



INTERNATIONAL MIRROR CLASS ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND

Mirror Southern Championships SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 24-25 June 2023 MULLINGAR SAILING CLUB

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 Irish Sailing Association to rules 46, 68, 87, Appendix F and ISAF Regulation 20 will apply.
- 1.3** The rules of the International Mirror Class Association (IMCA) will apply, and the following rules of the International Mirror Class Association of Ireland (IMCAI) will also apply:
- 1.4 Adequate personal buoyancy will be worn by competitors at all times when afloat.** This amends rule 40.
- 1.5** Each boat shall carry the registered number of that boat in compliance with rule 77. Any competitor wishing to sail with a sail number different from the boats registered number shall apply, in writing and in advance, to the race committee for permission to use such different number. Permission, once a regatta has commenced, will only be granted in exceptional circumstances (and may be requested/given verbally where a change of sail is required by reason of gear failure or damage).

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS:

- 14.1** Notices to competitors will be posted on the event WhatsApp Group “Mirror Southern Mullingar SC 2023” and may also be posted on the notice window situated at the front of the clubhouse. Entrants should join the WhatsApp group using the link or the QR code below.

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3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09.30 on the day of the regatta,

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Club flag pole

4.2 When flag 'AP' is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in the race signal AP.

5 SAFETY

5.1 Failure to observe the safety check system in use by the host club may result in disqualification, without a hearing, by the race committee from that days racing (this amends rule 63.1). Boats must launch from the Club at the announced time.

5.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES:

6.1 Saturday 24th June; Warning Signal Race 1 - 12.00pm
Followed by Race 2 and Race 3

Sunday 25th June; Warning Signal Race 4 – 10.30am
Followed by Race 5 and Race 6
No warning signal shall be sounded on Sunday after 3:00pm

7. FLEETS & PRIZES

All competitors shall be designated by fleet (Gold, Silver or Bronze) depending on their results in previous IMCAI Regional and National events. New entrants to the Mirror Class (those who have not previously qualified for a designated fleet) shall enter the Bronze Fleet.

Prizes are awarded as follows

Gold Fleet 1-3
Silver Fleet 1-3
Bronze Fleet 1 - 3

8. CLASS FLAG:

The Class Flag will be Flag "Q", a plain yellow flag.

9. RACE AREA:

The race area will be in the centre of the lake.

10. COURSES:

10.1 The course diagram is posted on the Notice Board and is shown in Fig 1 below

11. MARKS:

Marks will be Orange buoys, Start and finish marks will be a yellow buoy.

12. THE START:

12.1 The starting line will be between the Flagpole on the committee boat and the outer distance mark or boat.

12.2 An Inner Limit Buoy may be laid approximately on the starting line and, if so, a boat shall not pass between this buoy and the Committee Boat after the Warning Signal. For the purposes of rules 18.1, 28, and 30.1, the Inner Limit Buoy and the Committee Vessel shall be treated as a single mark.

12.3 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.

13. THE FINISH:

The finishing line will be between the flagpole of the committee boat or substitute displaying a blue flag at the starboard end of the course side and a port-end finishing mark, which may be one of the course marks.

14. SHORTENING COURSE

14.1 In addition to RRS 32 the course may be shortened for any reason by displaying flag S at a rounding mark with two sound signals, the finishing line shall be between the finish mark

and a staff displaying a Blue flag.

14.2 The shortened course shall be signalled before the first boat rounds the mark where the signal is being made.

15. TIME LIMIT:

15.1 The time limit for each race will be **the earlier of** 45 minutes from the starting signal and 15 minutes from the finishing time of the first boat to have sailed the course. Boats finishing outside the applicable time limit will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35 and A4.

15.2 If no boat has passed the first mark of the course (Mark1) within 20 minutes of the starting signal the race will be abandoned.

15.3 When one or more boats has sailed the course and finished, the Race Committee may apply an alternative position recording procedure. A Race Committee Vessel displaying flag W may notify a boat still racing that she will be scored in a place corresponding to her position on the water. The boat, once notified, shall return to the starting area, if further races are scheduled, or return ashore. The boat will be scored in the place as recorded by the Race Committee vessel. This changes rule RRS 28.1, A4.2.

16. PROTESTS:

16.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

16.2 The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day (or 45 minutes after the last race has been abandoned or time limit under 15.1 expired). The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee, protest committee and jury about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2. The protest time limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

16.3 Notices will be posted within 45 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of the time and location of hearings.

16.4 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.

17. SCORING

17.2 The Low Point Scoring System in RRS Appendix A will apply.

17.2 2 races are required to be completed to constitute Championships

17.3 Discards. There will be one discard for the event if 5 races are completed.

18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT:

18.1 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed without the prior written approval of the race committee and prior to racing using such substitute equipment.

18.2 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without the prior written approval of the race committee and prior to using such replacement crew. Substitute helms are not permitted.

18.3 Permission may be given verbally by the race committee on the water.

19. EQUIPMENT & 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.

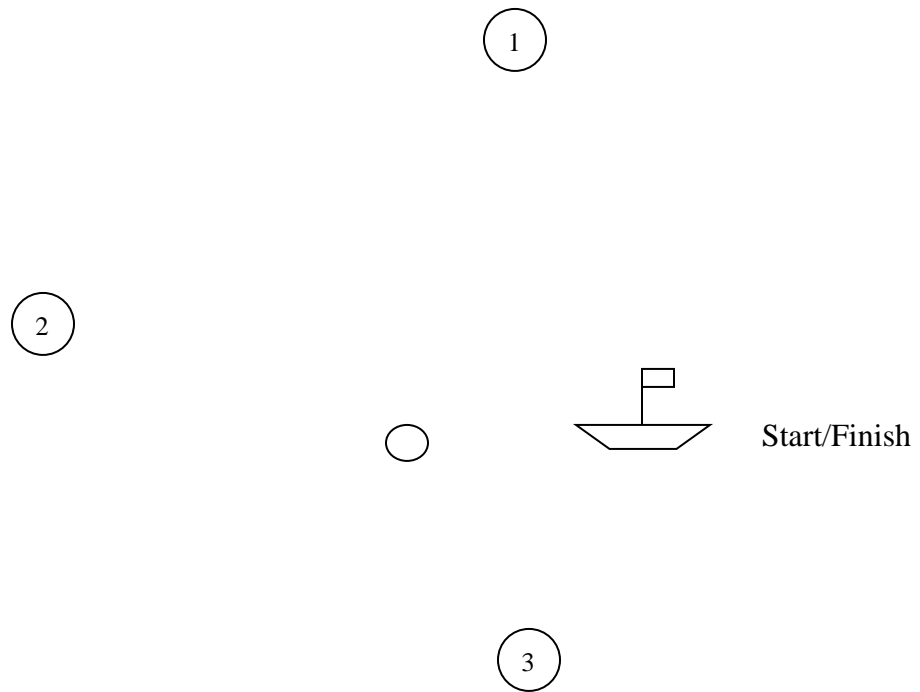
20. Support Boats

Boats designated by the race committee to lay marks, perform race management and rescue duties, to carry umpires/juries, to carry race committee personnel and authorised media representatives are deemed to be Official Boats. All other craft not competing in the event, including (but not limited to) those of team leaders, coaches, parents and supporters are deemed to be Support Boats. Support boats must keep clear of the race area and act in accordance with the instructions of the race committee. Failure to do so may result in the boat(s) being supported being disqualified.

21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

Fig 1- Course Diagram



Course. Start -1 - 2 – 3 – 1- 3 - Finish