



# RS 400 and RS 200 National Championship 2020

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Rush Sailing Club

Sponsored by



Newgate Motor Group

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

*The notation [DP] in a rule in the NOR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.*

### 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 Irish Sailing will apply.
- 1.3 Racing rules Race Signals AP, 31, 32, 33, 35, 40, 44.1, 60.1(b), 61.3, 62.1(a), 62.2, A2, A4 and A5 will be changed. The changes appear, in full, in these sailing instructions.

### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the main entrance of the club in the window.

### 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 Rush 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.

### 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES ETC.

- 5.1 Briefing - A Briefing will be held at 1030 on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Sep 2020.

#### 5.2 Racing:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Race</i>
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Races 1 to 3
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Races 4 to 6
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Races 7 to 9

- 5.3 Nine Races are scheduled.
- 5.4 The scheduled time of the first warning signal on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> is 11.25. The scheduled time of the first warning signal on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> is 11.25. The scheduled time of the first warning signal on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> is 1055.
- 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 five minutes before a warning signal is made.

5.6 Race 4 may be run on Friday at the discretion of the Race Committee. To indicate this intention the Finish boat will display Flag Numeral 4 at the end of Race 3.

## **6 CLASS FLAGS**

RS 400 RS 400 Class Flag or if not available Numeral 1

RS 200 RS 200 Class Flag or if not available Numeral 2

## **7 RACING AREA**

Racing will take place to the east of Rush estuary

## **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 courses to be sailed will be displayed on boards on the side of the committee boat

## **9 MARKS**

Marks 1, 1A, 4S and 4P will be Yellow Bouys. The start mark will be a stick with an orange flag, the finish mark will be a Green bouy.

## **10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTION**

There are no areas that are obstructions on this course.

## **11 THE START**

11.1 The starting line will be between an orange staff on the committee boat displaying an orange flag at the starboard end and the course side of a port-end starting mark.

11.2 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

## **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.

12.2 Minor Course changes may not be signalled. This changes RRS 33.

## **13 THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between a staff on the committee boat displaying a blue flag at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end finishing mark.

## **14 PENALTY SYSTEM**

14.1 Hitting a mark other than the start or finish marks will not be penalised for the RS400 and RS200 Class only. This changes RRS 31.

14.2 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

14.3 Appendix T and the Exoneration Penalty apply to this regatta. Decisions from Arbitration can be referred to the protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed.

## **15 TIME LIMITS**

15.1 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 without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

15.2 In addition to RRS 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 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 RRS 60.1(b) and 62.1(a).

## **16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 16.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the later. 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 RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 16.3 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 Greystones SC Clubhouse.
- 16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.5 Breaches of instructions 18, 21, 23 and 27 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 16.6 On the last scheduled day of racing a request based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 62.2.

## **17 SCORING**

- 17.1 2 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.
- 17.3 1 discard will apply after 4 races. 2 discards will apply after 8 races

## **18 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 18.1 Competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times when afloat except when adjusting or changing clothing or personal equipment. This changes RRS 40. Wetsuits and drysuits are not considered to be adequate as personal flotation devices.
- 18.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 18.3 Competitors shall use the tally system as described on the notice board.

## **19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 18.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

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.

## **21 EVENT ADVERTISING**

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority. [DP]

**22 OFFICIAL BOATS**

Will be described at the briefing.

**23 SUPPORT BOATS**

Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay 100m 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.

**24 TRASH DISPOSAL**

Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats. [DP]

**25 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

Does not apply to this event.

**26 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

Does not apply to this event.

**27 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications not available to all boats.

**28 PRIZES**

Prizes may be awarded, dependant on entries and at the discretion of the Race Committee, in each class as follows:

First, Second and Third

First Junior (under 19 on December 31<sup>st</sup> 2020)

First Female Helm (or crew if no female helm)

First Masters (over 55)

**29 RISK STATEMENT**

Risk Statement is as published in the Notice of Race.

**30 INSURANCE**

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

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# ADDENDUM 1 - Courses

## Windward - Leeward

L2 1, 4P/4S, 1, 4P, Finish

L3 1, 4P/4S, 1, 4P/4S, 1, 4P, Finish

L4 1, 4P/4S, 1, 4P/4S, 1, 4P/4S, 1, 4P, Finish

Marks 4P/4S are a gate

Marks 1, 1A and 4P to be left to Port

RS 400 Class will use Mark 1A instead of Mark 1

