

**Corrib Rowing & Yachting Club, Galway Bay Sailing Club,
Galway City Sailing Club and Cumann Seoltóireachta an Spidéil**

**Saturday August 22nd, 2020
137th CONG-GALWAY SAILING RACE
Sailing Instructions**

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing. The prescriptions of the ISA will apply.
The RYA Portsmouth Yardstick scheme 2020
Open to all boats with PN of 1400 or below.
Class rules apply even when not racing as a class.

2 ALTERATIONS TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any alterations to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board at Lisloughrey Pier not later than one hour prior to the scheduled start of the first race, except that any change in the schedule of the race will be posted on the GBSC website before 20.00 hours on the day before the scheduled event
Briefing 9:15am at Lisloughrey Pier.

Shortened Race

The Race Officer has the discretion to shorten the race to a single leg or to shorten one or both of the legs.

Re-Schedule to Sunday 23rd of August

If the weather forecast for Saturday indicates that the race cannot be run safely, the race may be postponed until the same times on Sunday or another later date. If this is necessary, it will be done by midday on Friday 21st of August.

3 SIGNAL MADE ASHORE

In addition, when Int. Code flag 'Z' is flown ashore yachts shall not go afloat. Any warning signal will be made not earlier than one hour after this signal is lowered.

4 CLASS FLAG & START TIMES

Lisloughrey

Code flag K all PY boats 1030 HRS

Killbeg Pier

Code flag K all PY boats 1400 HRS

5 SAFETY

Personal floatation shall be worn at all times when afloat, wet or dry suits are not acceptable as substitutes rule 40.

Code flag 'Y' will not be displayed.

A safety tag system is in operation, tags must be returned promptly at Killbeg Pier and at CRYC. Competitors may be disqualified for not adhering to instructions related to tags.

It is the responsibility of each helm to ensure that participation aligns with the following principles:

- Compliance with restrictions to limit the spread of Covid-19 defined by the race committee, Sailing Ireland, the RNLI, coastguard, HSE or any other government agency which are in place on the day of the race.
- Personal Responsibility
- Self Help
- Risk Assessment

Failure to adhere to these principles may result in disqualification.

6 SAIL NUMBERS

Boats shall use their correct sail numbers which shall be clearly legible on both sides of the sail.

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7 STARTING LINE

The starting line for both legs shall be between the mast displaying orange flag on the Committee Boat at the starboard end and a Starting Mark.
An inner limit Buoy may be moored approximately on the Starting line and, if so, no yacht shall pass between the Inner Limit Buoy and the Committee Boat after her Warning Signal.

8 COURSE AND MARKS

The course will be the old steamer route now marked with new Green & Red buoys, a path finder Boat with a Flag will lead the first Boats.
From the start an initial rounding mark may be laid, if so this must be rounded to port. Details will be given at the briefing and shown next to the safety tag board.
The Gate formed by navigation buoys 105 & 106 are the last marks for leg 1.
Buoy 104 and 101 are not marks of the course for leg 1 or leg 2.



9 PAINTER

All boats must have a painter of at least 3 metres in length and at least 6mm diameter attached to a suitable towing point.

10 FINISHING LINE

The finish line for leg 1 will be at Kilbeg pier between a mark laid just off the pier and the staff flying Blue flag at end of the pier.
The Finishing line for leg 2 shall be at Corrib Village between a staff displaying Blue flag on the Committee Boat or on shore and a Mark laid close by.

Either leg may be shortened at the discretion of the Race Officer to finish at a designated navigation mark or other laid mark.

11 TIME LIMIT

Any boat which fails to finish within 70 minutes of the leading boat on each leg shall be scored with 90 minutes added to finish time for that leg.
The time limit for the leading yacht shall be 2.5 hours per leg.

12 PROTESTS, PROTEST TIME AND HEARINGS

Protest forms will be available from the Race Office at CRYC and all protests shall be delivered to the Race Office within the protest time limit of 90 minutes after the last boat finishes-

13 SCORING SYSTEM

The corrected time for each boat is calculated using its total elapsed time for leg 1 and 2 combined and its Portsmouth Yardstick handicap number for 2020. In the event of the race being shortened to a single leg, the elapsed time for that leg will be used in isolation.

14 RESCUE BOATS

Rescue Boats have right of way at all times.

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15 PRIZES

Prizes will be presented in Clubhouse after racing. Prizes will be awarded based on the overall race results under PY only and not for individual fleets.

16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS rule 4, Decision to Race. The course is by its nature complex and demanding. The organizing 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.

17 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance not less than €3,000,000 per event or the equivalent.