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**RS Feva Ireland Association
&
Irish RS 200 & RS 400 Class Association**

in association with



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
RS Inland Championships 2019
Blessington Sailing Club

27th + 28th July. 2019

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the ISA will apply.
- 1.3 Racing rules Race Signals AP, 26, 31, 35, 40, 60.1(b), 61.3, 62.1(a), 62.2, 66, A2 and A4 will be changed. The changes appear, in full, in these sailing instructions.
- 1.4 Rules of the RS400, RS200 and RS Feva Classes will apply.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at Blessington Sailing Club clubhouse.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the main flagpole at Blessington Sailing Club.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes race signal AP.
- 4.3 When ICF "AP" is displayed over the relevant class flag(s) ashore. Any of today's race(s) not started are postponed for these classes only. The first race warning signal afloat for these classes will not be made until at least 45 minutes after the lowering of this "AP" signal. This changes RRS Race Signals AP and RRS Race Signals AP over a numeral pennant 1-9.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES ETC.

- 5.1 Briefing – A Competitor Briefing will be held at 11-30 on Saturday, 27th July 2019.

5.2 Racing:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Time</u>
Saturday, 27 th	Races 1 to 3+	F.G. 13-00
Sunday, 28 th	Races to complete series	F.G. 10-55

- 5.3 Six Races are scheduled.
- 5.4 The scheduled time of the first **warning signal on Saturday, July 27th is 13-00**. The scheduled time of the **first warning signal on Sunday, July 28th is 10-55**.
- 5.5 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least three **(3) minutes** before a warning signal is made.
- 5.6 The planned order of starts will be:
 - 1) RS 400
 - 2) RS 200
 - 3) RS Feva

Note the order of starts may be changed and fleet starts may be combined e.g. RS200 & RS Feva start together. Competitors are, therefore, advised to watch the flag signals which will determine the order of starts.

- 5.7 Races will be back to back each day

Warning: Please stay close to Comm. Boat between races as the intention is to go into sequence rapidly

6 CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 RS 400 = Flag O



- RS 200 = Flag E



RS Feva = Flag F.



7 RACING AREA

- 7.1** Racing will take place on Blessington Lake in front of clubhouse. Precise location will be confirmed at the Competitor Briefing
- 7.2** Competitors must keep out of the Starting Area until the commencement of their class sequence. Interfering with the start of another class may lead to disqualification

8 THE COURSE

- 8.1** Windward leeward courses will be used. The diagrams in Addendum A show the course, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be passed.
- 8.2** The number of rounds to be sailed will be indicated by a white board on the committee boat

9 MARKS

- 9.1** Marks 1, 2, 4S and 4P may be large Yellow inflatable marks. The start mark may be a smaller orange mark, the finish mark may be a small white Dan Buoy.
- 9.2** Hitting a mark other than the start or finish marks will not be penalised for the RS400 and RS200 Class only. This changes rule 31

10 THE START

- 10.1** The starting line will be between the mast on the committee boat displaying an orange flag at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark which may be a Black buoy.
- 10.2** A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.
- 10.3** If a class has a general recall then they move to the back of the starting order.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1** To change the next leg of the course, the race committee may move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.
- 11.2** Minor Course changes may not be signalled.

12 THE FINISH

- 12.1** The finishing line will be between a mast on the committee boat displaying a blue flag at the starboard end and the port-end finishing mark which may be a white Dan buoy.

13 TIME LIMITS

- 13.1** Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35 and A4.
- 13.2** 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 /rib (which may be in motion) 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. A finishing score under this sailing instruction 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 boats that are overlapped are notified, 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 rules 60.1(b) and 62.1(a).

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1** Boats intending to protest shall inform the Race Committee vessel at the finish line.
- 14.2** Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 14.3** The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The

same time limit applies to protests by the race committee and protest committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.

- 14.4** Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest committee room at Blessington Sailing Club.
- 14.5** Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 14.6** Breaches of instructions 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 14.7** On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day; (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.

15 SCORING

- 15.1** 2 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.2** When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores. One discard after fourth race. This changes rule A2.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1** Competitors shall wear adequate buoyancy at all times when afloat. This changes rule 40. Wetsuits and dry suits are not considered to be adequate buoyancy.
- 16.2** Competitors must use the tally system as described on the notice board if directed at the briefing.
- 16.3** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

17 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 17.1** Substitution of crew will not be allowed without prior approval of the race committee.
- 17.2** Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity.

18 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 18.1** A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

19 SUPPORT BOATS

- 19.1** Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

21 TRASH DISPOSAL

- 21.1** Trash must be properly disposed of. Any intentional disposal of trash into the water may be grounds for disqualification from the event.

22 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 22.1** A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

23 PRIZES

- 23.1** Prizes will be given as follows: First, Second and Third in each class. Further Prizes may be awarded.

24 RISK STATEMENT

- 24.1** Risk Statement is as published in the Notice of Race.

25 INSURANCE

- 25.1** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €3,000,000.00 or the equivalent.

ADDENDUM A:

Windward Leeward Course (Not to Scale).

Note Each Class MAY have a separate weather mark – W mark= P rounding.

The course layout will be confirmed at the briefing.

1 Round: Start – Weather Mark – 4P - Finish

2 Rounds: Start – Weather Mark – 4S/4P – Weather Mark – 4P - Finish

3 Rounds: Start – Weather Mark – 4S/4P – Weather Mark – 4S/4P – Weather Mark – 4P – Finish

Mark 1 ● RS400 Weather Mark

Mark 2 ● RS200 Weather Mark

RS Feva Weather Mark

