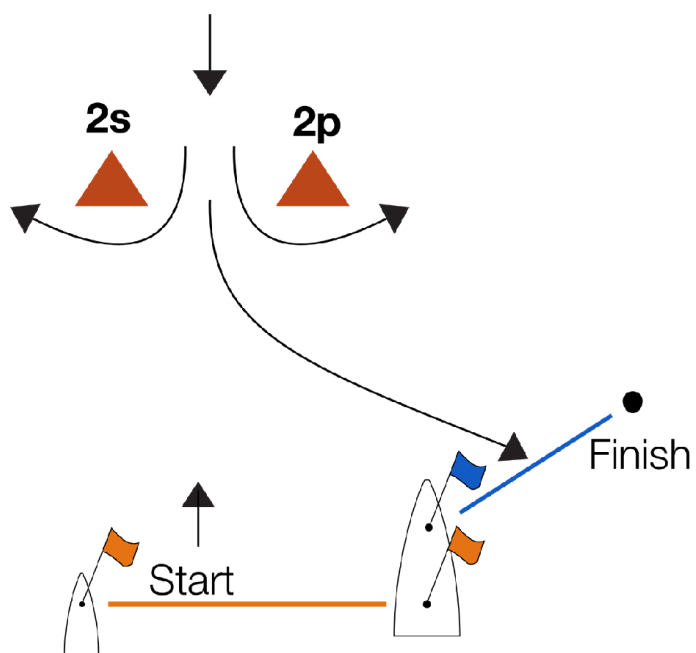
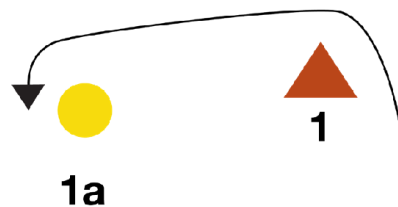
THE DISTANCE FROM LRYC TO THE STARTING AREA
MAY BE UP TO THREE KILOMETERS.



ADDENDUM B COURSE

Mark Rounding Order

START - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2p - FINISH



NOT TO SCALE