

# Malahide Yacht Club

## Sailing Instructions for Cruiser Club Racing

Effective from 21 April 2012

### 1) Rules of Racing

All races shall be sailed under the ISAF rules and ISA prescriptions except as varied hereunder or by amendments posted a minimum of 24 hours prior to the race start time on the club website. Oral changes to the sailing instructions for a single race may be notified by the Race Officer on the water prior to the warning signal in accordance with R.R.S. 90.2(c); competitors shall be notified by hailing and/or by VHF broadcast.

### 2) Handicaps

Results will be given under the ECHO & IRC handicap systems.

### 3) Persons allowed to race

A member wishing to include in their crew any person who is not a full club member, shall notify the Race Officer before the race, or as soon as practical thereafter. Each non-member may only race in a maximum of 5 races during any one season.

### 4) Persons allowed to helm

Only ordinary members, life members, cadet members or those included under family membership may helm in club races. A country or overseas member may helm for a maximum of 5 races during any one season. Pavilion members may not helm in club races.

### 5) Minimum number of starters

There shall be no race unless 3 or more boats start. Results will only be given in IRC if 2 or more boats with IRC handicaps start the race.

### 6) Starting and Finishing Lines

For on-the-water starts, the starting and finishing lines will be a line between the main mast of the committee boat and the Malahide landfall mark (or substitute marker if missing). For shore based starts, the starting and finishing lines will be between a red and white striped pole on the shore at High Rock and a limit mark directly offshore from the pole.

### 7) Course Instructions

Courses will be in accordance with the MYC course card for the current year, and the course code will be displayed on the Committee Boat. In the event of missing or misplaced marks, the Race Officer may orally notify all competitors of an alternative course prior to the warning signal on VHF and/or by hailing.

### 8) Signals

Racing will be started in accordance with R.R.S. 26. All cruiser shall race in a single class.

### 9) Shortened course

The Race Officer may shorten the course at any mark on the course in accordance with R.R.S. 32.2.

### 10) Time Limits

Weekdays: 2 hours plus 30 minutes extension

Saturdays: 3.5 hours plus 1 hour extension

An extension will only be allowed if the leading boat finishes within the time limit. Boats finishing outside the time limit shall be deemed to have retired.

### **11) Protests**

Notice of intention to protest shall be communicated to the Race Officer no later than 30 minutes after the Race Officer comes ashore, and the written protest shall be lodged with the Race Officer or other club officer before 23.00 of the same day. Failure to lodge a protest after an infringement of the rules may result in disqualification. The Sailing Secretary shall convene a protest committee hearing at the earliest opportunity.

### **12) Average points**

The allocation of average points for boats racing in non-club open events will be allowed on the basis of one average result for every four races scheduled in any series for which the average points are being applied for and is limited to the open race day(s) and the immediate travel to and from the event. An average points score shall be the average of the other race scores of a boat in a series, excluding discards.

### **13) Average Points for Committee Boat**

Boats acting as Committee Boat shall receive points equal to their average points for the current series. An average points score shall be the average of the other race scores of a boat in a series, excluding discards.

### **14) Insurance**

All boats must carry third party liability Racing Cover Insurance with minimum indemnity cover of €1,000,000 while racing in club races. Neither Malahide Yacht Club, its Officers and Committee, the Race Committee nor the Race Officer undertake any liability for damage, loss or injury incurred.

### **15) Safety**

The decision to race or to continue racing is the sole responsibility of the skipper and crew of each boat. All boats should carry a copy of the "ISA Safety Equipment" checklist and the club recommends that all yachts shall as a minimum comply with the recommendations of the checklist for Category A.

### **16) Radio communication**

All radio communication will be on VHF Ch 77 unless notified by the Race Officer to use an alternative channel.

### **17) Scoring**

Scoring shall be as per R.R.S. 90.3, using the low points scoring system of R.R.S. Appendix A4,. In amendment of Appendix A, a boat that came to the starting area but did not start, did not finish, retired after finishing or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that finished the race and a boat that did not compete shall be scored points for the finishing place 3 more than the number of boats that finished in the race.

### **18) Discards**

After 3 races are sailed in a series, 1 discard will apply. After 5 races are sailed in a series, 2 discards will apply. If more than 5 races are sailed in a series, a further discard will be applied for each subsequent 3 races sailed.