



# CLIFDEN BOAT CLUB

Beach Road, Clifden, Co Galway

## Dinghy and Cruiser Sailing Instructions 2017

### **1. Rules**

The Racing will be governed by the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of the ISA and by these sailing instructions.

### **2. Entries**

Boats and Crews must have submitted a completed and signed Entry Registration Form with the Race Officer before going afloat.

### **3. Safety**

All competitors and the Race Management Team are required to wear adequate personal buoyancy whilst on the water. Wet suits alone are not considered adequate buoyancy.

### **4. Insurance**

Each participating boat shall be insured with adequate and valid third party liability insurance against any loss, material damage or personal injury at all times.

### **5. Disclaimer of Liability**

Competitors participate in the racing organized by Clifden Boat Club entirely at their own risk. See Racing Rules of Sailing- Rule 4 – Decision to Race.

Clifden Boat Club will not accept any responsibility / liability for any loss, material damage or personal injury or other claim sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after racing.

### **6. Notice to Competitors**

Notices to competitors will be posted in the Clubhouse and the Sailing School Portakabin.

### **7. Changes to Sailing Instructions**

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted at least one hour before the start of a race in the Sailing School Portakabin.

### **8. Schedule of Races**

Information on any race series to be run will be posted in the Club House one week prior to the start of the first race.

Information on other races including those to be staged during the annual Club regatta will be posted in the Club House 2 days prior to the start of the first race.

## **9. Class Flags**

The class flags will be as follows

Picos and Topaz	Flag K
Dinghy Handicap	Flag T
Cruisers	Flag O

## **10. The Courses**

The course to be sailed by each class will be displayed in the Sailing School Portakabin at least 1 hour before the scheduled start of a race.

## **11. Marks**

Marks will be laid to suit prevailing conditions and a description of each mark and its approximate position will be shown on the Sailing School Portakabin white board at least one hour before the scheduled start of a race.

A board displaying either a P or S by the start and finish line transit boards will indicate course direction. P means marks left to Port; S means marks left to Starboard.

## **12. Start and Finish**

The starting procedure will be in accordance with Rule 26 (5-4-1-GO) For cruisers a time countdown will be given on VHF Channel 14.

The start line and finish lines will be an extension of the transit between two diagonal red and white striped boards mounted on the shore. The start and finish lines will be bounded at the outer end by a spherical mark. The finish line may be re-positioned after the start of a race

Boats must pass through the finish line at the end of each lap.

## **13. Recalls**

When one or more boats is over the line at the start a second sound signal shall be made and the class flag shall remain dipped until all of the offending boats have correctly restarted.

Should the Race Officer decide that a general recall is necessary two sound signals will be made and the 1<sup>st</sup> substitute flag hoisted. The start procedure will then recommence.

## **14. Shortening Course**

If a course is to be shortened Flag S will be hoisted and two long sound signals will be made. The race will finish at the next crossing of the finish line.

## **15. Abandoning Racing**

Code Flag N will be hoisted and three long sound signals will be made.

## **16. Postponement**

In the event that the Race Officers deems it necessary to postpone the start of a race for an indefinite period the Answering Pennant will be hoisted accompanied by two sound signals. To start a postponed race the Answering Pennant will be lowered and one sound signal made. 10 minutes later the start sequence will commence.

## **17. Penalties**

Rules 44.1 and 44.2 shall apply

If a boat breaks one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while racing she shall take a 2 turn penalty. If a boat breaks Rule 31 (touching a mark) she shall take a 1 turn penalty.

### **18. Protests**

One boat protesting another must notify the boat being protested.

Protests must be made in writing and delivered to the Race Officer within one hour of the last boat finishing the race.

### **19. Handicaps**

The Portsmouth Yardstick handicap numbers will be used for dinghy races.

For Cruiser racing ECHO handicap numbers will be used but will not be adjusted after each race.

### **20. Scoring System**

The low points scoring system will apply.

1<sup>st</sup> = 1 point

2<sup>nd</sup> = 2 points

3<sup>rd</sup> = 3 points

Etc

Boats that Did Not Start, Did Not Finish will score - Number of starters +1

Boats Disqualified will score - Number of starters +1