

Moneley Oyster Pearl Cruiser Regatta 2024

Saturday 3-Aug-24 & Sunday 4-Aug-24

Carlingford Marina & Carlingford Lough Yacht Club

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 **RYA** will apply.
- 1.3. The organising authority is **Carlingford Lough Yacht Club**

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on WhatsApp group "**Lough Racing**" up to 2100 on Friday 2-Aug-24.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any further changes in sailing instructions will be broadcast via **VHF on channel 6** prior to racing on Saturday 3-Aug-24.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. There will be no signals made on shore

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES etc.

- 5.1. **Four races** are scheduled for Saturday 3-Aug-24 and **two races** for Sunday 4-Aug-24 but this may be reduced if the race officer deems so.

- 5.2. The scheduled time of the first warning signal on each day is **1255**

6. 6 CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1. The warning flag is **FLAG T*** which has red white and blue vertical stripes.

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1. Racing will take place well away from the shipping channel on Carlingford Lough as close as possible to Carlingford.

8. THE COURSE

- 8.1. The Primary course will be a Triangular course of 2 laps as standard. Diagram 1 in the addendum shows the course, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which mark is to be passed.

The Secondary course will be a Triangle Sausage x 1 lap. Diagram 2 in the addendum will show the course, the order and the side on which marks are to be passed.

The Race Officer will choose at his discretion which course will be raced. The Race Officer will inform competitors by radio before the starting sequence for that race.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. Marks 1, 2, and 3 will be of the large inflatable yellow type. The start mark will be a red buoy.

10. THE START

- 10.1. The starting line will be between the aft side of the cabin on Committee Boat Line Dancer and the port-end starting mark.
- 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 **FLAG U*** has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of the boat's hull, crew or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is re-started or re-sailed or postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. ***This changes rule 26.***

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

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

12. THE FINISH / SHORTEN COURSE

- 12.1. The finishing line will be between the aft end of the cabin on Line Dancer and the red port-end finishing mark. In the event of a shortened course the finishing line will be between the **S flag*** and the closest racing mark.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1. The Exoneration Penalty and the RYA Arbitration Procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available.

14. TIME LIMITS

- 14.1. A boat failing to finish within 20 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.***
- 14.2. The target time for each race is 40 minutes.
- 14.3. The race officer may abandon a race if no yacht has rounded the windward mark in less than 15 minutes after the starting signal.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1. Boats intending to protest shall inform the Race Committee vessel at the finish line.
- 15.2. Protest forms are available on the CLYC website.

Protests shall be delivered to the Race Officer within the protest time limit.
- 15.3. The protest time limit is 120 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.***

16. SCORING

- 16.1. There will be one discard if 4 or 5 races are run, and 2 discards if 6 races are run.
- 16.2. The Low Point System (RRS Appendix A) will be used, based on RYA YTC and ECHO.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1. All boats must carry a VHF radio and **all regatta communication will be on Channel 6**
- 17.2. All boats must monitor **Warrenpoint Harbour Radio on Channel 12**
- 17.3. Boats should avoid the shipping channel. The lateral marks are navigation buoys, and so contact is to be avoided. Any boat coming into contact with any of these must notify Warrenpoint Harbour Radio as soon as possible on **VHF Channel 12** in order that maintenance or repositioning can be carried out quickly. This allows a safety warning to be broadcast to lough users. The boat involved will be solely responsible for any costs incurred by such contact.
- 17.4. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

18. 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.

19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 19.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

20. RISK STATEMENT

- 20.1. Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: ***“The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone”***. Sailing by its nature is an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an

element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- 20.1.1. They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- 20.1.2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- 20.1.3. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- 20.1.4. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- 20.1.5. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- 20.1.6. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

21. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 21.1. 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.

22. PRIZES

- 22.1. Prizes will be presented at Carlingford Marina after the racing.

23. INSURANCE

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

ADDENDUM

Diagram 1

Triangular Course
START - 1P - 2P - 3P - 1P - 2P - 3P - FINISH

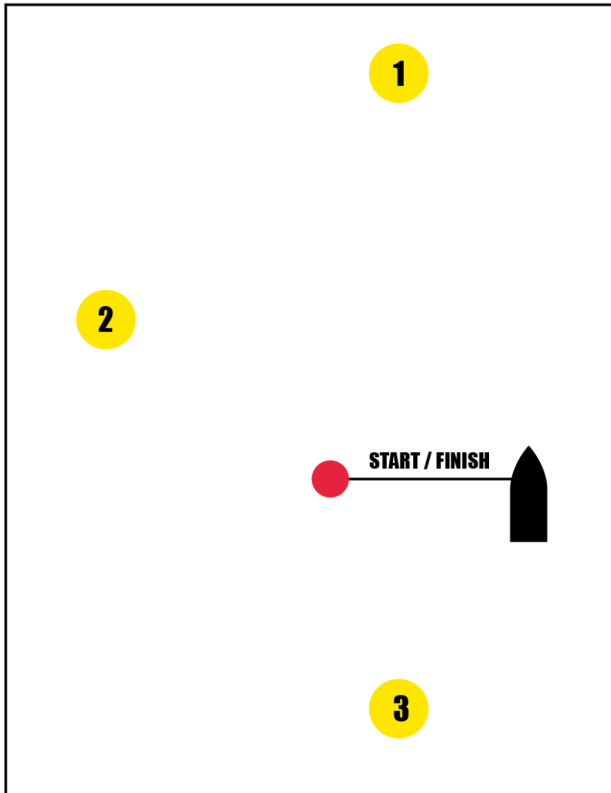
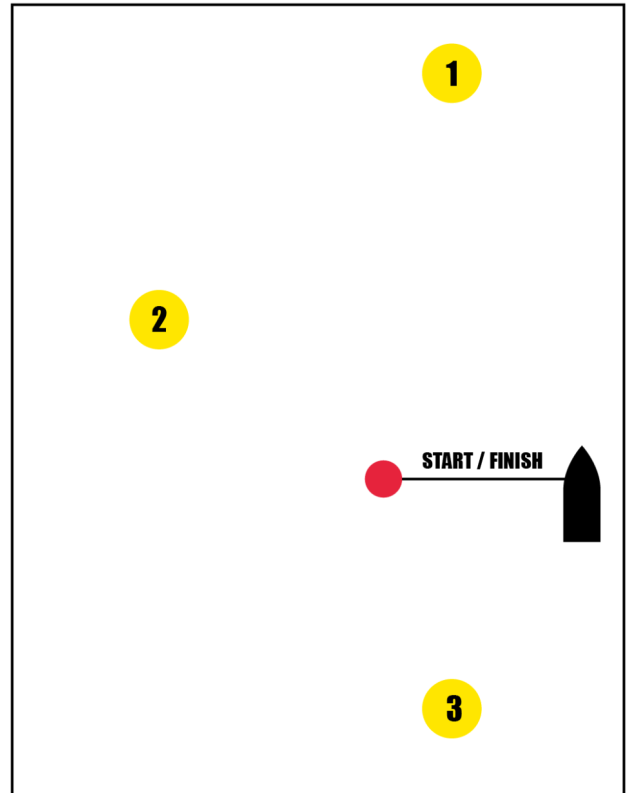


Diagram 2

Triangle / Sausage Course
START - 1P - 2P - 3P - 1P - 3P - FINISH



***Flags:**

Postponement: 'Answering pennant':			
Class flag 'T':			
Preparatory flags 'P' & 'U':			
Shorten course flag 'S':			
Individual recall, flag 'X':			
General recall, 'first substitute':			