



COVE SAILING CLUB

CORK HARBOUR

Cove @ Home 2020
Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions

Whitesail/Spinnaker Cruiser Racing
15th August
FG: 14:00 hrs

Start Area: Cobh Roads/Whitepoint Marina

VHF Channel 69

Prizegiving Whitepoint Marina.

Please see www.covesailingclub.ie for details.
Email: sailingsec@covesailingclub.ie.

All are Welcome

A1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1 The Organising Authority [OA] is COVE SAILING CLUB.

A2 RULES

- 1 The series will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association (ISA), this Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.
- 2 Progressive handicaps will be initially taken from the latest handicaps for the Friday League; other boats will have a handicap assigned to them based on best available information. IRC handicaps should be valid for 2020.

A3 Classes

- 1 There shall be two fleets: Whitesail (non-spinnaker) using progressive handicaps AND Spinnaker using IRC only (valid for 2020).
- 2 Whitesail Boats will be scored under Progressive Handicap ONLY.
Spinnaker Boats will be scored under IRC ONLY.
- 3 Whitesail boats shall prominently display a White pennant;
Spinnaker boats shall fly a Numeral 1 pennant.
Boats shall fly the appropriate pennant from their backstay at all times while racing.
A boat not doing so may be scored DNF, this changes RRS A5.

A4 ELIGIBILITY

Boats should be members of an ISA recognized Club.

A5 SAFETY

The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the person in charge who must do his best to ensure that the yacht is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew who have undergone appropriate training and are physically fit and properly clothed to face bad weather. The person in charge must be satisfied as to the soundness of hull, steering equipment, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. He must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that the crew knows where it is kept and how it is to be used. The person in charge accepts that the responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is his alone. Neither these regulations nor any action of the organizing authority in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the owner or the person in charge.

Cruiser skippers are responsible for keeping a record of crew in their 'pod' participating in racing on their boat.

A6 Harbour Regulations

Competitors are reminded that all Commercial Shipping has absolute right of way within the harbour area. All boats must keep a safe distance away from any shipping, and at least 50 metres in all circumstances, and at least 50 meters from the refinery jetty.

A7 HINDERING BOATS AT START LINE

Boats not in their starting sequence shall avoid the area of the start line and shall not hinder boats preparing to start. The Protest Committee may penalise a boat for failing to comply with this Sailing Instruction with a score of its discretion, including DNC.

A8 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 1 Changes in Sailing Instructions and/or Notices to Competitors will be posted on the CSC website www.covesailingclub.ie

A9 MARKS AND COURSES.

- 1 Courses may be based on the Cork Harbour navigation marks; a chartlet of the harbor marks is provided on the CSC website. The OD may use laid yellow racing marks as part of the start line or the course. The OD will announce the course over VHF Channel 69 before the start sequence begins.

A10 START LINE & FINISH LINE

- 1 The start / finish line will be formed by the committee boat and a laid mark or navigation buoy OR a line off Whitepoint Marina.
- 2 The committee boat is a mark of the course at the start and finish of the race.
- 3 A buoy may be laid off the committee boat; no boat shall pass between this buoy and the committee boat at any time.

A11 ORDER OF STARTS

- 1 Starts will be in accordance with RRS 26.
- 2 First signal will be at 1400hrs. Flags and sound signals may be used.

A12 LATE STARTING

A boat starting later than **10 minutes** after her starting signal shall be scored DNS.

A13 SHORTEN COURSE – RRS 32

The course may be shortened by the race officer signaling a shortened course (displaying flag S with two sounds), in which case the finishing line shall be a line between the Finish Boat and a navigation buoy or laid mark

A14 TIME LIMITS

The time limit shall be **17.00 hrs** unless otherwise stated by the OD. Any boat that finishes after the time limit will be scored DNF. This amends RRS 35.

A15 SCORING AND DISCARDS

- 1 The scoring system shall be the Low Point System in accordance with RRS Appendix A with the following modifications for SCORA Cruiser classes:
 - 1.1 OCS, RNF, DNF, DSQ, = 1 point plus number of finishers for the race.
 - 1.2 DNS & DNC = 2 points plus number of finishers for the race.
- 2 There shall be one discard for the series.
- 3 The OD Boat will be granted average points for the race in which they officiate where applicable.
- 4 A race requires more than 1 starter to constitute a start.
- 5 The method used in Progressive Handicap is a form of moving average where a percentage of the latest race handicap is added to a percentage of the race performance index to arrive at the Next Race Handicap. For Progressive Handicap calculations the ratio of latest race handicap to race performance index shall be 60:40.
- 6 In outstanding circumstances (grounding, getting caught on a mark) the result will not be used to update the Next Race Handicap.

A16 PROTESTS

- 1 All protests shall be lodged only on **official Protest Forms**, which will be available at the ISA website **www.sailing.ie**.

- 2 Protests shall be lodged with the race committee as soon as possible and in any case **not later than 30 minutes after the last yacht in the class** finishes its race unless the Protest Committee has reason to extend this time. This changes RRS 61.3
- 3 It is the responsibility of the PROTESTOR to inform the PROTESTEE of the lodging of the protest, the likely time and place of the hearing and to supply him with a copy thereof. It is the responsibility of all parties thereafter to attend at the time and place of any hearing with their witnesses.

A17 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 1 Competitors are advised to keep a listening watch on VHF **Channel 69** where information relevant to racing may be broadcast. Failure to broadcast this information shall not be the basis for any claim for redress.
- 2 Competitors who retire from a race shall inform the Race Committee promptly by radio on VHF **Channel 69**.

A18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

No responsibility will be accepted by COVE SAILING CLUB, its members, servants or agents, nor those officials or members connected with the event for any loss, damage, injury or other claim of whatever nature howsoever arising or caused in connection with participation in, or intended participation in, this event.

A19 INSURANCE

Boat owners and crew shall ensure that they are adequately insured against loss, damage or injury to persons, boats or equipment at all times and however occurring and shall maintain adequate third party insurance cover and shall produce a valid certificate of insurance upon request.

A20 PRIZEGIVING

There will be a prizegiving at Whitepoint Marina with prizes for Whites/Progressive and Spinnaker/IRC