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Galway Bay Sailing Club

CRUISER SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2021

Including Amendment 1

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1 RULES

1.1 All races will be governed by the Rules as defined in the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) , ISA Prescriptions, IRC2021 Rating System, ISA ECHO Handicap System, RYA National Handicap for Cruisers and respective class rules.

1.2 If there is a conflict between a rule in the notice of race and these sailing instructions the notice of race rule shall apply. This changes rule 63.7.

1.3 The IRC2021 Rules, parts A,B and C shall apply.

1.4 IRC Rule 22.4.1 and IRC Rule 22.4.2 shall not apply.

1.5 Eligibility - Events on the GBSC cruiser calendar are open to all Cruisers and keelboats, whose owners are members of GBSC or the ISA

1.6 All boats except White Sail Class must hold current IRC and/or ECHO Certificate.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Cruiser notice board located in the Galway Bay Sailing Club clubhouse entrance corridor.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any alterations to the sailing instructions will be posted at least one hour prior to the scheduled start of the first race of the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 22.00 hours on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed at the club mast.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

The schedule of races will be as communicated in the Notice of Race for each of the Series and Trophy races

6 CLASS FLAGS

6.1 For races run under a single class, or with a single start the class flag will be Flag E

6.2 For races run with multiple classes and with multiple starts the class flags will be as follows:

Class 1: Pennant 1

Class 2: Pennant 2

White Sail: Pennant 0

Class 1 & 2 combined Flag F

7 THE COURSE AND MARKS

7.1 A Notice to Competitors giving the course to be used will be posted one hour before the scheduled start time of the race.

7.2 All marks are rounding marks unless otherwise identified, a combination of navigation, club racing and laid may be used.

7.3 The course may be shortened for any reason at the discretion of the Race Committee this amends Rule 32.1.

7.4 For any race starting or finishing East of Dillisk in New Harbour, Dillisk should be considered as a non-rounding mark of the course and left to Starboard when leaving New Harbour and to Port when entering New Harbour.

7.5 Waypoint marks may be used as defined in Appendix C

8 OBSTRUCTIONS

8.1 The following areas are designated obstructions:

- Trout Rock cardinal mark and a line extending True North for eight (8) cables (to the shoreline).
- Cockle Rock cardinal mark and a line extending True South for two (2) cables.
- Foudra Rock cardinal mark and a line extending True North for four (4) cables (to the shoreline).

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8.2 A boat shall not sail into any designated obstruction. A boat may exonerate herself from a breach of this instruction by taking a two-turns penalty.

8.3 The navigation aids in New Harbour, GBSC 1 Green perch by Black Rock & GBSC 2 Red perch north shore are designated as obstructions that can only be safely passed on one side: GBSC 1 can only be passed to the north, GBSC 2 can only be passed to the south.

9 THE START

9.1 The Regular Starting Line will be the 'outer club line' between flag staff ashore displaying an Orange flag approximately 450m West of the entrance to the Clubhouse and an outer limit buoy, an inner limit buoy may also be laid.

9.2 For races run with multiple classes, separate starts may be used. Class 2 will normally start first followed by Class 1 and then the White Sail fleet. The Class 1 warning signal will normally be at the Class 2 start. and White Sails warning the Class 1 start.

9.3 A committee boat start may also be used. If a committee boat start is used the starting line is between the mast of the committee boat displaying an Orange flag and an outer limit mark, an inner limit mark may also be used. The approximate location of the committee boat start line will be stated on the registration sheet for the particular race.

9.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

9.5 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

10 10. THE FINISH

10.1 The Regular Finishing Line will be the regular 'outer club line between flag staff ashore displaying a Blue flag approximately 450m West of the entrance to the Clubhouse and an outer limit buoy, an inner limit buoy may also be laid.

10.2 The Alternative Finishing Line is the 'inner club line' a transit between the Clubhouse flagpole and the telegraph pole marked with horizontal yellow and black bands

10.3 For races where a committee boat start is provided (SI.9.3) a finish line may be provided from the committee vessel, the finishing line is between the mast of the committee boat displaying a Blue flag and an outer limit mark.

10.4 A blue flag will be flown in the vicinity of the finish line in use.

10.5 The responsibility lies with each competitor to ensure the Race Committee is able identify their boat at the finish line, especially in darkness.

10.6 Waypoints as defined in Appendix C may also be used in which case a blue flag will not be displayed.

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11 RACE FEES

11.1 The entry fee will be defined in the NOR. This fee must be paid by the skipper or the skipper's nominee of each boat to the Race committee as soon as practicable after finishing the race and no later than the end of protest time.

11.2 With the payment all crew must be listed with fee paid.

11.3 Any boat that declares entry and starts but fails to pay the correct entry fee by end of protest time of the last race shall be scored a DSQ for any races that fees are outstanding. This changes Rule A4.1 and A5

11.4 When the NOR defines a race fee per non-GBSC member on board, an individual crew may only avail of this six times in a season.

12 TIME LIMITS

12.1 The Time Limit for the first boat first boat in each class is in the NOR but may be changed change by displaying the new time along with the course on the notice board.

12.2 Any boat which fails to finish within 45 minutes of the first boat in their fleet will be scored DNF. This changes rules 35 and A4.1.

13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

13.1 Protests shall be delivered to the Race Committee within the protest time limit.

13.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the race, however for races finishing West of Dillisk the time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race.

13.3 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. The date and time that the hearing will be held will be posted within one week of the protest time limit.

13.4 Notices of protests by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

14 SCORING

14.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

14.2 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. When eight or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

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14.3 If a boat is unable to race, due to her crew being officially allocated to perform safety/committee boat cover or other duties by the Rear Commodore Cruisers or the Race Officer , the boat will be scored as defined in Appendix A10 (a) and scoring code RDG will be used. The boat must register as required by the NOR and note the RDG scoring request. This changes rule A5.

15 **PROPULSION Use of Engine**

15.1 To get clear after grounding or colliding with a vessel or object, a boat may use force applied by her crew or the crew of the other vessel and any equipment including a propulsion engine. However, the use of an engine is only allowed provided the boat does not gain a significant advantage in the race.

15.2 RRS Rule 42.3 (i) applies in the circumstances of SI rule 15.1 only.

16 **SAFETY REGULATIONS**

16.1 A boat will display navigation lights from Sunset or the Time Limit, whichever is earlier, until finishing.

16.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible and no later than the end of protest time.

16.3 On boats not fully equipped with upper and lower lifelines all competitors shall wear an adequate personal flotation devices according to Rule 40, however in amendment of Rule 40 flag Y will not be displayed.

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16.4 A boat that does not carry a working engine shall carry a working VHF radio on board while racing.

17 **PRIZES**

Prizes will be given be defined in the NOR, will be awarded at the end of the season prize giving.

18 **INSURANCE & LIABILITY**

18.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of one million two hundred and fifty thousand EUROs (€1,250,000) or the equivalent for the duration of the series.

18.2 Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. GBSC, its Officers, Committee, Organising Committee, Race Officers and/or Race Committee will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the series.

18.3 The owner and skipper is responsible for warranting the suitability of the boat for any race in which the boat participates.

19 **Radio Communications**

The Race Office may provide information to all boats via radio if so VHF channel 8 will normally be used, an alternative channel displayed with the course at registration.

Except in an emergency a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats, any communication on designated channel is deemed to be available to all boats.

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Appendix A

List of Marks and Approximate Locations Mark Name

	ID	Description		Latitude	Longitude
Black Rock	BR	Channel	Red	53° 14'.001N	009° 06'.547W
Cockle	C	Club	Orange	53° 14'.537N	009° 01'.886W
Dillisk	D	Club	Orange	53° 14'.665N	008° 59'.991W
Kilcolgan Point	K	Club	Orange	53° 13'.320N	009° 03'.850W
Leverets	L	Lighthouse	Black/White	53° 15'.333N	009° 01'.890W
Mutton New	MN	Channel	Red	53° 15'.179N	009° 02'.500W
Oranmore	O	Club	Orange	53° 15'.429N	008° 59'.203W
Outfall	OF	Warning	Yellow	53° 14'.962N	009° 03'.308W
Salthill	S	Club	Orange	53° 14'.873N	009° 05'.447W
Tawin	T	Channel	Green	53° 14'.301N	009° 04'.259W
Trout	TR	Club	Orange	53° 15'.026N	009° 01'.109W
Western Margaretta	WM	Channel	Green	53° 13'.673N	009° 05'.978W

For all marks these positions are given as guidance only for identification and to aid visual location not for navigation.

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Appendix B

Instructions regarding the use of WhatsApp to notify course, entry and crew names

For a WhatsApp enabled series these rules also apply.

1. A message from GBSC Cruiser Racing account will be posted one hour before the scheduled start time of the race giving the course to be used.
2. Registration and declaration each Wednesday from 17:30 to 18:50 may be made by posting a message “entering race” and boat name or words with similar meaning from the boat’s representative or replying to course message from the Race Management.
3. The entry fee will be defined in the NOR. Each boat may message GBSC Cruiser Racing on WhatsApp with names of crew and fee payable to the Race committee as soon as practicable after finishing the race and no later than the end of protest time.
4. Payment can be made in person or via Revolut to RC cruisers.

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Appendix C

WAYPOINT MARKS & FINISH LINE

Waypoints may be used as marks and should be rounded or left on the required side.

Waypoint

A waypoint is a position, other than a mark, described by latitude and longitude coordinates in the following way.

Waypoint NAME

Latitude nn° nn'.nnn N

Longitude nn° nn'.nnn W

If less than three decimal points of minutes or no minutes are given the missing value is zero.

Round to Port/Starboard

It is always the individual boat's responsibility to sail the course correctly.

Evidence of rounding or passing a waypoint should be taken and may be requested by the Race Officer.

This evidence may include: Photographic (Smart Phone or similar) evidence of the yacht's GPS showing its position at the mark. Yacht's chart plotter track showing the yacht rounding the waypoint.

The finish line may also be between two waypoints or a line from a waypoint on a defined bearing from that waypoint, or a defined line of latitude or longitude.

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